

Twelve Reasons Why Mothers Should Have the Vote, Equal Suffrage League Flyer, 1910s

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Better Babies—Better Homes—Better Schools.

1. BECAUSE the mothers' business is home-making and child-rearing, and the child and the home are the greatest asset of the nation.
2. BECAUSE the welfare of the child is affected by the laws of the State as well as the rules of the home.
3. BECAUSE there are just as many home interests in the government as there are business interests and the mother is primarily the custodian of these home interests.
4. BECAUSE the lowest death rate of babies in the world is in New Zealand, the country where mothers have had the vote the longest. In that country, the government sends out nurses to every town, village and country district, to instruct and aid mothers in the care of their babies. Young girls are taught baby hygiene and feeding.
5. BECAUSE the banner baby state, California, an equal suffrage state, has the highest birth rate and a very low death rate. (The lowest death rate of babies in the United States is in the city of Seattle, Washington State, where women vote.
6. BECAUSE children have better school facilities where mothers vote. Washington, an equal suffrage state, is the banner state in education. State-wide compulsory education and child labor laws put every child under fourteen years of age in school, where women vote.
7. BECAUSE girls have equal educational opportunities with boys from Kindergarten to State University, where women vote.
8. BECAUSE the moral conditions of our country are regulated by law. Should not mothers have a say about the dangers and temptations which surround their boys and girls?
9. BECAUSE girls of tender age are better protected by law where mothers vote. The age of consent is highest in the suffrage states.
10. BECAUSE mothers are equal guardians with fathers of their children in the states which have had suffrage the longest.
11. BECAUSE widowed mothers are protected by mother's pensions in the states where women vote.
12. BECAUSE it is just, it is expedient, and has proven a good governmental policy for mothers to have a voice in the laws which control themselves and their children.

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