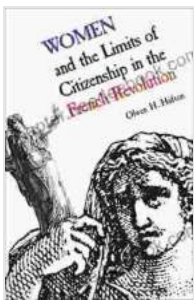


# Women and the Limits of Citizenship in the French Revolution's Heritage 1789

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This article will explore the limits of citizenship for women in the French Revolution and the ways in which their experiences have shaped the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

## Women's Participation in the Revolution

Women played a vital role in the French Revolution. They participated in political protests, riots, and demonstrations. They also formed their own organizations, such as the Society of Republican Women, to advocate for their rights.

One of the most famous examples of women's participation in the Revolution was the Women's March on Versailles in October 1789. This march, which was organized by the Society of Republican Women, demanded that the royal family be brought back to Paris and that the king be forced to accept the revolutionary reforms.

Women also played a significant role in the defense of the Revolution during the Reign of Terror. They participated in the revolutionary militias and fought alongside men on the front lines.

### **The Limits of Citizenship for Women**

Despite their active participation in the Revolution, women were not granted the same political rights as men. The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, which was adopted by the National Assembly in 1789, declared that all men were equal before the law and had the right to vote and hold office.

However, women were not included in this declaration. They were considered to be inferior to men and were not seen as capable of exercising political power.

This exclusion from political rights was justified by a number of arguments. One argument was that women were naturally subordinate to men. Another

argument was that women were too emotional and irrational to be trusted with political power.

These arguments were used to justify a wide range of discriminatory laws and practices against women. Women were not allowed to own property, vote, or hold office. They were also subject to legal restrictions on their personal lives, such as the requirement that they obtain their husband's permission to travel or work.

## **The Legacy of the Revolution for Women**

The French Revolution had a profound impact on women's rights. The ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity inspired women to demand their own rights and freedoms.

However, the Revolution also left a legacy of discrimination against women. The exclusion of women from political power and the justification of this exclusion based on gender stereotypes have continued to shape women's experiences in society.

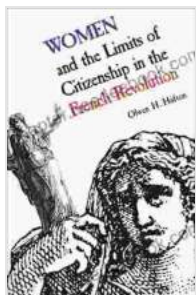
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The legacy of the Revolution for women is a complex one. The ideals of the Revolution inspired women to demand their own rights and freedoms. However, the Revolution also left a legacy of discrimination against women that continues to shape women's experiences in society today.

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