

Alice Paul

Alice Paul (1885-1977)

Women's suffrage leader Alice Paul raises a glass in front of the suffragists' banner in celebration to the ratification of the 19th amendment on August 26, 1920. The amendment granted women the right to vote. The battle for women's suffrage took about a hundred years beginning in the 1800s. Paul was at the forefront of the second wave (1890-1919).

Born on January 11, 1885 in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Paul's parents exposed her to women's suffrage and gender equality. Paul was part of the National Woman's Party (NWP) and organized the "Silent Sentinels", which were a group of women who stood outside of the White House with banners that urged statesmen and the president to give women the right to vote. After the suffragists' victory, Paul did not stop her advocacy for equal treatment. In 1922 she drafted the Equal Rights Amendment, which would later be fought for about fifty years later.

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