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Women Fight for Our Rights

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Women tend to experience more challenges, just for the simple fact that they are women. They were looked at as “weak and less intelligent” than men. Women did not have the right to vote because society thought women couldn’t understand politics enough to vote sensibly. People believed that a woman’s brain was inferior to a man’s brain; therefore, the vote of a woman wouldn’t be a reasonable vote.



The role of women back in the 1850’s was to be the perfect housewife. They were to clean the house, take care of the family, and stay home. The man of the house made all the “important” decisions and held the “important” roles, such as working, paying bills, supporting and protecting his family, and having the political brain.

In 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott held the first Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca, New York. Many women attended the convention, but men also attended and supported the idea of women’s right to vote. Most of the people who attended the convention agreed that women should be able to have their own political minds.

Many campaigns, conventions and protests were held after the convention in Seneca, New York. During this time, women’s rights activist, Susan B. Anthony, helped to create *The National American Woman Suffrage Association* to advocate for women’s rights. After 72 years of fighting for women’s right to vote, the 19th Amendment was written and gave women the right to a political mind.

Now we are able to have Kamala Harris as our Vice President, and women in our U.S. government, Supreme Court, etc. The roles that women were given back in the 1850’s were sexist and said that they were illiterate. The fight for women’s right to vote was long and difficult but women were able to courageously push through the fight and got the rights we deserve.