### "Democracy Should Begin at Home": Women and the Great War



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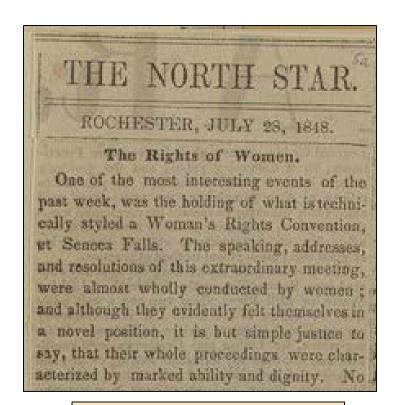
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### Women's Suffrage: Nearly 75 Years in the Making

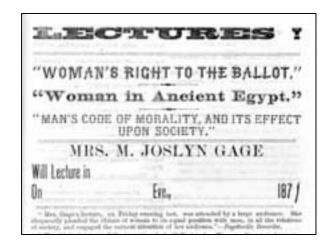


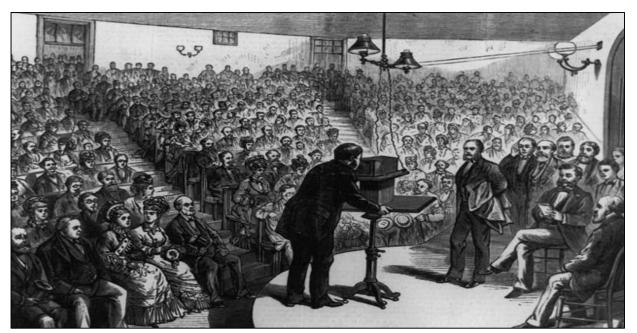
Lucretia Mott, c. 1841



Coverage of Seneca Falls
Convention, 1848

### The American Lyceum Movement





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# The Woman's Vote in the Age of the true of the Suffrage of the state wherein they Universal Male Suffrage shall abridge the provides or immunities of citizens of the united states; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; mor duny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of



Racist pro-suffrage cartoon, 1870

### Reunification: NAWSA, 1890

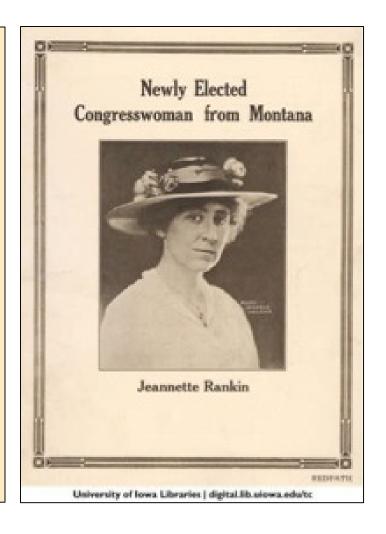


State Presidents and Officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, 1892

### Chautauqua Movement

"A fluent speaker sure to interest her audiences"

- 1916 First woman elected to Congress
- Montana granted women's right to vote in 1914



