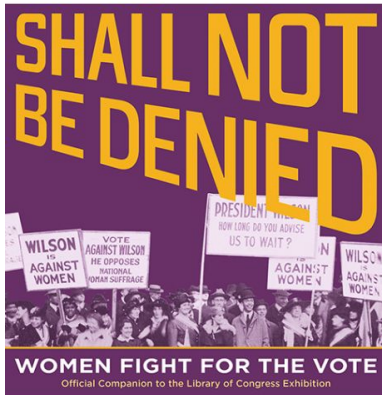


Shall Not Be Denied

Women Fight for the Vote

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The campaign for women's suffrage—considered the largest reform movement in American history—lasted more than seven decades. The struggle was not for the fainthearted. For years, determined women organized, lobbied, paraded, petitioned, lectured, picketed, and faced imprisonment in pursuit of the right to vote. Drawing from the Library's extensive collections of photographs, personal papers, and the organizational records of such figures as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell, Carrie Chapman Catt, the National Woman's Party, and the National American Woman Suffrage Association, *Shall Not Be Denied* traces the movement leading to the women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, the contributions of suffragists who worked to persuade women that they deserved the same rights as men, the divergent political strategies and internal divisions they overcame, the push for a federal women's suffrage amendment, and the legacy of the movement.

A companion to the exhibition staged by the Library of Congress, which opened on June 4, 2019—the 100th anniversary of the US Senate's passage of the suffrage amendment that would become the 19th amendment—*Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote* is part of the national commemoration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage.

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