

History of women's issues

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A
VINDICATION
OF THE
RIGHTS OF WOMAN;
WITH
STRICTURES
ON
POLITICAL AND MORAL SUBJECTS.
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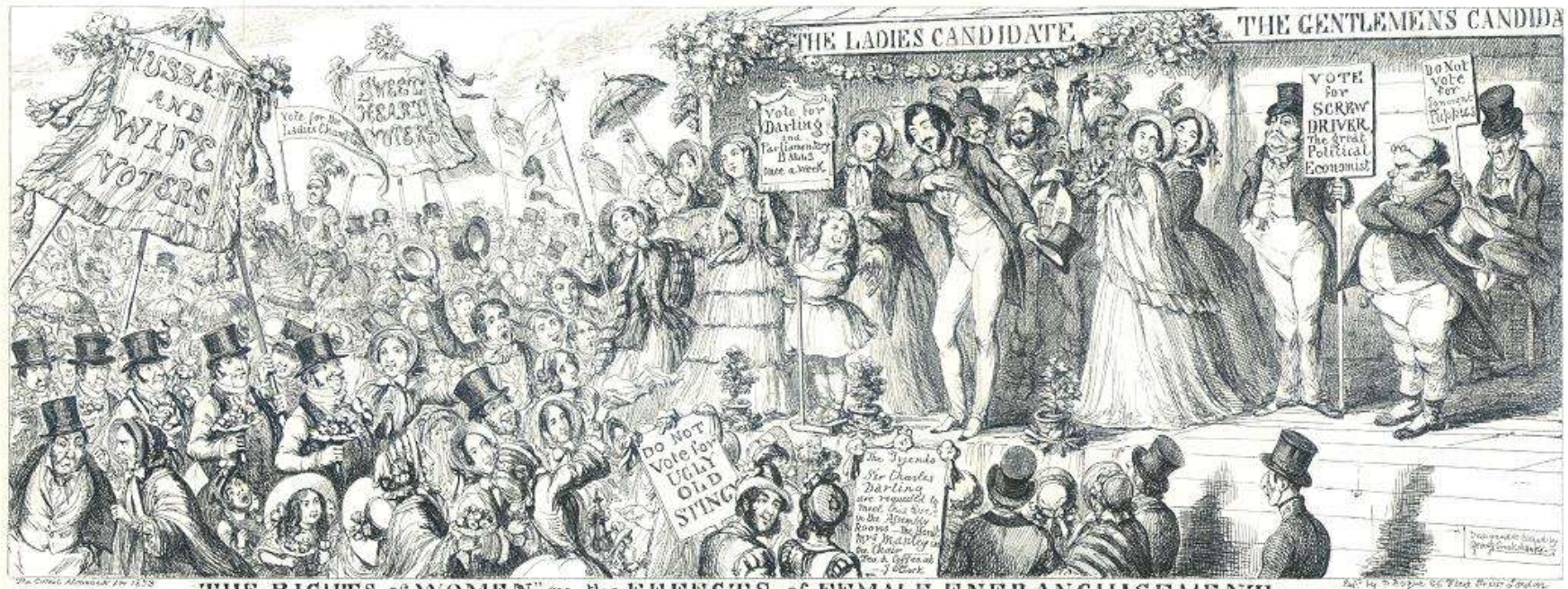
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John Stuart Mill 1806-1873

The vote for women

➤ **Anne Knight, a Quaker from Essex, set up the first organisation: the Sheffield Female Reform Association in 1851.**

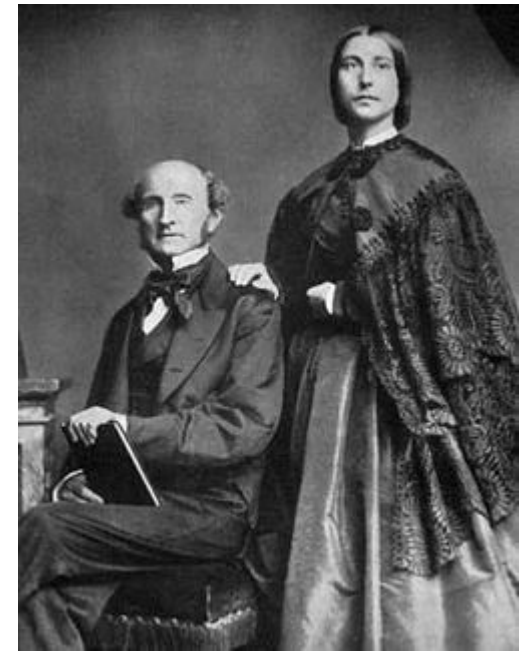


"THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN" or the EFFECTS OF FEMALE ENFRANCHISEMENT

