



What was the position of
women in society by 1900?





Suffrage –

The right to Vote

Suffragists –

Group created by Millicent Fawcett to protest for Women's rights PEACEFULLY

Suffragettes –

Group created by Emmeline Pankhurst to protest for Women's rights AGGRESSIVELY



Who were the NUWSS? (Suffragists)



In 1866 a group of women organised a petition to demand women have the same political rights as men. Parliament discussed this and voted against the idea by 196 to 73.

As a result, lots of suffrage groups around the country joined together to form the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (**NUWSS**).



Do you know who this is?

The leader of the Suffragists was a lady called **Millicent Fawcett**.

The **NUWSS** initially gained support because of their peaceful protests, but as time went on and nothing was changing for women a new idea began to grow...

Summarise the NUWSS and their beliefs into around 50 words.



Who were the WSPU? (Suffragettes)



Summarise the WSPU and their beliefs into around 50 words.

In 1903 a lady by the name of **Emmeline Pankhurst** felt it was time for more aggressive action to get the vote for women. She had spent many years peacefully protesting with the NUWSS.

As a result, the Women's Social and Political Union (**WSPU**) was created led by Emmeline and her daughters Christabel and Sylvia.

Emmeline Pankhurst

What are your thoughts on this image?



The Pankhursts (Emmeline, Christabel and Sylvia)



Heroes?

Quick Pink Quiz: Shut your books and write the answers on a post it note:

1. Which group protested peacefully? **Suffragists**
2. What word means the right to vote? **Suffrage**
3. What acronym would we use for the more peaceful group? **NUWSS**
4. Which acronym would we use for the more aggressive group? **WSPU**
5. What were these more aggressive protesters known as? **Suffragettes**
6. Who founded the more aggressive group? **Emmeline Pankhurst**
7. Who was the leader of the more peaceful group? **Millicent Fawcett**



Write a short paragraph describing how women were viewed in 1900:

Make babies

Should be quiet

Stupid

Housewife

Lower class

Have no opinion

ANYTHING else you can think of...





As we know, Parliament discussed the demands of the NUWSS and voted against them. Look at your sheet and with two colours identify the arguments that are FOR (in support of women getting the vote) and those which are AGAINST...

- Arguments for women gaining the vote
- Arguments against women gaining the vote

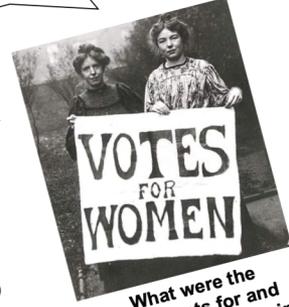
Women have been allowed to vote in local elections since 1888. If they can vote in local elections then why not general elections.

Many uneducated men can have the vote while educated and respectable women can't

Women should not get involved in debating and politics, it is not their role in life

If you give the vote to women you will have to give it to all men, even layabouts and riffraff!

Women pay taxes just like men so should be able to influence MPs on how that money is spent



What were the arguments for and against women gaining the vote?

Women are too emotional and should not be trusted with the vote

Women have special skills, expertise and interests which could influence Parliament to make better laws on issues such as education and the family.

Giving middle-class women the vote will encourage them to develop careers and neglect their family duties.

Other parts of the British Empire, including New Zealand, have already given women the vote so Britain should do the same.

Women do not fight for their country in wars, so should not have a say in government

Women are pure and should be protected from the corrupt world of politics

Many single women and widows have the same financial responsibilities as men, so they should have the same political rights.

What is this source suggesting?



LADY DENTIST "Hold on!. I'll ring for more help."

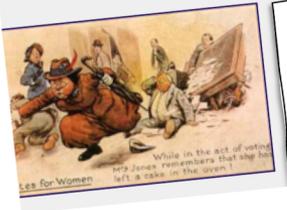


WIFE John! Where is the rest of your wages? How am I going to pay the landlord, and buy food for the children?

HUSBAND Shut up! What I do with my money is no business of yours.

