

VOTING RIGHTS

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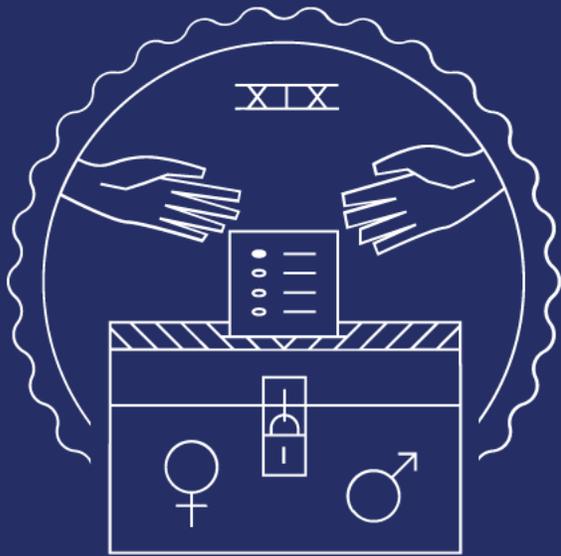
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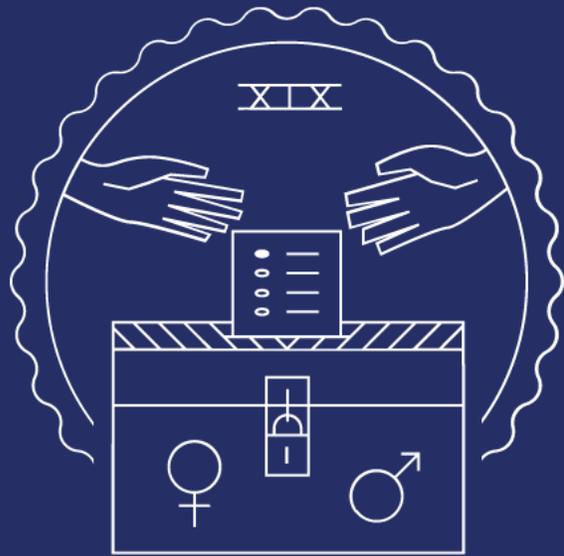


“A vote is the best way of getting the kind of country and the kind of world you want.”

HARRY TRUMAN

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THE CONSTITUTION AND VOTING

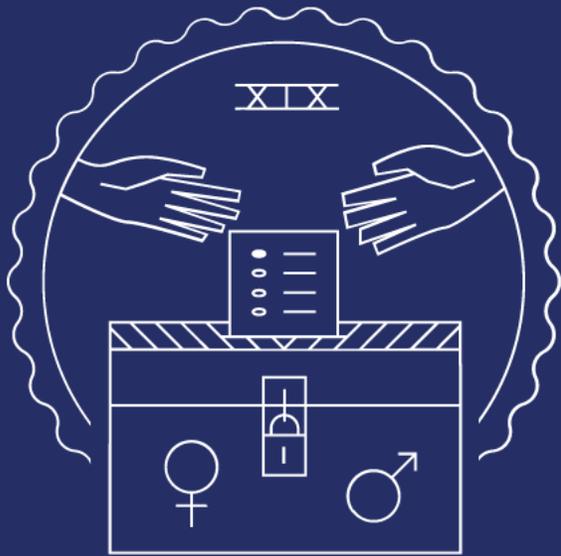
- Article I, Section 2
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- 12th Amendment
- 14th Amendment
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- 19th Amendment
- 23rd Amendment
- 24th Amendment
- 26th Amendment

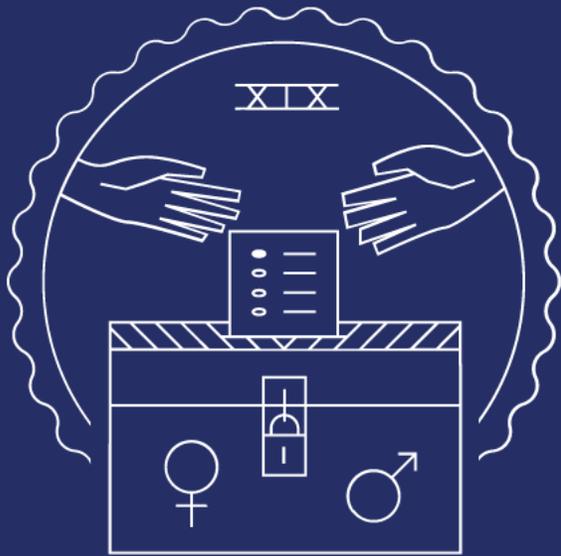


THE 14TH AMENDMENT

Section 1

ALL PERSONS BORN OR NATURALIZED IN THE UNITED STATES, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are **CITIZENS** of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the **PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES** of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without **DUE PROCESS** of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the **EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS**.



