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# How the West Was First: Why Did Suffrage Succeed?

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**DIRECTIONS:** Order the following statements from 1 to 10, with 1 being the most likely reason why women's suffrage succeeded in the West first and 10 being the least likely reason.

***Woman suffrage succeeded in the West first because:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ the lawlessness rampant on the frontier led citizens to consider revising their laws. Women were thought to be a “civilizing” influence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the rugged landscape encouraged rugged individualism.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the sort of person who would travel West was by nature independent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the politicians representing states in the West—which were relatively young and under-populated—wanted as many voters as possible to give their state some power on the national scene.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the mythic nature of the West impelled its citizens to dream big.
- \_\_\_\_\_ pioneer husbands and wives had come to rely on and truly value one another.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the loneliness of living on the frontier encouraged women to seek, whenever possible, the company of other women, creating a grassroots movement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the hope that Western politics would be more open to experimentation spurred women to work hard for suffrage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the female pioneers had worked so hard to survive and thrive, they felt they deserved equality.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the desire to limit the spread of slavery to new territories had made allies of the abolitionists and the suffragists.

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# Is It Something Particular for Each State?

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the data for the state you researched. Then, as presentations by fellow students are made, fill in the other data whenever possible (there may not be information for every category for every state).

	Forces For Voting Rights	Forces Against Voting Rights	Representative Person For Voting Rights	Representative Person Against Voting Rights	Arguments for Voting Rights	Arguments Against Voting Rights
Wyoming						
Colorado						
Utah						
Washington						
California						
Oregon						
Kansas						
Texas						