

WOMEN'S RIGHTS/ROLES

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5 most important facts

- ❑ On August 18, 1920 the 19th amendment was passed. This is the amendment that gave women the right to vote.
- ❑ When all the men went to war, the number of working women increased by 25%.
- ❑ Women wore less skirts and corsets and started dressing more conveniently.
- ❑ Divorce became easier and numbers in divorce rate doubled.
- ❑ 'Flappers' defied acceptable behavior and started smoking, dancing, etc. in public.

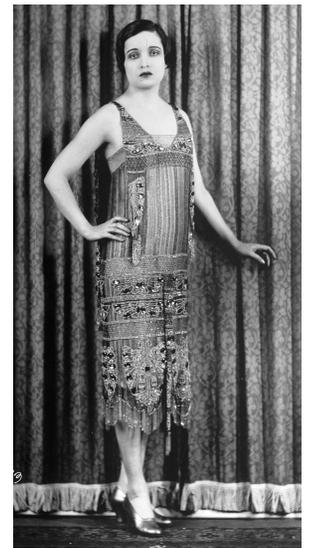
The Flapper

The “flapper” style was a turning point for American Women.

A flapper was a representation of rebellion, and were often looked down upon in society as breaking their “lady-like” standards.

Their dresses got shorter, they cut their hair, smoked, danced, and

Overall became more independent from men.



Style



The 19th Amendment

The 19th Amendment (1920) to the Constitution of the United States provides men and women with equal voting rights. The **amendment** states that the right of citizens to vote "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Divorce

Divorce was easier and the number of divorces doubled.

Women did not want to stay home and put up with bad husbands.

Charts show that divorces declined at the beginning of the 1920s to 7 divorces per thousand married women per year. During the last half of the decade it increased to 8 divorces per thousand marriages a year.

Working Women

For single women there was a big increase in employment in this era. (teachers, social workers, nurses, librarians)

If you were a married woman it was harder to find jobs, and only 10% of women worked outside their homes.

Textile Mills were one type of factory that women could almost always find a job.

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