

Anti-Suffrage Broadside from the Women's Anti-Suffrage Association of Massachusetts, 685 Boylston Street, Boston, printed on pink paper. 1915.

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**Dr. ANNA HOWARD SHAW**

President of the National Suffrage Association Says:

**“The Anti-Suffragists are the Home, Heaven and Mother Party.”**

**IF YOU LIKE HOME, HEAVEN AND MOTHER,  
AND ARE GOING OUR WAY, JOIN US!**

**IF YOU ARE GOING THE OTHER WAY,  
JOIN THE SUFFRAGISTS.**

Issued by Women's Anti-Suffrage Association of Massachusetts  
Mrs. John Balch, President  
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## **Women Suffrage and Taxation.**

Ask Suffragists Who Demand the Vote “Because  
Women Pay Taxes:”

ISN'T IT TRUE that the woman taxpayer gets for her taxes exactly what the male taxpayer gets—**Public Improvement and Protection of Life and Property?**

ISN'T IT TRUE that the interests of **all taxpayers** in the same community are **identical**, and that the **male taxpayers** can't represent **themselves** without representing the **women taxpayers** as well?

ISN'T IT TRUE that because of its great injustice, **the property qualification for voters was abolished in Massachusetts nearly half a century ago?**

ISN'T IT TRUE that if women should vote **because** they pay taxes, then **all other taxpayers should vote for the same reason?**

ISN'T IT TRUE that aliens and minors pay taxes on millions of dollars in Massachusetts, and are yet **justly deprived of the vote?**

ISN'T IT TRUE that a man may hold property and pay taxes in a hundred different towns in Massachusetts, and yet can vote in only one?

ISN'T IT TRUE that the one where he votes may be the only municipality in which he does not pay taxes?

ISN'T IT TRUE that if voting and taxpaying went together, a man should have a vote in every community where he paid taxes?

ISN'T IT TRUE that a system of government in which the vote was based on property would give the rich a power over the poor that would destroy democratic government and establish in its place an oligarchy?

**DON'T BE DECEIVED BY THIS SUFFRAGE SLOGAN, "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS TYRANNY." The REALTYRANNY WOULD BE A VOTE BASED ON PROPERTY.**

**Vote "NO" on Woman Suffrage, Nov. 2, 1915.**

WOMEN'S ANTI-SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS  
685 Boylston St., Boston

Mrs. John Balch, President  
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Pamphlet (excerpts)

Some CATHOLIC Views on WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Issued by  
**The National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage**  
37 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York City

**James, Cardinal Gibbons**

"Equal rights do not imply that both sexes should engage promiscuously in the same pursuits, but that each should discharge those duties which are adapted to its physical constitution. The insistence on a right of participation in active political life is undoubtedly calculated to rob woman of all that is amiable and gentle, tender and attractive; to rob her of her grace of character and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and effrontery. Its advocates are habitually preaching about women's rights and prerogatives, and have not a word to say about her duties and responsibilities. They withdraw her from those obligations which properly belong to her sex and fill her with ambition to usurp positions for which neither God nor nature ever intended her.

"When I deprecate female suffrage I am pleading for the dignity of woman, I am contending for her honor, I am striving to perpetuate those peerless prerogatives inherent in her sex, those charms and graces which

exalt womankind and make her the ornament and coveted companion of man. Woman is queen indeed but her empire is the domestic kingdom. The greatest political triumphs she would achieve in public life fade into insignificance compared with the serene glory which radiates from the domestic shrine and which she illuminates and warms by her conjugal and motherly virtues. If she is ambitious of the dual empire of public and private life, then like the fabled dog beholding his image in the water, she will lose both, she will fall from the lofty pedestal where nature and Christianity have placed her and will fail to grasp the scepter of political authority from the strong hand of her male competitor.”

*(From an open letter made public through the press June 28, 1915.)*

JOHN, CARDINAL FARLEY

“I think it is best for all women to leave to man politics, and, as far as possible, the affairs of government. It is my belief that women will soon tire of the ballot in states in which they have secured it. A fad, I do not believe it will last.”

*(From a newspaper interview in Los Angeles.)*

RT. REV. JOHN S. FOLEY, BISHOP OF DETROIT

“The political arena is not the place for the highest development of all that is best in woman. Nothing but degradation [sic] can come from placing gentlewoman in the voting places to come in contact with all sorts and conditions of men. No good can be accomplished by merely placing the ballot in the hands of women, and the evils which will certainly result will make every husband and father who has respect for the women of his family regret that woman suffrage was ever adopted.”

*(From a newspaper interview in Detroit.)*

SEBASTIAN GEBHARD MESSMER, ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

“The theory that demands equal rights between the sexes must be denied absolutely. It is a mistake to say equal rights instead of similar rights, for women have certain rights that men have not, and men have certain rights that women have not. In regard to politics, why should women have equal rights? Politics means the ruling of nations, and no one who understands this would demand equal rights. Equal rights would interfere with woman’s calling. It would destroy her influence on mankind. The modern women’s question is the outcome of the French Revolution.”

*(From an address on “Woman’s Rights.”)*

HENRY MOELLER, ARCHBISHOP OF CINCINNATI

“It is a movement that does not appeal to us, because we feel that it will bring women into a sphere of activities that is not in accord with their retiring modesty, maidenly dignity and refinement. We fear that suffrage women will cease to be queens of the home. Let the women devote themselves, as far as their duties permit, to works of charity for which nature has so well fitted them. It is not infrequently happens that owing to apathy and indifference, measures have been carried that have not the proper endorsement. Pastors might urge the women from the pulpit to declare themselves in regard to this matter when the opportunity presents itself.”

*(From a letter to the clergy of his diocese.)*