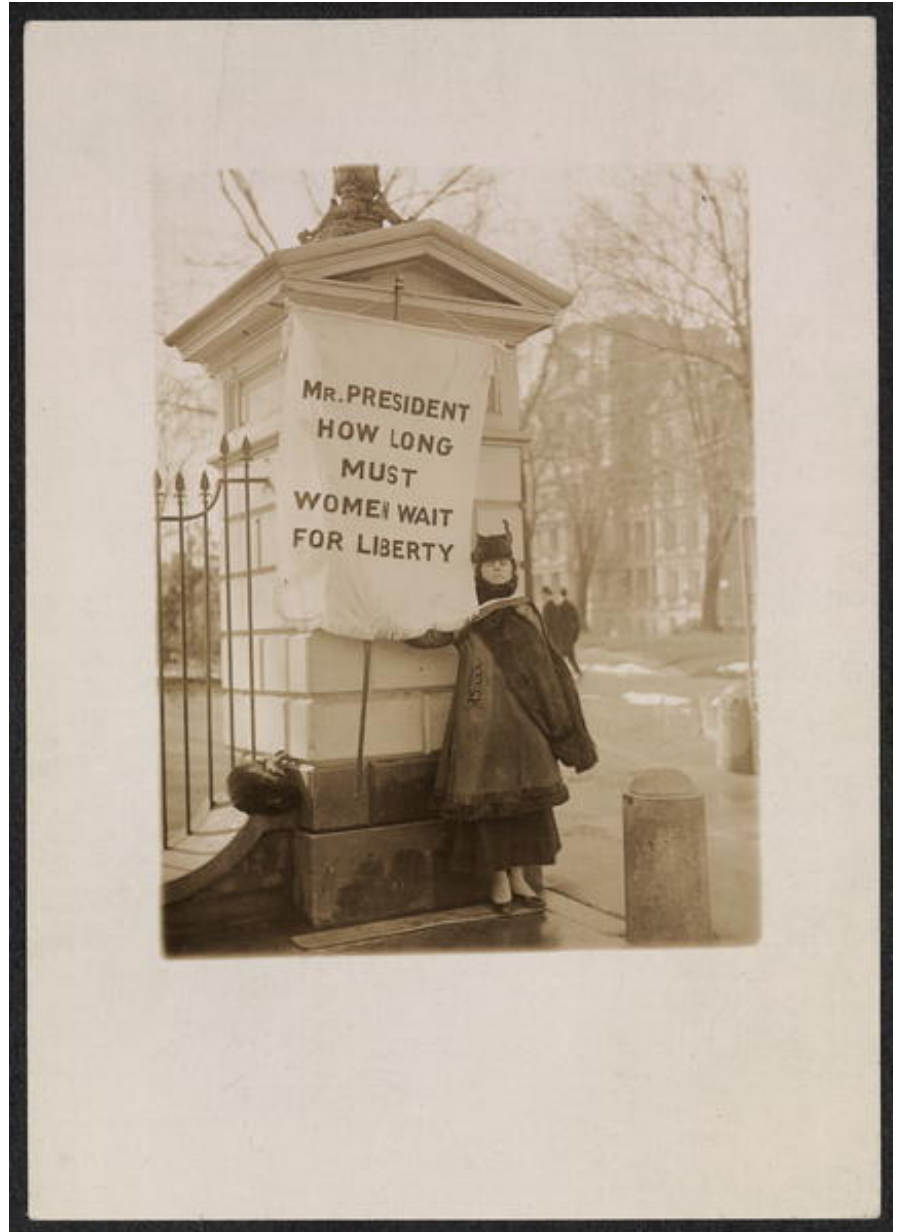




The League of Women Voters has a proud history. Take a look at the people who had the courage to give us the organization we know today. The issues driving current LWV activities are equally challenging.

**Honoring the
Women
Who Led a 50
Year Struggle
before Voting
Rights
and created
The League of
Women Voters**







1793-1880



**LUCRECIA
MOTT**

**declared, “We hold
these truths to be
self-evident: that
all men and
women are created
equal.”**

**Early suffragettes
suffered arrests,
imprisonment and
force feeding.**



1797-1883

**SOJOURNER
TRUTH**

**born to slavery, her
self-confidence
and integrity made
her a driving force
in the fledgling
women's rights
movement of the
19 th century.**



1815-1902



**ELIZABETH
CADY STANTON**
President of the
National Woman
Suffrage
Association after
the Civil War

1820-1906

**SUSAN B.
ANTHONY ,
jailed for attempting
to vote in the 1872
election, founded the
American Equal
Rights Association in
1866.**



1859-1947



**CARRIE CHAPMAN
CATT**

**followed Susan B.
Anthony as president
of National American
Women Suffrage
Association before
founding The League
of Women Voters.**

1880-1973

**JEANNETTE
RANKIN**

**led Montana to grant
women the right to
vote in 1914 and ran
for the U.S. House of
Representatives
where she became
the first woman ever
elected to Congress.**



The 1920's



The newly
formed
League of
Women
Voters saw
ratification
of the 19th
Amendment
Aug. 18, 1920.

The 1930's

The depression
of the 1930's
and the onset of
World War II
brought far-
reaching
changes to the
League.





The 1940's
Major changes
in the League's
structure
created an
association of
members,
rather than a
federation of
state leagues.

The 1950's
The McCarthy
witch hunt period
inspired the
League to
undertake a two-
year community
education
program on civil
liberties
guaranteed by the
Constitution.





The 1960's
In support of civil rights, the League worked for equal opportunity and equal access to education, employment and housing.



The 1970's

In 1974
men were
allowed to
join the
League as
full voting
members.

The 1980's

The League was in the forefront of the Voting Rights Act Amendments and the Tax Reform Act.



The 1990's

The League launched “Take Back the System”, a voter campaign to reclaim government and elections.



**The work started by these
women continues today...**





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IMMIGRATION**





The Challenge

The subject of immigration is so prevalent that we must now face the complexity of problems long avoided and find consensus with issues that are highly divisive.

**We invite you to take on this challenge
with The League of Women Voters.**

There has never been a greater need for
informed voters actively participating in
government at all levels.

Thank you for your attention!