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Caricature by **George Cruickshank**
published by D.Bogue in *The Comic Almanack*, 1853.

➤ In 1861, **John Stuart Mill** and his stepdaughter, **Helen Taylor** published ***The Subjection of Women*** which supported the view that “the legal subordination of one sex to the other is wrong itself, and now one of the chief hindrances to human improvement.”

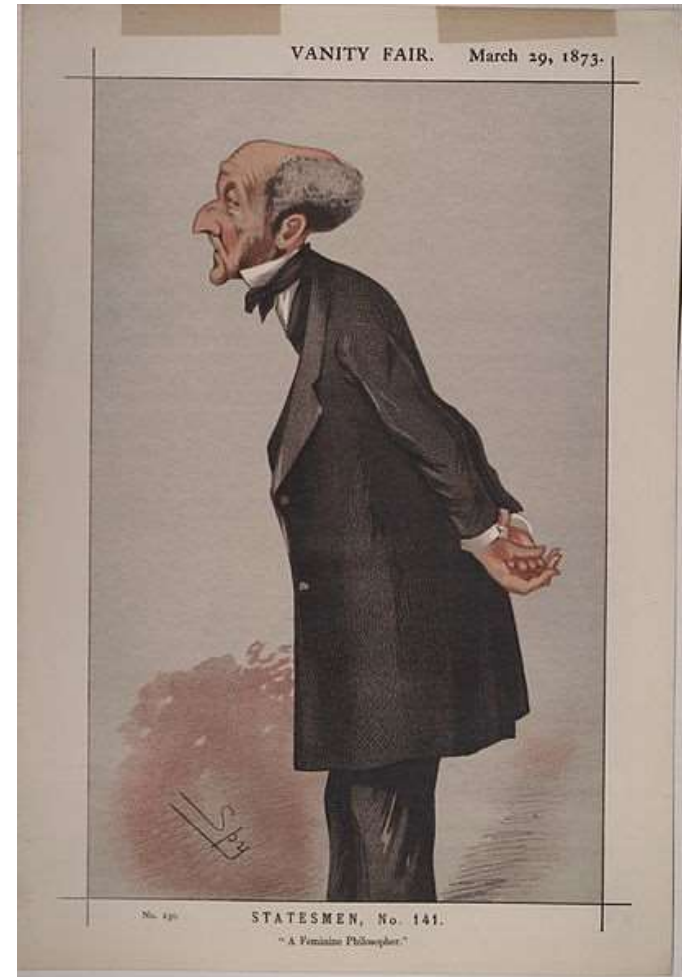


**John Stuart Mill
and Helen Taylor.**

Helen was the daughter of Harriet Taylor and collaborated with Mill for 15 years after her mother's death in 1858

➤ In **1864**, **Helen Taylor** helped to establish the **Kensington Society** to further women's rights.

➤ In **1865**, they set up a **Women's Suffrage Committee** and petitioned **Parliament** with the help of Mps **Henri Fawcett** and **J.S. Mill**.



"A Feminine Philosopher". Caricature by Spy published in Vanity Fair in 1873.

➤ they also created the **National Society for Women's Suffrage** in **1867** with a **Central Committee** (including men) based in **London**.



Girton College



- Some women, such as **Emmeline Pankhurst**, were much more radical in their outlook and launched a rival organisation in **1903**: the **Women's Social and Political Union**, whose motto was “**deeds, not words;**”
- Their protest outside **Parliament** in **1905** marked the start of their militant campaign which gathered pace from **1906**.



**Emmeline
Pankhurst
(1858 –1928)**



Artist: W.K. Haselden
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A meeting of the WSPU (left to right) Christabel Pankhurst, Jessie Kenney, Nellie Martel, Emmeline Pankhurst and Charlotte Despard.

