



## How influential was the suffragette movement in pursuing the women's right to vote?

### Who were the suffragettes?

The suffrage movement began in early 1900s who, under the banner “Votes for Women”, fought for the right to vote known as suffrage. It began under its founder, Emmeline Pankhurst. Through a very long campaign, women were finally given the right to vote with the 1918 Representation of the People Act.

### What were the socio-economic and political ramifications?

- ❖ This movement transformed the way in which society perceives women. This allowed for women to secure their evolving rank in society and step closer to equality.
- ❖ By early 20<sup>th</sup> century, women were able to train for male dominated professions e.g. law and medicine.



Anti-suffrage posters distributed in late 1910s expressing scorn towards the movement

**FACTS**

Gallup, an analytics company that conducted a worldwide opinion poll in 1920 of the statement: “Suffrage movement was one of the most important events of the century”. This was ranked just below WW1!

**“ WE ARE FIGHTING FOR A REVOLUTION!” – CHRISTABEL PANKHURST**

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Suffragettes resorted to protests to audibly voice their demands which continued all throughout 1910s. In 1917, 200 suffragettes were arrested following a protest in front of the White House. Newspapers recorded weekly protests at well known institutions such as the 1913 Tower of London protest.