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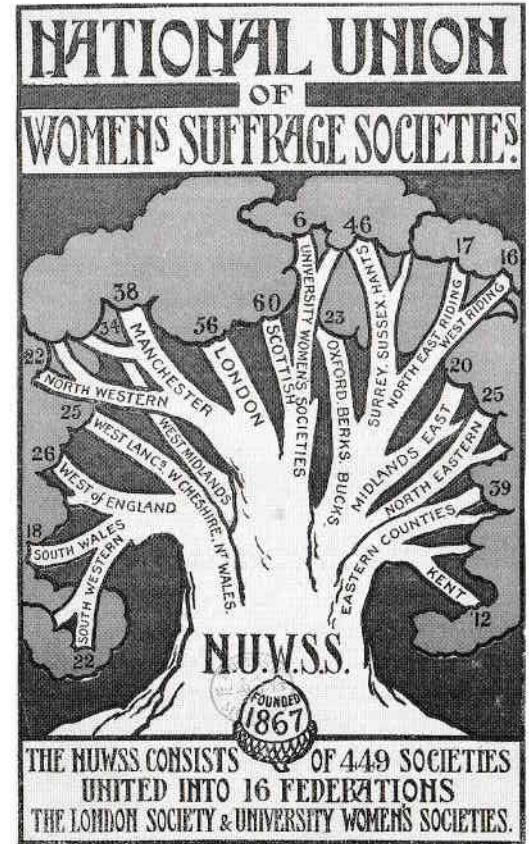
FOURTEEN REASONS FOR SUPPORTING
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

1. —Because it is the foundation of all political liberty that those who obey the Law should be able to have a voice in choosing those who make the Law.
2. —Because Parliament should be the reflection of the wishes of the people.
3. —Because Parliament cannot fully reflect the wishes of the people, when the wishes of women are without any direct representation.
4. —Because most Laws affect women as much as men, and some Laws affect women especially.
5. —Because the Laws which affect women especially are now passed without consulting those persons whom they are intended to benefit.
6. —Because Laws affecting children should be regarded from the woman's point of view as well as the man's.
7. —Because every session questions affecting the home come up for consideration in Parliament.
8. —Because women have experience which which should be helpfully brought to bear on domestic legislation.
9. —Because to deprive women of the vote is to lower their position in common estimation.
10. —Because the possession of the vote would increase the sense of responsibility amongst women towards questions of public importance.
11. —Because public-spirited mothers make public-spirited sons.
12. —Because large numbers of intelligent, thoughtful, hard-working women desire the franchise.
13. —Because the objections raised against their having the franchise are based on sentiment, not on reason.
14. —Because—to sum all reasons up in one—it is for the common good of all.

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The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies was formed in 1867 and united many smaller suffrage organizations. Under the leadership of Millicent Fawcett, the NUWSS's method was non-confrontational and constitutional.



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Votes for Mothers

THEY TELL YOU

"The Woman's Place is the Home."

Well, if you had **votes** you might have **better homes**; and if you had better homes your **children** would have a **better chance**.

You have seen many a poor woman's baby as fine and healthy at birth as the child of any wealthy woman in the land. You have seen that baby gradually pine, grow thin, pale, fretful, and at last sicken and die, in spite of all its mother's love and care.

Why did that Baby Die?

Most likely it died because the house into which it was born was unhealthy, insanitary, overcrowded, and consequently full of poisonous germs.

To prove this go to Birmingham. There you will find that, in a poor and crowded part of the city, of every **1,000** babies born **331** die. But, only 4 1/2 miles away, in the garden village of Honnville where the people have good and healthy houses, of every **1,000** babies born only **65** die. That means that of every **five** babies who die in the unhealthy houses only **one** would have died, had it been born in a healthy home—four of the five dead babies **need not have died at all**. They were killed by conditions which ought not to exist—conditions which their mothers had no power to change.

That is why **mothers** want votes. For then they could send men to Parliament who would say: "We have had enough of this wholesale slaughter of innocent babies. We will insist on healthy homes for the people, so that the babies may live and thrive."

Mothers, **it could be done**. It will be done when you have power and **use** your power to send to Parliament, men who will talk less about women stopping at home and do more to see that women have decent homes to stop in. For the sake of the babies demand

Votes for Mothers.

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WHY WORKING WOMEN WANT THE VOTE

Some Reasons Why Working Women Want the Vote

Because as long as women cannot vote for Members of Parliament they are not asked what they want, and they are treated like children who do not know what is good or what is bad for them.

Because only those who wear the shoe know where it pinches, and women know best what they want and what they don't want.

Because Members of Parliament must attend to the wants and wishes of those who have votes, and they have not time to attend to the wants and wishes of women who have not got votes.

Because laws are made which specially affect women's work and the work of their children.

Because if women are working as dressmakers, tailoresses, printers, confectioners, and laundresses, or in any factory or workshop, the laws under which they work are made for women without women being asked if these laws are good or bad for them.

Because if the laws under which women work are bad, women cannot have those laws changed unless they have the vote.

Because the vote has been given to women in some of our Colonies and has been of great use.

Because the way to help women is to give them the means of helping themselves.

Because the vote is the best and most direct way by which women can get their wishes and wants attended to.



On July 26, 1913, 50,000 NUWSS supporters from all across Britain rallied in Hyde Park for the right to vote.

WSPU

The Women's Social and Political Union was founded in 1903 by Emmeline Pankhurst who was disillusioned with the constitutional methods of campaigning employed by the NUWSS. The WSPU preferred to raise public and media awareness of the campaign by militant action.