VOTING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG UTAH WOMEN

Utah women have a strong history of political involvement. Over the years, Utah women’s political participation has fluctuated. Utah women were the first in the nation to vote in 1870.

In recent decades, Utah women’s voting rates declined sharply but have now rebounded.

In 2018, more than 300,000 Utah women were eligible to vote but weren’t registered. Despite progress, much work remains.

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In terms of public policy, men and women have different priorities. In 2016, Utah women’s top policy priorities were as follows:

- Health
- Education
- Homelessness & Poverty
- Water Supply
- Jobs & the Economy
- The Environment
- Partisan Politics
- Crime
- K-12 Education
- Healthcare
- Air Quality
- State Taxes & Government Spending
- National Security & Foreign Policy

Utahns volunteer at higher rates than men. 45% of nonprofit board seats are held by women.

Women and men volunteer at different rates. Percentage of adults who volunteer regularly:

- Women: 51%
- Men: 39%

Utah women have a strong history of political involvement. In 1870, Utah women were the first in the nation to vote. In 2018, Utah women ranked 11th in the nation in voting participation. However, we still lag behind the US in terms of voting for and serving in public office.

Women’s Policy Priorities

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Utahns volunteer through the following organizations and activities:

- Teaching, tutoring Mentoring Youth
- Collecting Food Other labor
- 46% of voluntary groups are led by women

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Serve on boards and commissions to expand influence.
- Speak up to advocate for public policy.
- Volunteer for worthy causes.
- Register and vote (help others do the same).

WHAT DO UTAHANS VOLUNTEER?

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Utahns (men and women) are #1 in the nation for volunteering.