

# 20TH CENTURY MILESTONES

## American Women's History Then and Now

American history is punctuated with momentous events and notable women who have made an invaluable impact on society—in both decades past and today. Here are eight history-making events from the 1920s through the 1990s that have helped elevate American women to where they are today.

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### 1930s



Women are actively discouraged from seeking higher education and, in some cases, not allowed in certain schools. In 2012, 31.4 percent of women 25 and older had obtained a bachelor's degree or more.

### 1950s



Only 19 percent of women with small children worked outside the home. As of 2008, more than 60 percent of moms with kids were in the workforce.

### 1970s



In 1977, Janet Guthrie is the first woman to drive in the Indy 500. As of 2014, 19 women have participated in at least one race in the Nationwide NASCAR Series.

### 1990s



In 1992, Mae Jemison becomes the first black female astronaut from the U.S. Today there are three black female astronauts from the U.S.

### 1920s



On August 26, 1920, women earn the right to vote. In the 2012 presidential election, 63.7 percent of female citizens 18 and older reported voting.

### 1940s



In 1948, women are granted permanent status in the military. As of 2012, there were 1.6 million female veterans in the U.S.

### 1960s



On June 10, 1963, Congress passes the Equal Pay Act, making it illegal for employers to pay a woman less than what a man would receive for the same job. As of 2013, women were paid 78 percent of what men were paid.

### 1980s

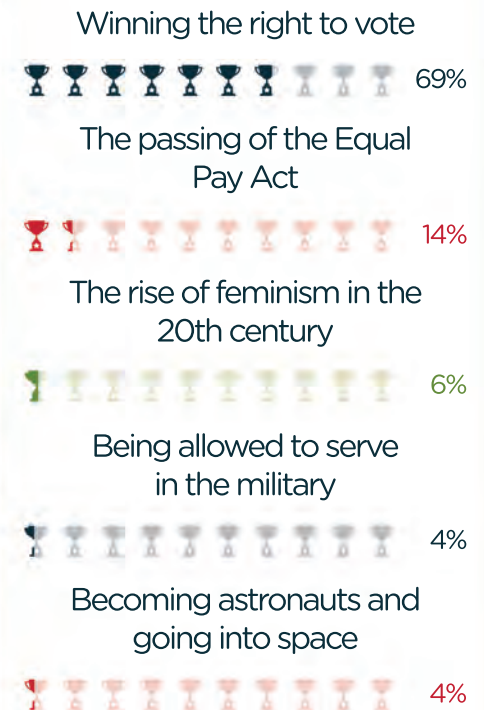


In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female Supreme Court Justice. As of 2015, there are three women serving as Supreme Court Justices.

Holiday Retirement, a provider of more than 300 senior living communities across the United States, surveyed 4,132 of its current female residents\* and gathered their opinions on women's history and where women are headed in the future.

\*Graphic does not represent incomplete answers.

### WHICH HISTORIC EVENT DO YOU THINK WAS THE BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR WOMEN?



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