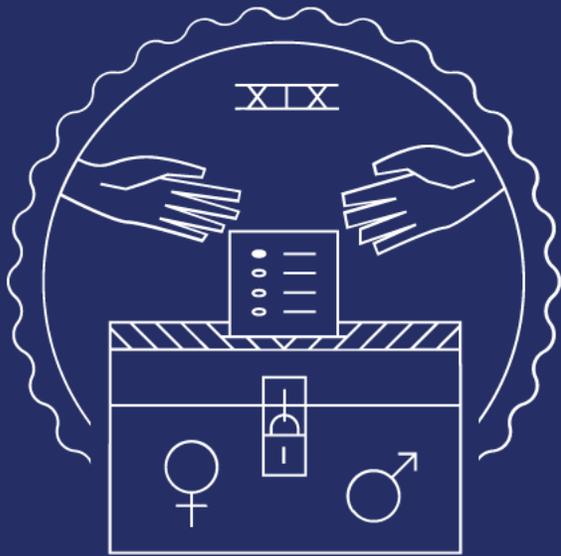


THE 15TH AMENDMENT

The **RIGHT** of citizens of the United States to **VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED** or abridged by the United States or by any State **ON ACCOUNT OF RACE**, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



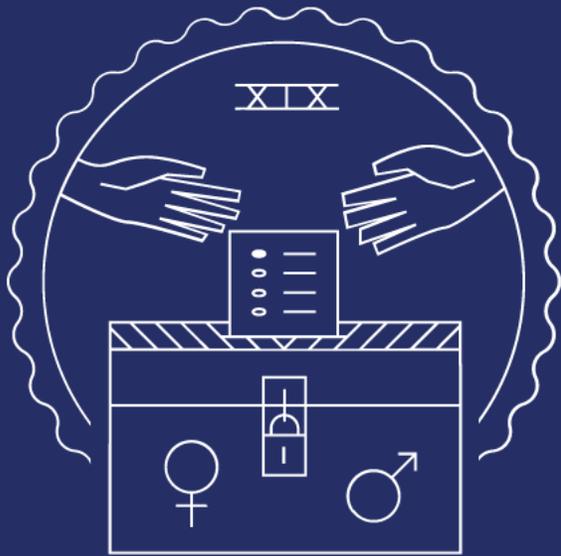


THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The **RIGHT** of citizens of the United States to **VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED** or abridged by the United States or by any State **ON ACCOUNT OF SEX**

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



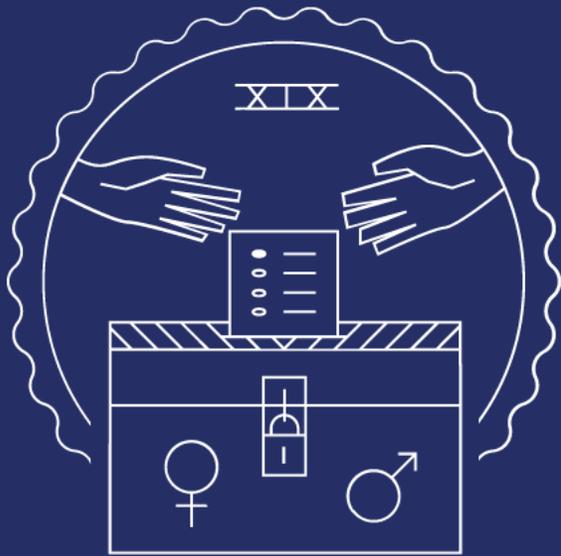


THE 24TH AMENDMENT

The **RIGHT** of citizens of the United States to **VOTE** in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, **SHALL NOT BE DENIED** or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



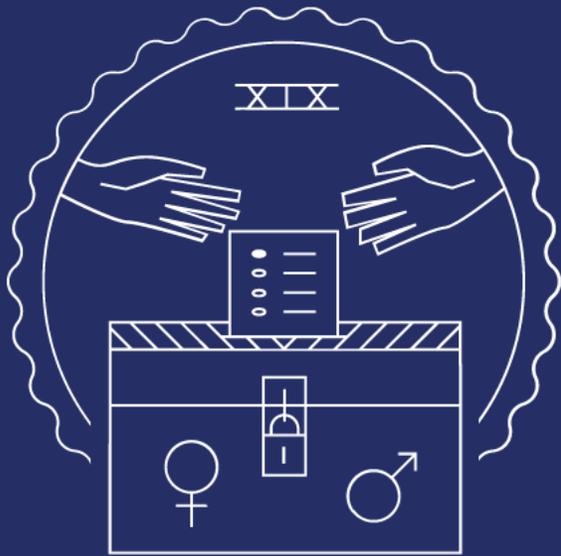


THE 26TH AMENDMENT

The **RIGHT** of citizens of the United States, who are **EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE** or older, to **VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED** or abridged by the United States or by any State **ON ACCOUNT OF AGE**.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

