Suffragents: Fathers, Sons, Brothers, Husbands and Friends

Surprising to some, many of the suffragists' strongest supporters were their husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles, and other men. There were men throughout the country who were themselves suffragists and who lent their support to advancing the women's cause.
Often showing the influence of their families, many young female suffragists were inspired to take action in the political arena because their own fathers were politically active. And it is a testimony to their democratic values that a large number of American men consistently supported women’s suffrage.

There were more than 50 electoral campaigns across the country, and in every one of them a large number of men—often above 40%—voted in favor of suffrage. In fact, a majority of male voters in New York, California, and 11 other states actually approved it.

In 1920, after the overwhelmingly male Congress and 36 state legislatures approved it, the 19th Amendment was ratified and hailed as a truly mutual victory.

Honor the Men in Your Life this Father's Day!

We are thrilled to announce the design of our 2021 Father's Day card! Designed by our friend Meneese Wall, this image of two members of the National Woman Suffrage Association and the Men's League for Woman Suffrage celebrates the men who their voices to the fight to ensure the full citizenship of women!

And includes this powerful quote from suffrage supporter Frederick Douglass: "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

It is an image from her beautifully illustrated book We Demand the Right to Vote: The Journey to the 19th Amendment.

Father's Day is on Sunday, June 20. Order today and help us with our work of "writing women back into history."

Order today!

Take our Suffragents Quiz to see how much you know about the men who fought for women's rights!
A Beautiful New Book Celebrating Women's Suffrage

We are very excited about Meneese Wall's beautiful book celebrating the women (and men!) who fought for full access to the ballot: **We Demand the Right to Vote: The Journey to the 19th Amendment.**

This lavishly illustrated oversized (8" x 10") book is a engaging graphic overview of the Women's Suffrage Movement. Written in a conversational style, We Demand the Right To Vote commences with Native American cultural influences and continues with women's conventions, arrests, trials, petitions, battles won, and those lost to reveal society's slow acceptance of women's involvement outside of their socially prescribed realm.

This book is beautifully illustrated and written by the noted writer and graphic artist, Meneese Wall, whose creations are inspired by the public, private, and sometimes secret lives of American women in history. 160 Pages, Paperback, 33 Illustrations-most measure 6" x 9".

Get your copy!

The Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote
In *Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote*, Brooke Kroeger examines the critical role men played in the women’s suffrage movement through the creation and mobilization of the Men’s League for Women’s Suffrage.

From 1908 to 1920, the New York Men’s League hosted fundraisers, participated in marches, gave public speeches, and lobbied government officials for the cause. According to Kroeger, the Men’s League was a "momentous, yet subtly managed development in the suffrage movement’s seventh decade."

While *Suffragents* focuses exclusively on the New York branch of the Men’s League, Kroeger acknowledges that the organization was much larger in scope and created a national network of prominent men who advocated for suffrage through their public presence, such as socialist Max Eastman, muckraker Upton Sinclair, historian Charles Beard, and financier James Lees Laidlaw. However, Kroeger asserts that one of the unique aspects of the Men’s League was that the men were subordinate to the women and their agenda was largely guided by women leaders of the movement.

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