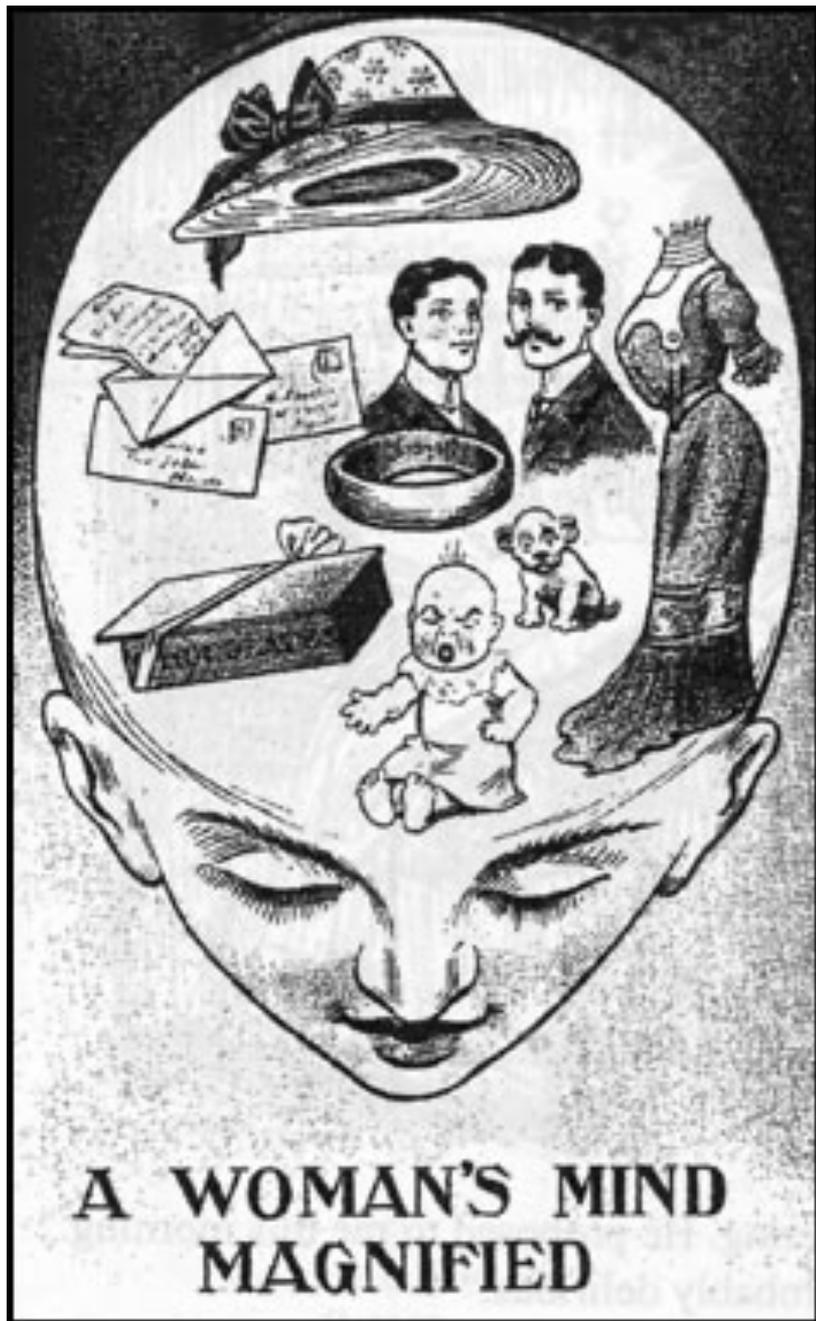
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Now we've practised 2 together, you've been given a sources sheet that you will analyse to see if you can work out a bit more about what women's lives were like in the early 20th Century....



