

History 3320: U.S. Women's History Since Reconstruction



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Adventurers, entrepreneurs, advocates, mothers, workers, and visionaries, women played myriad roles in shaping the political, economic, and social direction of the United States after the Civil War. How did the status of women shift as the United States moved into a position of global economic and cultural prominence? Should the history of American women in the twentieth century be seen as a story of continual progress or persistent contestation? In exploring these overarching questions, we will look at how women have helped develop and been impacted by gendered conceptions of work, education, family, medicine, science, law, and politics. Through historical documents and scholarly articles, we will see that American women's diverse experience cannot be limited to one vision of citizenship rights, personal liberty, or social justice.