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Women's suffrage is the right of women to vote in elections. Historically, women rarely had the right to  
vote, even in ostensibly democratic systems of government. This shifted in the late 19th century when  
women's suffrage was accomplished in Australasia, then Europe, and then the Americas. By the middle  
of the 20th century, women's suffrage had been established as a norm of democratic governance.  
Extended political campaigns by women and their supporters pla