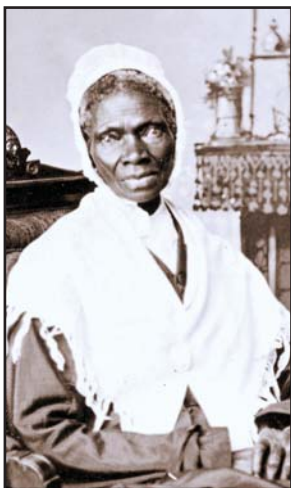


“ I am sometimes told that - Women aint fit to vote. Why, don't you know that a woman had seven devils in her: and do you suppose a woman is fit to rule the nation? Seven devils aint



no account; a man had a legion in him.”

Sojourner Truth,  
African-American Suffragist and Abolitionist,  
from statements made at a national convention of  
the American Equal Rights Association  
in May 1867

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“We women of America tell you that America is not a democracy. Twenty million women are denied the right to vote.”

Alice Paul, Feminist, Suffragist and Political Strategist, from a banner paraded by Alice Paul and others outside of the White House in 1917.

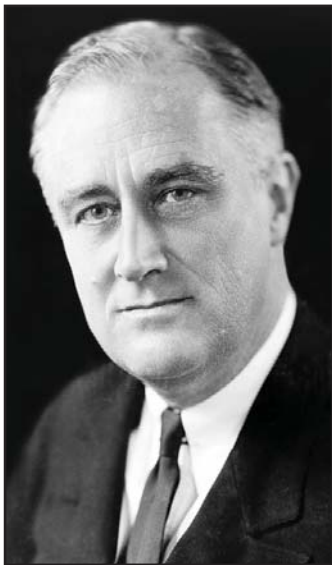


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“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.”

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, from a radio address broadcast from the White House on October 5, 1944

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Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act, August 6, 1965

“The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men.”

President Lyndon B. Johnson, from remarks on the Signing of the Voting Rights Act, 1965

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“Half of the American people never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President — the same half?”

Author Gore Vidal, in “Screening History,” published 1994



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“No matter what name we give it or how we judge it, a candidate’s character is central to political reporting because it is central to a citizen’s

decision in voting.”

Journalist Roger Mudd, from “Code of Ethics” 2001

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“Voting is the most precious right of every citizen, and we have a moral obligation to ensure the integrity of our voting process.”



Official Secretary of State Portrait

Former Secretary of State Hillary

Rodham Clinton, in reference to the Election Reform Bill (2005) when she was serving as a U.S. Senator for New York State

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