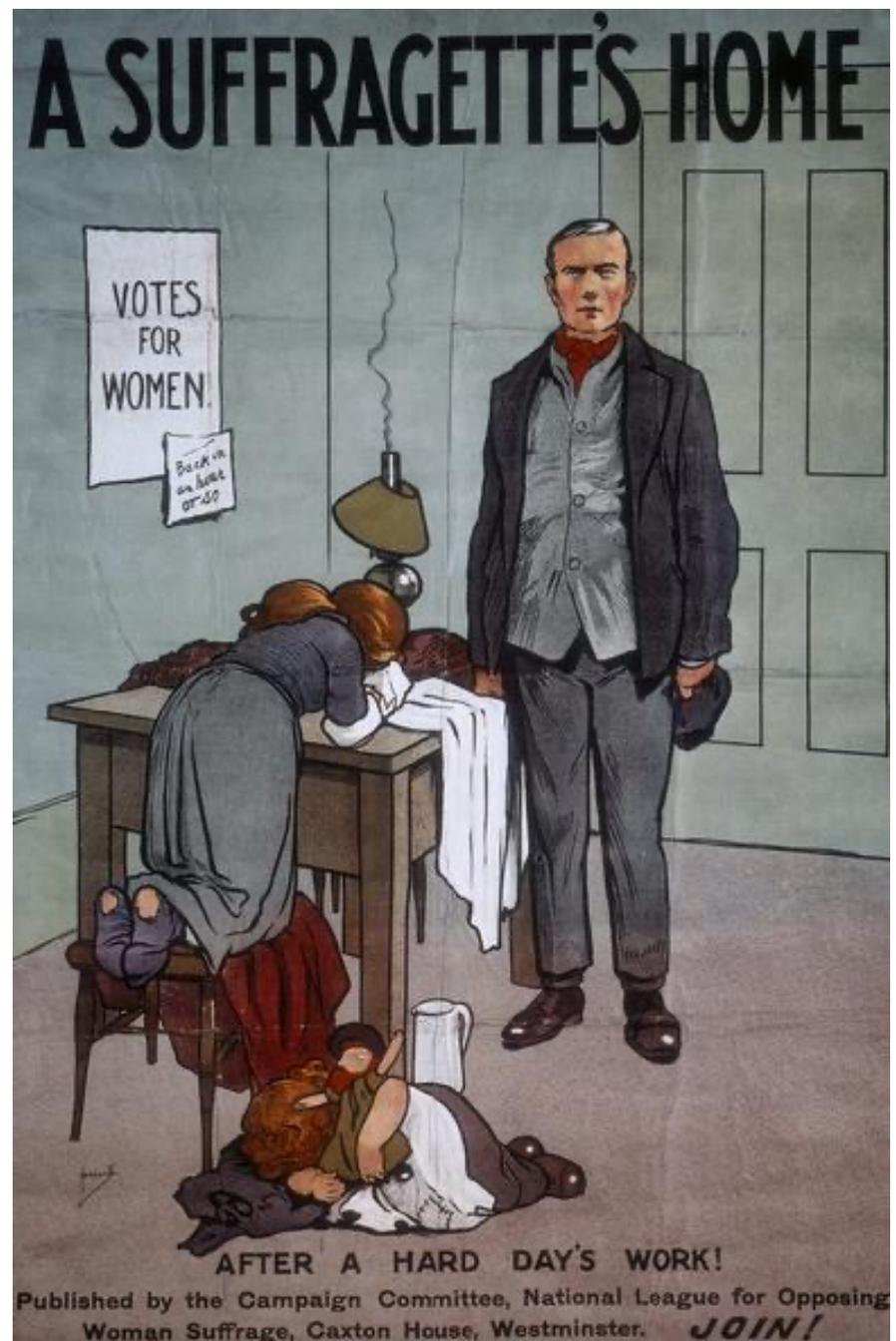
In 1870: "Let women be what God intended, a helpmate for man, but with totally different duties and vocations."

A postcard from 1906.



