

Suffrage History

Articles

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Not surprisingly, given the 2020 centennial of the 19th Amendment ratification, 2019 saw a significant uptick on magazine, newspaper, and web articles on the suffrage movement, and 2020 was no different. Most recent articles delve into the inequalities of the suffrage movement as much as the successes. Research into the 2021 literature is ongoing.

This list is for informational purposes only. Being included on the list does not indicate endorsement by the League. We recommend that users research further any article intended for educational use.

As of the date of this document, all links are viable. However, this can change as online resources are modified. Contact league@lwv-bmc.org if you have comments or recommendations for additional listings.

General Information

New York Times	2020-08-19	She Was More Than Just the 'Most Beautiful Suffragist' https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/19/arts/design/inez-milholland-suffragist.html?smid=em-share
Washington Post	2020-08-07	As we celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage, the Lucy Burns Museum reminds us what it took to get there https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2020/08/07/we-celebrate-100-years-womens-suffrage-lucy-burns-museum-reminds-us-what-it-took-get-there/
New York Times	2020-08-06	For Three Suffragists, a Monument Well Past Due https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/06/arts/design/suffragist-19th-amendment-central-park.html
National Public Radio	2020-02-16	19th Amendment, 19 Women: NY Philharmonic's 2020 Program Celebrates Suffragists https://tinyurl.com/tuxavnj
National Park Service	2019-12-30 accessed	Struggle for Suffrage https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/struggle-for-suffrage.htm

New York Times	2019-08-15	The Complex History of the Women's Suffrage Movement https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/arts/design/womens- suffrage-movement.html
National Endowment for the Humanities	2014-02-07	From the Local to the Global: America's Newspapers Chronicle the Struggle for Women's Rights https://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation/featured-project/the-local-the-global-americas-newspapers-chronicle-the

Women of Color and the Women's Suffrage Movement

Women who have been widely recognized as leaders in the suffrage movement, such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, were white and usually affluent. This picture has long been incomplete. With the interest in the 2020 centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment, women of color, such as Ida B. Wells and Mary Church Terrell, are finally taking their place in popular history as their stories are being researched and told. They represent not only the early battles for women's rights but also the ongoing fight to ensure voting rights and equality for all.

Although a few of the resources listed under General Information do cover the diversity of participants in the suffrage movement, the resources listed below focus on the experiences of women of color.

National Women's Hall of Fame	no date	Mary Ann Shadd Cary https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/mary-ann-shadd-cary/
Wellesley Centers for Women	no date	Sarah Parker Remond: An African American Woman in Nineteenth- Century Europe https://www.wcwonline.org/Women-=-Books-Blog/remond
National Park Service	no date	Between Two Worlds: Black Women and the Fight for Voting Rights https://www.nps.gov/articles/black-women-and-the-fight-for- voting-rights.htm
CivicStory	2020-08-18	19th Amendment Centennial: Honoring the lesser-known voices of the Women's Suffrage Movement https://www.civicstory.org/civics-blog/2020/8/18/19th-amendment-centennial-honoring-the-lesser-known-voices-of-the-womens-suffrage-movement
National Park Service	2020-04-17	How Native American Women Inspired the Women's Rights Movement https://home.nps.gov/articles/000/how-native- american-women-inspired-the-women-s-rights-movement.htm
NPR News	2020-02-26	Black Suffragists Helped Lead Charge in Women's Voting Rights Campaign https://tinyurl.com/wp3fa45