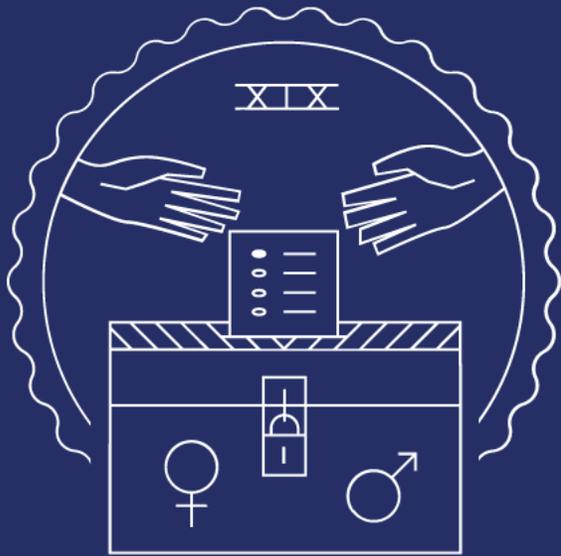




BIG QUESTIONS:

- What does the Original Constitution say about voting rights?
- How did constitutional amendments transform the Constitution and its relationship to voting?
- What are the relative roles of the national government and the states in this context?

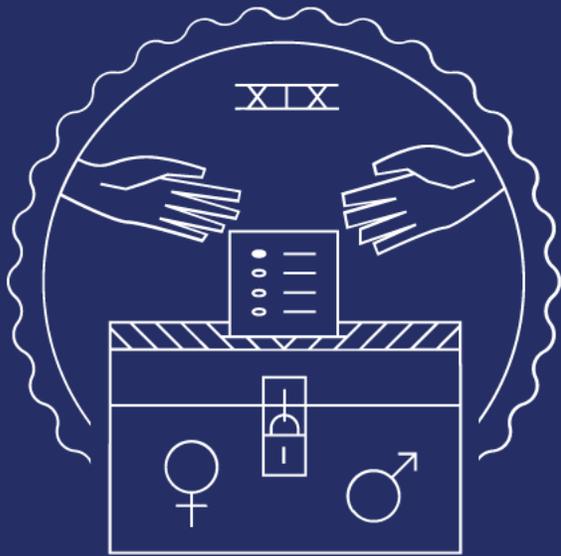




DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE 1776

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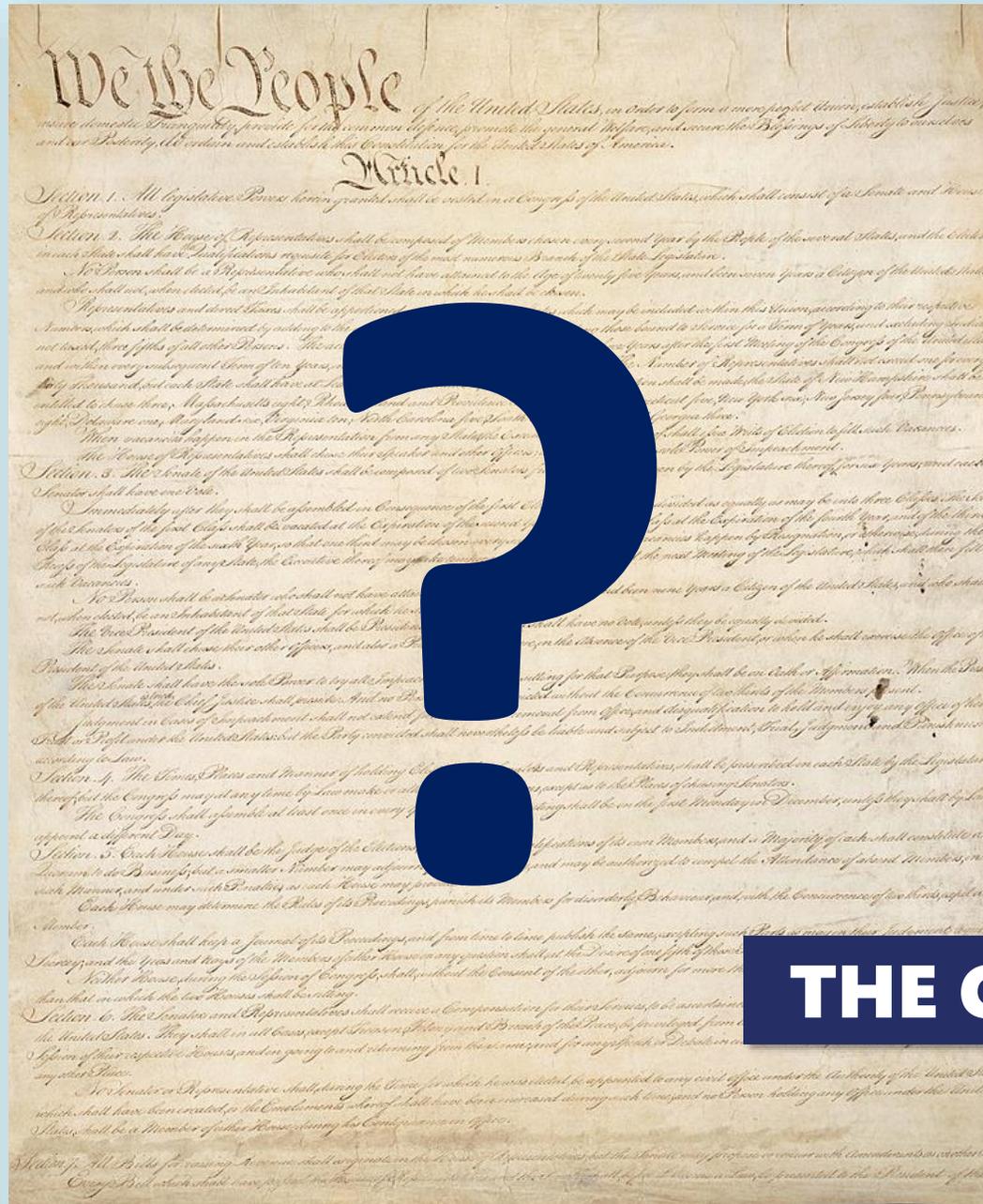
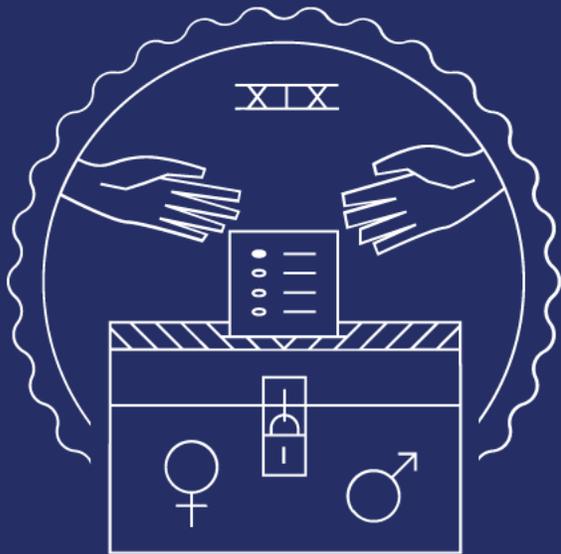


