

Suffrage

- Definition:
The right to vote.

Voting in the U.S.

- First voters:
 - White, male, land owners.
 - States decided who could vote.

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- African-American men:
Granted citizenship and gained the right to vote when slavery was abolished after the Civil War.
- 15th Amendment, 1870.

Voting in WA

- WA Territory:
Women gain the right to vote in the territory in 1883.

Voting in WA.

- State Constitution, 1889:
 - Women's suffrage vigorously debated when creating a new state constitution.
 - Argument failed. Women lost the right to vote in the new state.

Voting in WA.

- 1910:
 - Women's suffrage succeeds in the state legislature. Women regain the right to vote.
- WA became the 5th state to allow women the right to vote.



Voting in U.S.

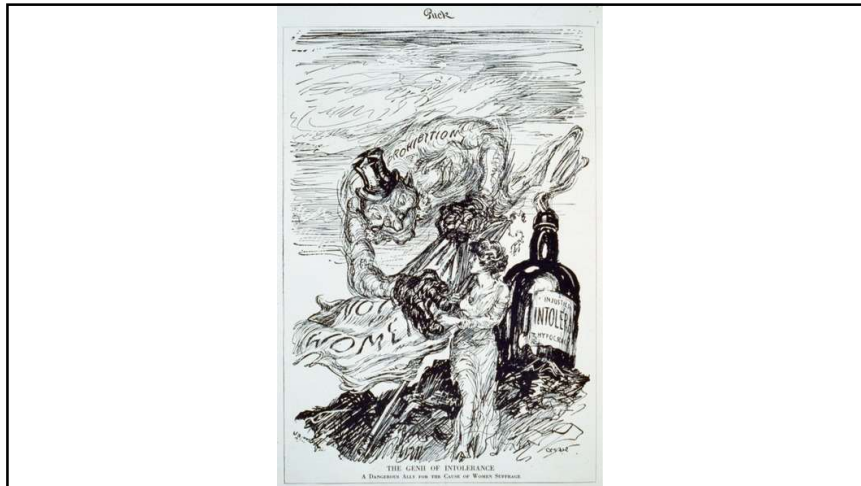
- 1920:
 - 19th Amendment ratified.
 - Women gain the right to vote in the whole country.

Women's Suffrage & Prohibition

- Prohibition:
 - Ban on sale and drinking alcohol.

Women's Suffrage & Prohibition

- Excess drinking was widespread among men in the late 1800s.
- Women's movement wanted to see drinking reduced or stopped.



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- Many men did not want women to vote because they feared women would vote for prohibition.
- Prohibition passed about the same time as women's suffrage.