



Arguments for women gaining the vote



Arguments against women gaining the vote

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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