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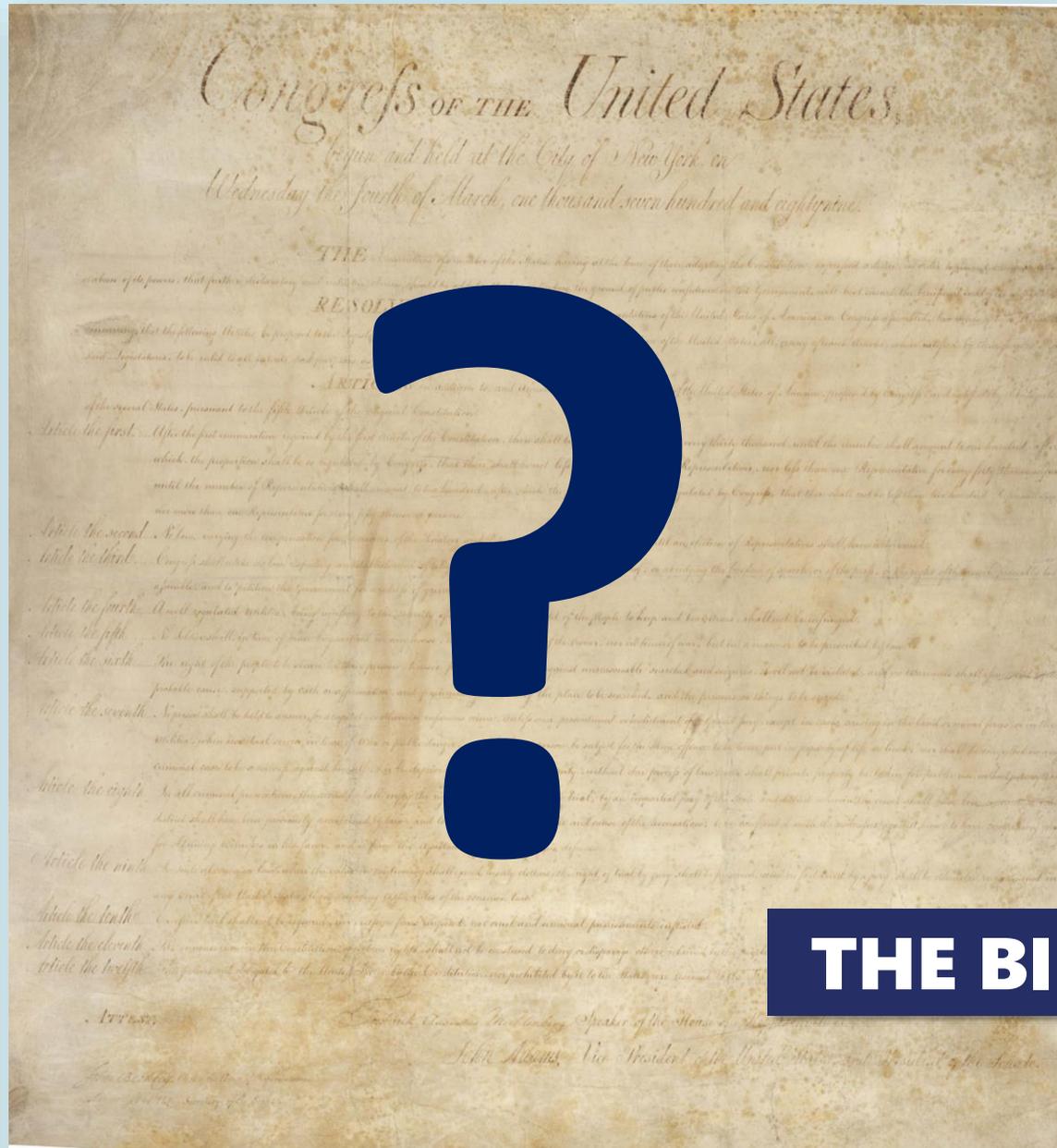
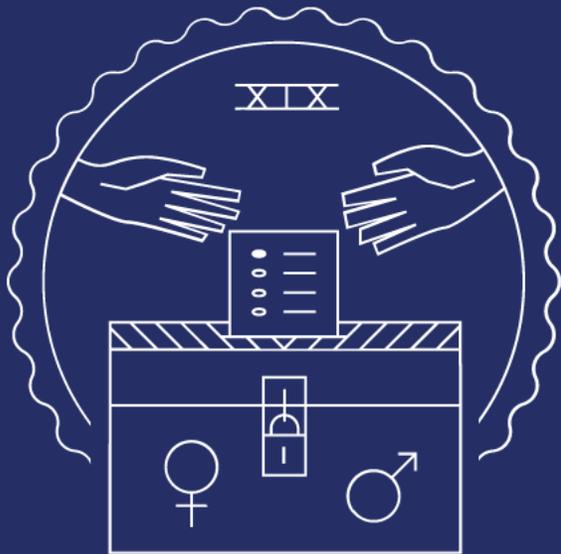
THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