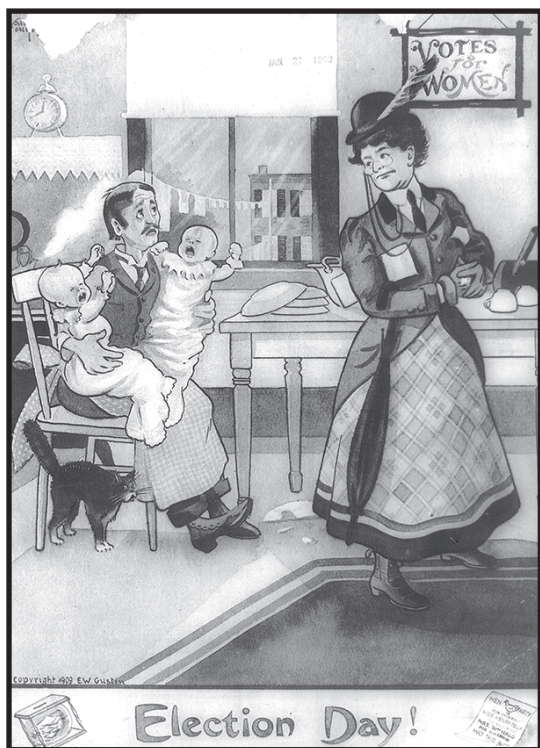


## ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS:

# Women's Right to Vote

Look at the political cartoon below, and read about its background.



This political cartoon was published in 1909, when women in the United States did not have the right to vote. Women's suffrage, or right to vote, was a controversial issue at the time. Some women called "suffragettes" argued that they deserved the same rights as men. Opponents worried that giving women the right to vote would have a dangerous impact on accepted gender roles in the family and society at large.

## Sample answers

Now answer the questions below to help you analyze the cartoon.

1. What text do you see in the cartoon? The title of the cartoon is "Election Day!" and there is a framed picture on the wall that says "Votes for Women."
2. What characters are there? There is a standing woman, a seated man, two babies, and a cat.
3. What is the man doing? What does his facial expression convey? The man is holding two crying babies, and his facial expression seems worried or scared.
4. What is the man wearing? What could his outfit be expressing? The man is wearing a suit and necktie with an apron tied around his waist. The apron suggests that he is taking on what was traditionally women's work.
5. What is the woman wearing? What could her outfit be expressing? The woman is wearing a necktie and a hat shaped like a man's hat. Her jacket is also similar to a man's suit jacket. Her outfit suggests that she is taking on a more traditionally male role.
6. How would you describe the state of the kitchen in this scene? How can you tell? The kitchen looks in disarray. Dishes are scattered on the table. There is a broken plate on the floor.
7. Do you think the cartoonist supports women getting the right to vote? Why or why not? Answers may vary.