➤ **The newspapers called them suffragettes.**

- The authorities **force-fed** the prisoners and were accused of “**torturing innocent women**”.



Poster protesting
against force-feeding
suffrage activists.



Anti-suffragette
postcard (1909)



Around 1910



The First World war



First world war munitions workers



1918 women's football team



Going to the polls in Plymouth in 1919



The first woman to enter parliament, Nancy Astor in 1919

Theresa May under fire after unveiling statue of 'Nazi-sympathising' MP



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Theresa May left thousands of people angry when she unveiled a statue of the first female MP to sit in Parliament on Thursday (Picture: SWNS)

Theresa May has come under fire after unveiling a statue that 'honours a Nazi-sympathising anti-Semite'.

Britain's former prime minister travelled to Plymouth on Thursday for a ceremony to unveil a bronze statue of Nancy Astor who was the first female MP to sit in Parliament.

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➤ It was not until **1929** that the **Equal Franchise Act** gave the vote to all adult women.

Artist: W.K. Haselden
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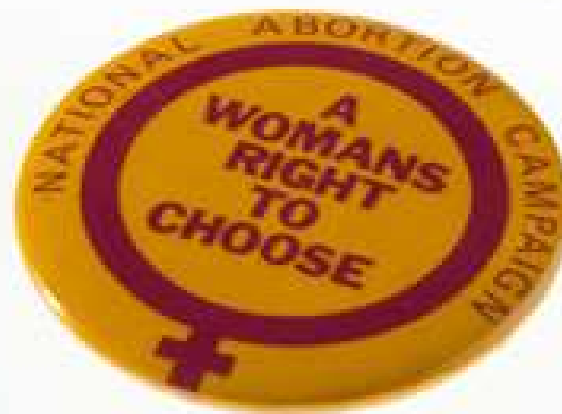
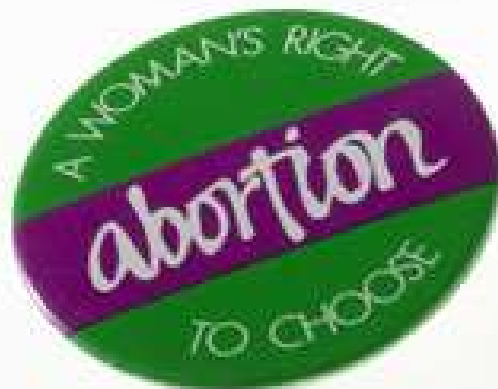
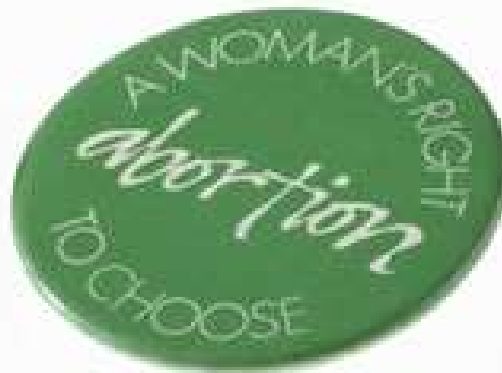
Vera Drake

Wife. Mother. Criminal.

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1970s

1956: In Britain, legal reforms say that women teachers and civil servants should receive equal pay.

1958: reform of the House of Lords

1965: Barbara Castle is appointed Minister of Transport, becoming the first female minister of state.

1967 : Abortion Act

« The period of Labour government from 1964-1970 saw the introduction of a series of changes in the law of inestimable benefit to minority groups (as their supporters claimed) – or moves towards a permissive and decadent society (as their opponents argued), They constituted a series of social reforms that changed the « quality of life » for many millions of people »,

Sked, Alan, and Chris Cook. *Post-war Britain: A political history*. Harvester Press, 1979, quoted in Stéphane Porion (dir) *Le Royaume – Uni à l'épreuve de la crise 1970-79*, Paris, Atlande, 2017

1967 The NHS (Family Planning) Act permits health authorities to give contraceptive advice regardless of marital status and the Family Planning Association (FPA) follows suit. (www.fpa.org.uk)