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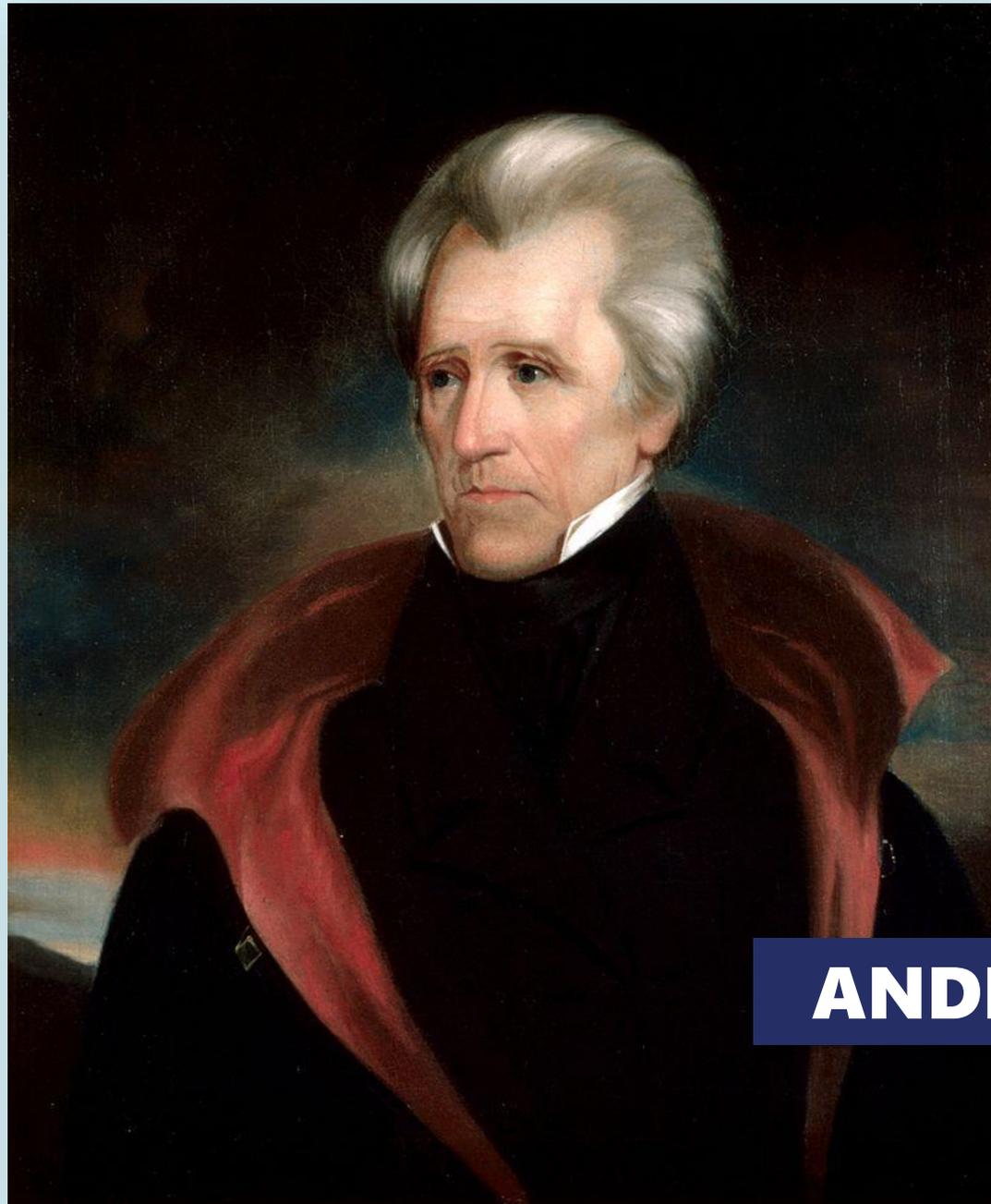
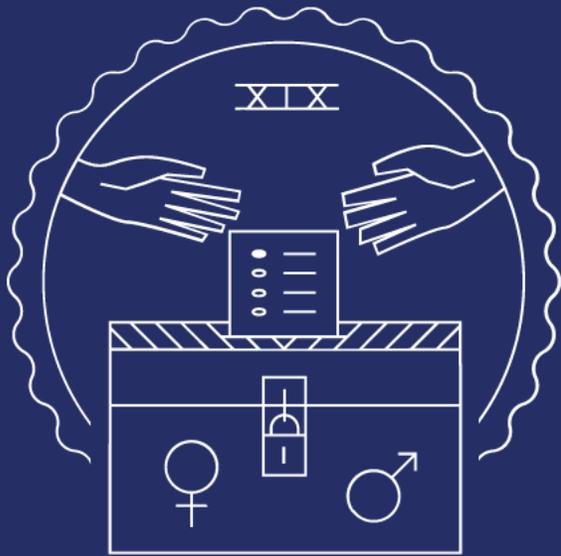
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THE BILL OF RIGHTS

