THE ROLE OF WOMEN / SUFFRAGE

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Historical Context

Women in the Workforce During World War I

- During World War I, millions of men went to fight, leaving gaps in the workforce.
- Women stepped into traditionally male-dominated jobs such as factory work, driving, and nursing.

Post-War Social Shifts and Recognition

- After the war ended in 1918 -> women were forced out of their wartime jobs
- But the experience had already shifted public perceptions
- Women had proven their capability-> demands for equal political rights, including suffrage.

Cultural Shifts: The Flapper Movement

- Symbol of rebellion against conventional norms.
- New fashions, short hairstyles, and a carefree attitude

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- Trandformative period (first wave of feminism)
- Women´s right to vote
- Started challeging the gender role
- More freedom
- Education fro women
- Birth control



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SUFFRAGE

- Refers to the right to vote in public elections
- Empowers individuals by giving them a voice in government decisions
- Universal suffrage: All adult citizens, regardless of gender, race, or social status
- Restricted suffrage: Limited by factors such as gender, property ownership, race, or literacy
- Women's suffrage, activists campaigned through protests, lobbying, and civil disobedience.



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IMPACT OF SUFFRAGE ON SOCIETY

Political/Cultural

- Increased political participation
- New policy priorities (League of Women voters)
- Election of female politicians
- Focus on issues that directly impacted family life
- Changing gender roles

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Key figurs of the 1920s

Alice Paul (United States)

- Key leader
- The National Woman's Party
- Protests outside the White House, hunger strikes, and big marches
- The 19th Amendment in 1920 -> gave American women the right to vote.





Margaret Sanger (Spain)

- Not a traditional leader
- The American Birth Control League
- First advocates for birth control and reproductive rights (contraceptives)

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Key figurs of the 1920s

Emmeline Pankhurst (United Kingdom)

- Leader of the British Women's Social and Political Union -> suffrage
- Famous phrase "deeds, not words"
- She believed in taking action rather than just talking
- Used militant tactics like breaking windows and clashing with the police





Clara Campoamor (Spain)

- Lawyer and politician
- Suffrage
- The writing of Spain's new constitution
- Powerful speeches in parliament

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