

# 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.

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

1. What text do you see in the cartoon? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What characters are there? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is the man doing? What does his facial expression convey? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is the man wearing? What could his outfit be expressing? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What is the woman wearing? What could her outfit be expressing? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How would you describe the state of the kitchen in this scene? How can you tell? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Do you think the cartoonist supports women getting the right to vote? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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