### Emma Goldman

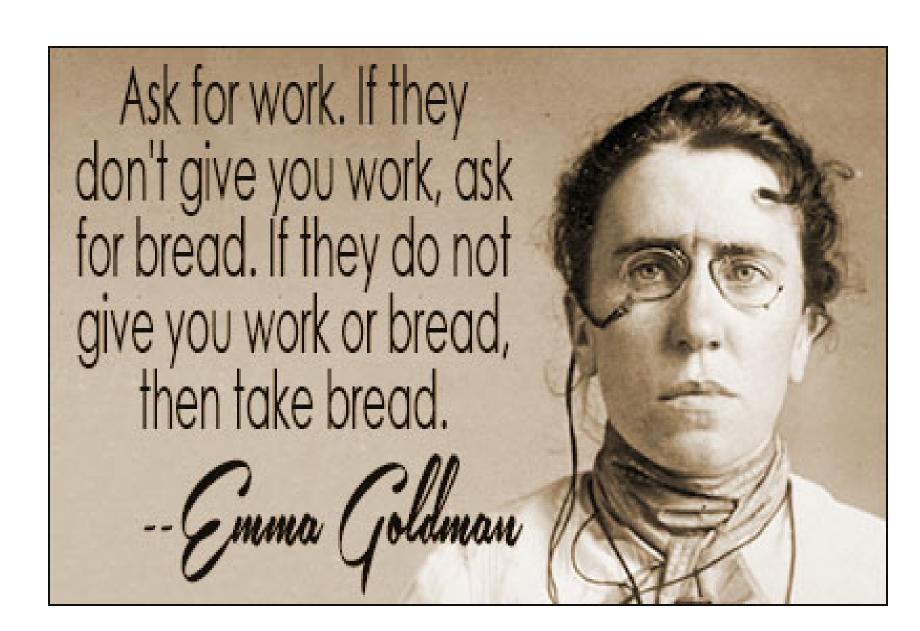
Anarchism

Politically-informed atheism

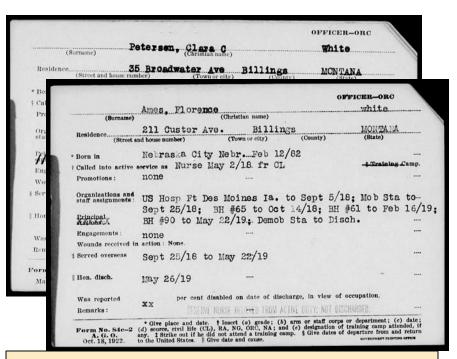
Indecorous speech

Known for her "Address to the Jury" July 9, 1917





## The Great War and American Women: Enlisted Military Service



Honorable Discharge Forms from Billings nurses who served abroad



Yeomen (F) came from every state in the union

### **Un-enlisted Military Service**



Montana native Merle Egan, Army "Hello Girl," sitting at the Supervisor's desk at the Paris Peace Conference in the Hotel Crillon.

#### Women's Volunteerism



Philadelphia War Bond Sale



1917 Government Propaganda Poster

#### NAWSA in the era of WWI



New York suffragists advertising a "Great Suffrage Sacrifice Sale"

NAWSA broadside c. 1918

The Country is Are the Women

Going to Get It?

Getting It!

### Carrie Chapman Catt



Address to Congress on Woman's Suffrage

November 1917

### Catt's Address to Congress

Maxim vs. practice

Anaphora ("carrying back")

Apostrophe ("turning away")



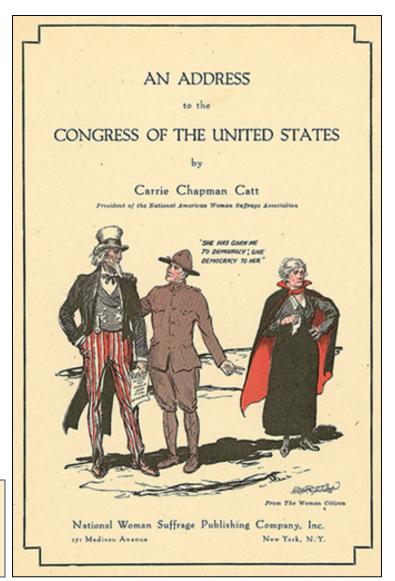
### Catt's "Address to Congress," 1917

# MRS. CATT ASSAILS HER WAR CRITICS

Suffrage Leader Denies Imputation of Disloyalty Made by Women Opposed to Votes.

New York Times headline, 10.4.1917

"SHE HAS GIVEN ME TO DEMOCRACY; GIVE DEMOCRACY TO HER."



### Another Approach: The National Woman's Party



Crowd blocking parade route during inaugural suffrage procession, 1913 Washington, D.C

### **Alice Paul**

"Deeds not words"

Masterfully employed the power of public suffrage spectacle

**Embodied speech** 





Suffrage spectacle integrated women into the physical landscape and media representations of Washington and the nation

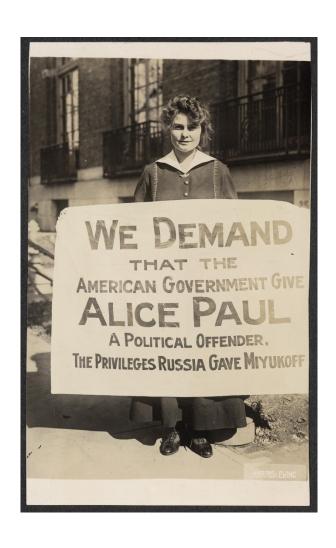
### White House protests

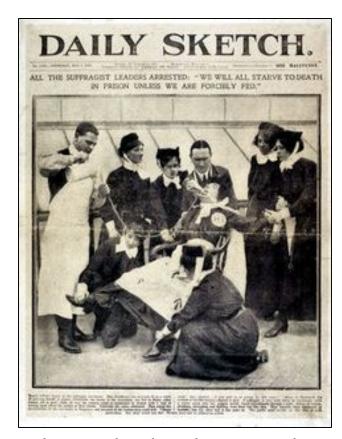


### Picketing a War President



### Political prisoner





The *Daily Sketch*, a British tabloid

### Montana Suffrage Heroine: Hazel Hunkins-Hallinan



"Miss Hazel Hunkins of Montana took her place.

'Here at the statue of Lafayette, who fought for the liberty of this country,' she began, 'and under the American flag, I am asking for...' She was immediately arrested."

-from Doris Stevens, Jailed for Freedom (1920)

Hunkins-Hallinan on the NWP Picket Line, 1917

### Adding to the ratification flag



"We have made partners of the women in this war; shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of privilege and right?"

-Woodrow Wilson, message to Congress, September 1918