

New York's Women
Leading the Way

SUFFRAGE AND THE EARLY WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

At the time of New York's founding, suffrage was limited to only a small group of land-owning men. Over the course of the 19th century, it expanded to include non-land owning men, men who resided in New York, and African-American men. Though women made up a significant portion of the population during that time, they were not allowed to vote in New York until 1917 and nationally until 1920. After securing the right to vote, women exerted their political power and became leaders in both national parties. However, women are still under-represented in the political process and the struggle for political empowerment continues.



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