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The social movement I have chosen to do my course project on is the Women's Rights Movement. The reason I have decided to do my project on the Women’s Rights Movement is because firstly I am a women and because women in the past have had to do a lot to become seen as equal to men. I picked this movement because I feel I will find it most interesting to learn about. As of right now I do not know a whole lot about the Women’ Rights Movement but I am excited to learn. Some of the things I do know or assume about this movement is that women had to stand up to fight for things such as equal pay and maternity leave.

While doing some research on the Rasmussen student library I have learned that the Women’s Rights Movement influenced women’s concept of their rule in the 19th-century. “During and following the Civil War, the women's rights movement was also closely allied with the constitutional reform movement, though unsuccessful in its goal of woman suffrage. And finally, during the 1870's, the women's rights movement became deeply involved in the interpretation of constitutional rights and moved toward greater political activism (DuBois, 1820-1878).

I have also learned that women stood up in support of abortion rights and the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act during a 1992 rally in Washington, DC (Fried, 2013). I have never put much thought into before but I am glad that women have stood up for all women so that I can today have equal rights. I feel like women should be able to choose what happens to their bodies.

Another article I found I found to be very interesting and knowledgeable about the Women’s Rights Movement. I have learned that upon ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote, a few states assumed that women’s citizenship rights would automatically be extended to the jury box. But the majority of states continued to deny women access to this fundamental right. (Benford, 2015)

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