**A WOMAN'S MIND
MAGNIFIED**

**What did some men
think would happen
if women had the
vote?**

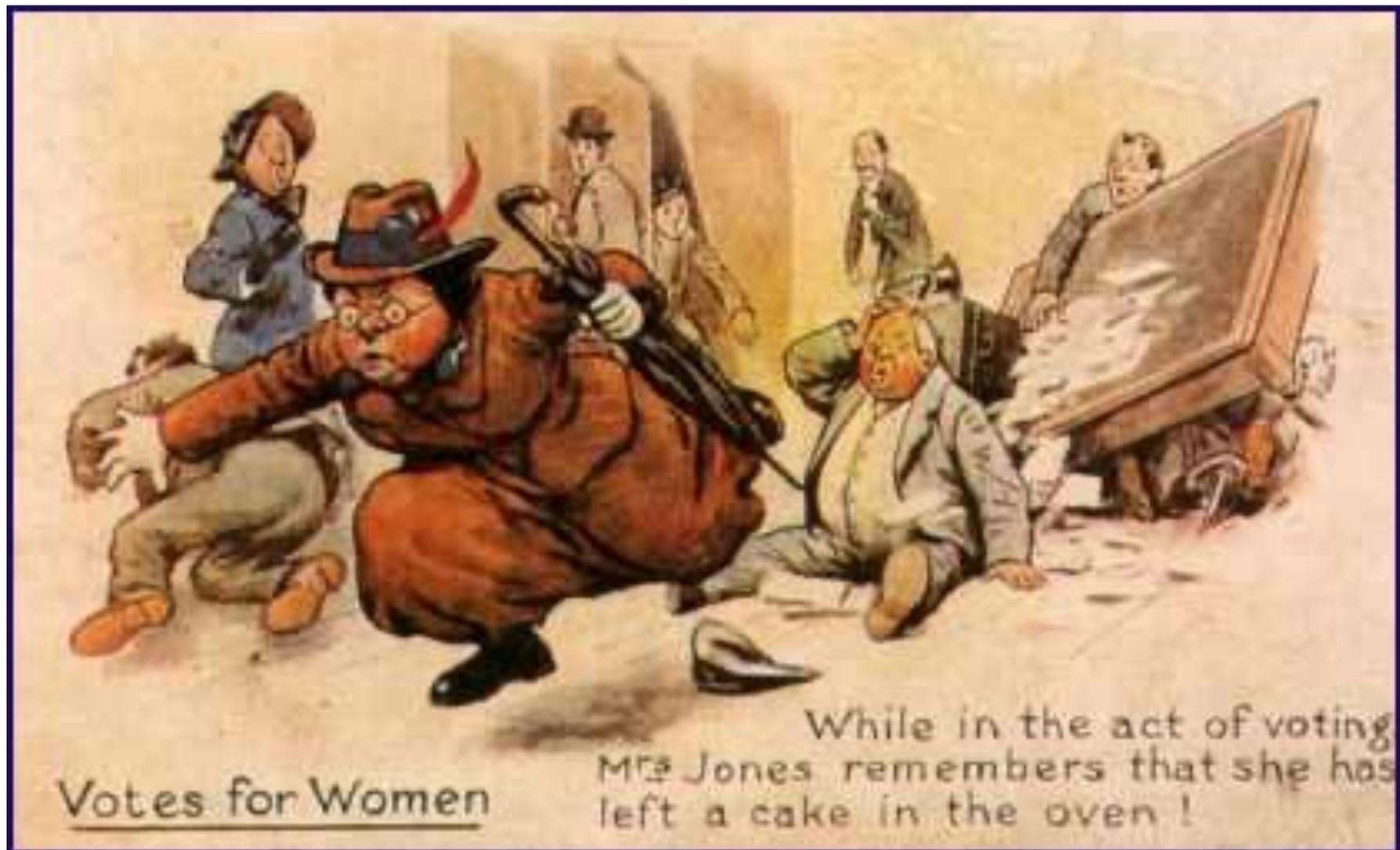


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SUFFRAGETTES
WHO HAVE NEVER
BEEN KISSED





Votes for Women

While in the act of voting
Mrs Jones remembers that she has
left a cake in the oven!