Chicago Tribune	2020-02-13	100 years ago, in Chicago, the League of Women Voters was born. Now it's looking back at a discriminatory past and a more inclusive future https://tinyurl.com/wtcf5xh
Turning Point Suffrage Memorial	2019-12-30 accessed	African American Women Leaders in the Suffrage Movement https://suffragistmemorial.org/african-american-women-leaders-in-the-suffrage-movement/
100 A Centennial of Women's Suffrage	2019-12-30 accessed	How the Iroquois and Other Indian Nations Helped to Shape the Vision of Women as Equals http://www.suffragettes2020.com/resources/native-american-and-american-indians
National Museum of African American History and Culture	2019-12-03	Five You Should Know: African American Suffragists https://nmaahc.tumblr.com/post/70901835372/five-you-should-know-african-american-suffragists
History.com	2019-08-20	Native Americans Weren't Guaranteed the Right to Vote in Every State Until 1962 https://www.history.com/news/native-american-voting-rights-citizenship
Independent	2019-06-10	Women of colour were crucial to women's suffrage – it's time we acknowledge them https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/women/suffragettes-women-colour-native-american-feminism-activists-us-a8943916.html
Washington Post	2019-06-03	Women of color were cut out of the suffragist story. Historians say it's time for a reckoning. https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/06/03/women-color-were-cut-out-suffragist-story-historians-say-its-time-reckoning/
Smithsonian Magazine	2019-03-19	The Bold Accomplishments of Women of Color Need to Be a Bigger Part of Suffrage History https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/bold-accomplishments-women-color-need-be-bigger-part-suffrage-history-180971756/
Smithsonian	2019-03-08	How the Daughters and Granddaughters of Former Slaves Secured Voting Rights for All https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/how-daughters-and-granddaughters-former-slaves-secured-voting-rights-all-180971660/
National Endowment for the Humanities	2019 Summer	How Black Suffragists Fought for the Right to Vote and a Modicum of Respect https://www.neh.gov/article/how-black-suffragists-fought-right-vote-and-modicum-respect

The New York Times	2018-06-06	Overlooked No More: How Mary Ann Shadd Cary Shook Up the Abolitionist Movement https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/06/obituaries/mary-ann-shadd-cary-abolitionist-overlooked.html
Time	2017-01-24	This Little-Known Abolitionist Dared to Speak in Public Against Slavery https://time.com/4643126/maria-stewart-abolitionist/

Men and the Women's Suffrage Movement

It's important not to discount the contribution of men to the suffrage movement. True, many men opposed it. But the support of men was a critical part of the success of the effort. Remember, Congress had to pass the amendment before it could be ratified and made law. The 66th U.S. Congress did this in June 1919. There were no women in Congress at that time.

The Atlantic	2019-07-11	Why Men Thought Women Weren't Made to Vote https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2019/07/womens-suffrage-nineteenth-amendment-pseudoscience/593710/
Turning Point Suffragist Memorial	2019-07-07	7 Suffragist Men and the Importance of Allies https://suffragistmemorial.org/7-suffragist-men-and-the-importance-of-allies/
Timeline.com	2018-03-16	The little-known story of the men who fought for women's votes https://timeline.com/the-men-who-supported-suffragettes- c8d1b921d71f

Anti-suffrage Activism

As the movement pushing for women's suffrage grew, so did the number of women vocally opposed to it. They would fight to the very end to prevent the passage of the 19th Amendment.

New York Times	2020-08-26	Women Would Abolish Child Labor (and Other Anti-Suffrage Excuses) https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/26/opinion/sunday/suffrage-19th-amendment.html
National Women's	2019-12-30	National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage
History Museum	accessed	http://www.crusadeforthevote.org/naows-opposition
NebraskaStudies.org	2019-12-30	Opposition to Women's Suffrage
	accessed	http://www.nebraskastudies.org/1900-1924/votes-for-
		women/opposition-to-womens-suffrage/

National Park Service	2019-12-30 accessed	Anti-Suffragism in the United States https://www.nps.gov/articles/anti-suffragism-in-the-united-states.htm
New York Heritage	2019-12-30 accessed	Most People Opposed Women's Suffrage https://nyheritage.org/exhibits/recognizing-womens-right-vote/most-people-opposed-women%E2%80%99s-suffrage
National Public Radio	2019-12-30 accessed	American Women Who Were Anti-Suffragettes https://www.npr.org/sections/npr-history-dept/2015/10/22/450221328/american-women-who-were-anti-suffragettes
American Journalism	2019-12-30 accessed	Women's Suffrage and the Media http://suffrageandthemedia.org/
The Atlantic	2012-11-06	'Vote No on Women's Suffrage': Bizarre Reasons For Not Letting Women Vote https://www.theatlantic.com/sexes/archive/2012/11/vote-no-on-womens-suffrage-bizarre-reasons-for-not-letting-women-vote/264639/
The New York Times	2010-08-24	A Forgotten Fight for Suffrage https://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/25/opinion/25stansell.html