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Women in Politics

From Suffrage to the Senate: America's Political Women

From Grace Abbott to Janet Yellen, the Abolitionist Movement to the YWCA, find out about American women leaders and issues.

Reference 320.082097303 O23f

Women Who Ruled

Who wouldn't want to be queen? Many ruled until sons or brothers were old enough to ascend the throne, but some – Dona Urraca of Leon and Castile, Kalyanavati of Sri Lanka – governed in their own right, in ancient times as well as in modern.

Reference 920.72 J12w

Encyclopedia of Women Social Reformers

The first woman was elected to the House of Representatives **before** American women received the vote. Jeanette Rankin of Colorado arrived in Congress in 1917, in time to vote against entering World War I: "As a woman, I can't go to war, and I refuse to send anyone else." That vote cost her the next election, but she came back!

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Black Women in America

It wasn't until almost fifty years after the first white Congresswoman that Shirley Chisholm entered the House, in 1964. As she said, "I was the first American citizen to be elected to Congress in spite of the double drawbacks of being female and having skin darkened by melanin. When you put it that way, it sounds like a foolish reason for fame. In a just and free society it would be foolish."

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Women's Studies International

Where are women likely to be the most active? What issues *really* get women going? And is the mere category of "women" useful politically? The premier index in Women's Studies helps identify sources that address these questions.

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GenderWatch

Publications like *Off Our Backs* and *Herizon* can have some radical insights into the politics of the day!

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