

Strengthened Democracy:

Abolition

- Can petition, protest, and organize to appeal one's opinion
- Attracted members of all race, sex, and color
- had some victories (list)

Women's Rights

- Intermingled with abolitionist movement
- Different opinions encouraged debate
- Encouraged education, which would increase democracy

Weakened Democracy:

Abolition

- Resorting to violence in order to get point across
- Racism and discrimination within movement itself
- Hated by the public, attacked - resistance to change to tradition - Gag Rule

Women's Rights

- Tradition set in stone, suffrage will take a VERY long time
- Cult of Domesticity, coverture - inhibited women from public speaking
- Split - many women opposed reform and most knew only the role of mother