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Fourteen Points on the National American Woman Suffrage Association

1. *What is the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

A federation of all suffrage organizations in the United States except the Woman's Party.

2. *When was it organized?*

In 1869 the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association were organized; these twenty years later united under the name National American Woman Suffrage Association.

3. *What is its membership?*

About two million.

4. *How does it work?*

Through education of public sentiment, the press, literature, public meetings and house to house visits.

5. *Do its members "picket" the White House, burn the President's speeches, use offensive banners or fight any political party?*

No, its methods are always constructive—The militant tactics are used by an impatient group of young women who think the National American Woman Suffrage Association has been needlessly slow in its accomplishments.

6. *What has the National American Woman Suffrage Association accomplished for woman suffrage?*

Through its affiliated branches it has secured the complete enfranchisement of women in 17 states; the right of women to vote for Presidential Electors in 8 additional states; full suffrage at Primary Elections in two; county, municipal, school and other forms of partial suffrage in 17; resolutions from a large number of Legislatures calling upon the United States Senate to submit the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

7. *Who first had the Federal Suffrage Amendment introduced in Congress?*

The National Woman Suffrage Association in 1878. This Association has had it introduced in every succeeding Congress and its representatives have spoken in its behalf before committees of every Congress.

8. *What is the general policy of this association?*

It is and always has been strictly non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-militant.

9. *Has it ever taken part in election campaigns?*

A State branch has done so occasionally under special provocation in State elections. As a national body it never has taken any part until the congressional campaign of 1918, when an effort was made to prevent the election of two U. S. Senators and the re-election of two, who were opposed to the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

A Democrat and a Republican were defeated for election and the majorities of the other two were greatly reduced.

10. *What is the object of the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

Article II of its constitution says: "The object of this association shall be to secure protection in their right to vote to the women citizens of the United States by appropriate national and state legislation."

Although this is now its sole object, in the early years of its existence it devoted its energies also to amending the laws which denied married women the right to control their own property, collect their wages, have equal guardianship with the father over their children, etc. It has helped every effort toward the establishment of high schools for girls and colleges for women. Indeed the fair status of women under the law in many States is due principally to the activities of this association.

11. *What did the National American Woman Suffrage Association do to support the war?*

At a specially called National Executive meeting held at Washington, February 1917, the services and machinery of its organization were placed at the disposition of the

government, if the country should enter the war, and this offer was officially accepted by the Secretary of War. Each member of the elected Board of eighteen officers engaged in some kind of war service. Three served on the Woman's Committee Council of National Defense, one on the National Board of the Woman's Land Army, one on the National Woman's Committee of the Liberty Loan and resigned in order to work in France, one served in France without resignation and one served on the State Food Administration of New York.

Many state suffrage presidents served on state committees and thousands of its members served in active capacity in every variety of civilian service, from ambulance drivers to writers and lecturers on war education, from munition workers to the secret service.

Not content with these services, the National American Woman Suffrage Association maintained three hospital units in France, a refugee hospital, a gas treatment hospital, and a military unit directly under the French Government.

12. *Where are the Headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association?*

The National maintains Headquarters at 171 Madison Avenue, New York City, and at 1626 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C.

13. *What is the organ of the National?*

The Woman Citizen a weekly magazine, devoted to the advancement of suffrage and other phases of the woman movement, published at 171 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

14. Finally: The National American Woman Suffrage Association stands pledged to a continuance of the work, devoting resources and energy until all women of the United States are enfranchised.

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