

Collection Summary

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Title: League of Women Voters Collection

Extent: 7 Boxes

Span Dates: 1940s – 1990s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Various

Abstract: The League of Women Voters Collection consists of newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, minutes, and other items about the League of Women Voters group in Evansville, IN and Washington, D.C. from 1949 to 1997.

Historical Notes: Carrie Chapman Catt established the League of Women Voters in 1920 during the National American Women Suffrage Association. “The League began as a ‘mighty political experiment’ designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy. From the beginning, the League started as a grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.”

- **Sources:** [League of Women Voters: History](#)

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: Local Organizations; Local K-12 Education; Local Government; Local Politics; American History

Related Materials: Business and Industry; Clubs and Organizations; Education; Government and Politics; Healthcare; History; Nature and the Environment; Photographs; Publications; Regional History; Related Materials -- 1901-1950; Related Materials -- 1951-2000; Related Materials -- n.d.; Special Collections

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