



## Source 9

## Task

**9a** Why did Benjamin Disraeli believe that women should have the vote?

**9b** Why do you think he made this speech?



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**This is part of speech made by Benjamin Disraeli, the leader of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons in April 1866. He was speaking during a debate on the Second Reform Bill.**

I say that in a country governed by a woman - where you allow women to form part of the other estate of the realm - peeresses in their own right for example - where you allow a woman not only to hold land, but to be a lady of the manor and hold legal courts - where a woman by law may be a churchwarden and overseer of the poor - I do not see, when she has so much to do with the state and the Church, on what reasons, if you come to right, she has not a right to vote.