

“The Women’s Suffrage Campaign”

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Today's date is June 4, 1919. This morning when I was listening to the radio I heard that the 19th Amendment was passed by Congress. I had fought along with many other women to earn this by attending many protests. That's why I was elated to hear that this was passed. I had the same reaction as many women. There were more pros than cons to the 19th Amendment being passed by Congress. One pro is that women get to vote. Another pro is that the Amendment could lead to many more rights for women. Bringing women closer to being equal citizens to men is another pro.

To begin with, one pro of the 19th Amendment being passed is that women get to vote. The 19th Amendment is allowing women to have a say in everything that America votes for, such as the president. Before this, only men could vote. Women will now have a say rather than men deciding everything. Now, everyone can vote. Women can also now vote for issues that would give, or take away rights from them. Women can now finally become part of what new laws are approved in the United States. I'm excited to vote for the president in 1920.

Also, another pro of the 19th Amendment being passed is that it could lead to more rights for women. The 19th Amendment allowed for women to vote, but it could also lead to other privileges. One right it could lead to is that women could serve on a jury. Though we now have the right to vote, women still can't serve on a jury. Another right that it could lead to is women being allowed to fight in battle. Yet again, only men are allowed to fight in the army. Women being able to retain citizenship after marrying a foreign man could be another right that it could lead to. If a woman marries a foreign man, she loses her United States citizenship. Though this is supposed to be an exciting time for women, I am not completely satisfied, I believe women deserve more rights.

Furthermore, bringing women closer to being equal citizens to men is another pro to the 19th Amendment being passed. When men were the only people who were eligible to vote, they were

considered to be superior citizens, and still are. Women being able to vote brought men and women closer to being equal citizens. One thing that makes men superior citizens is that only they can fight in the armies. As aforementioned, women cannot fight for the U.S. yet, while only men can. Another way men are superior citizens that when a man marries a foreign woman, he retains his U.S. citizenship. This contrary to the fact that women lose their U.S. citizenship if they marry a foreign man. These types of exceptions make men the superior citizens. I think men and women should be considered as completely equal.

Others may think that women don't deserve the right to vote. It is true that women were arrested for protesting, however it made them gain support from the public. Many women were arrested during protests, but, that just made them gain support from the public, for example, Alice Paul was arrested and placed in solitary confinement as well as beaten, for a protest in Washington D.C. Sure there were riots incited, but, they helped get people to support their cause. Riots helped draw attention to their cause and therefore drawing in support from people who believed they deserved the right to vote..

In conclusion, there were many pros to the 19th Amendment being passed by Congress such as, women getting to vote, that it could lead to more rights for women, and that it is bringing women closer to being equal citizens to men. After this got passed, it made me feel more like a valid member of society, rather than just someone who cleans the house and watches the children. In the end, the 19th Amendment being passed could be a large step forward for women's rights in the future.

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