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Catt says the first reason women suffrage will happened is because of America’s history. Catt explains that our countries are born from two principles. One is “Taxation without representation is tyranny” and the other is “Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed”. Catt argues that if taxation gives you representation, then why are women still being taxed if they do not get any representation and women also have no choice is government matters which goes against the second principle. Another reason women suffrage is inevitable is because America’s leadership is made to allow women to vote. Catt argues that the “American Principles” are now the worlds political movements. Every country is moving to allow men and women to vote in all countries. Catt also explains that now that the world is not being threatened by war, the world now must struggle with the definition of independence. The last reason Catt gives is that if some women have the right to vote in America than all women will eventually have the right to vote. Catt’s reasoning is from Elihu Root who said, “The world cannot be half democratic and half autocratic. It must be all democratic or all Prussian. There can be no compromise” and from this, Catt argues that our government cannot continue to follow the consent of only half of the nation. The only thing now is to wait. I think Catt wants her audience to fell that women’s right to vote will come no matter what and what is the point of waiting on something that would follow the American principles and better America as a democratic nation.