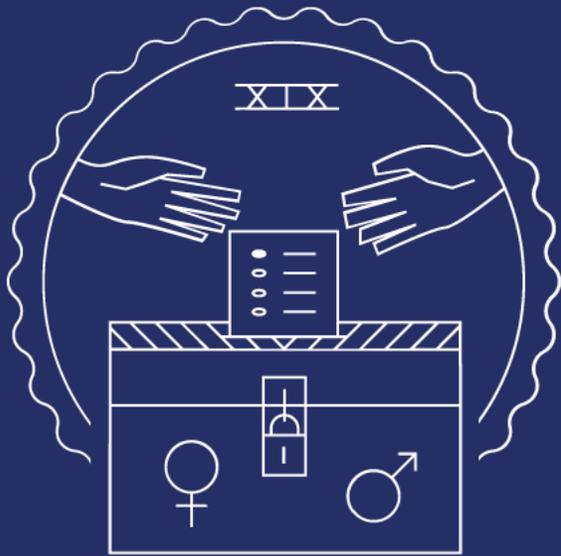




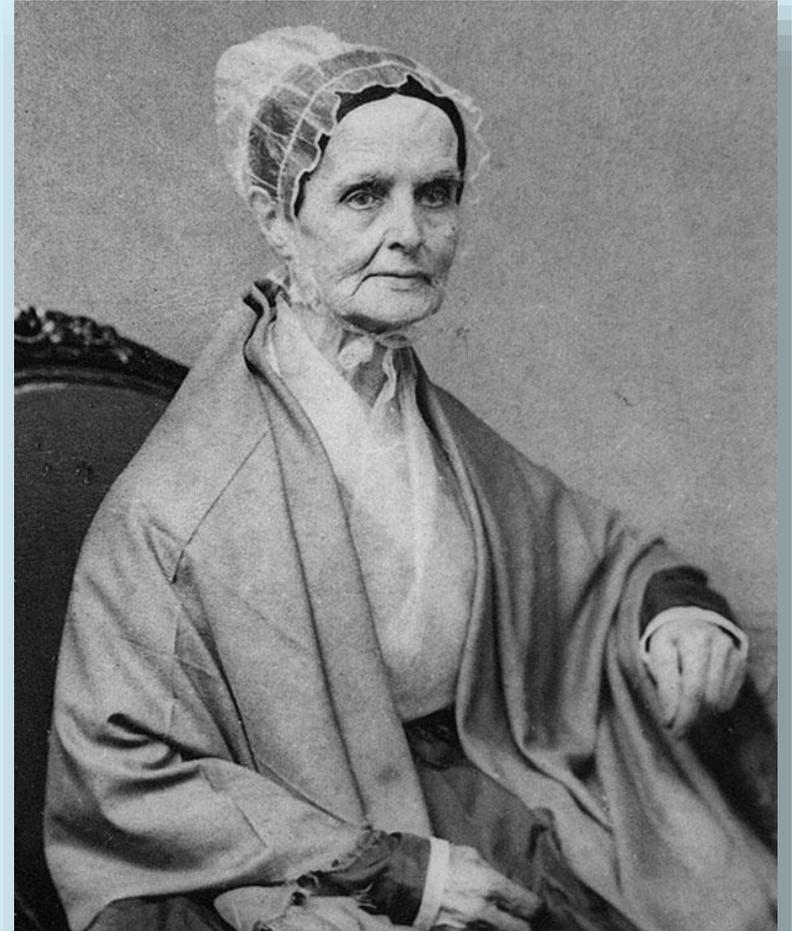
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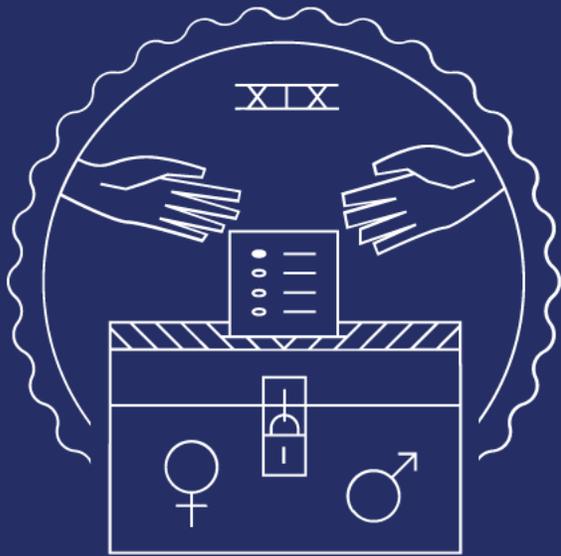
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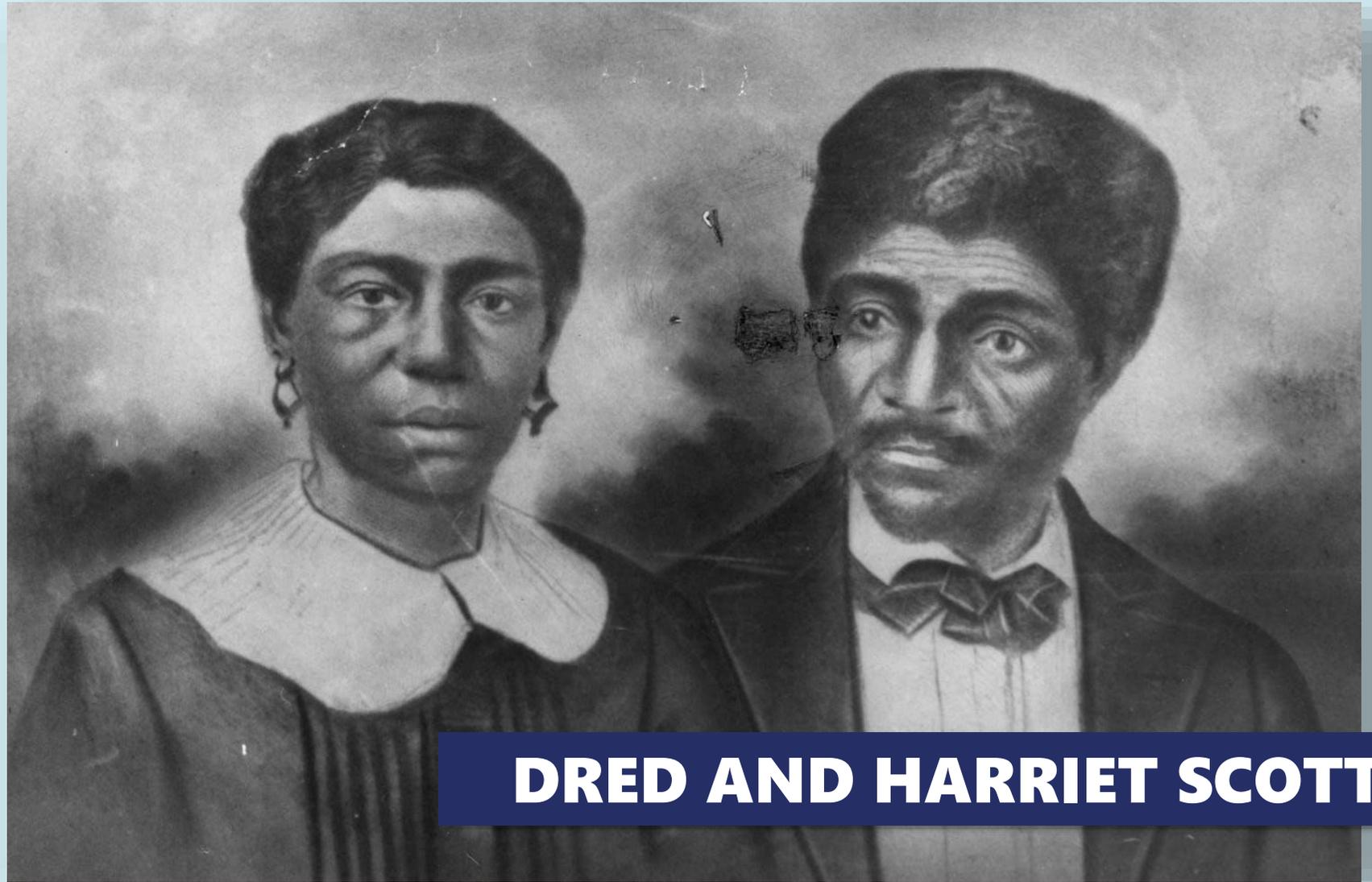
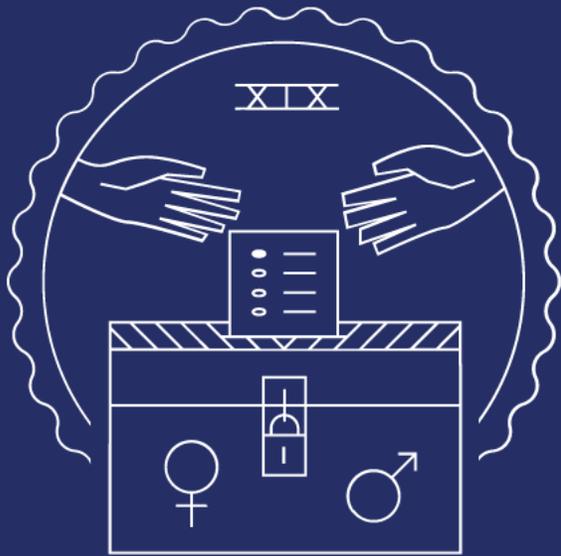


THE DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS

“We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men **AND WOMEN** are created equal.”

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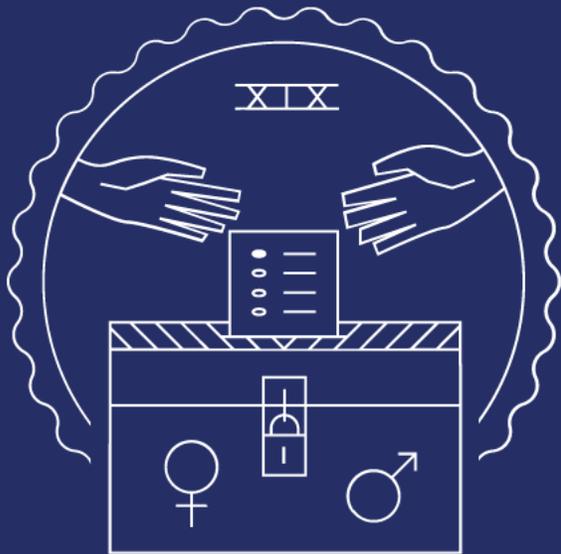




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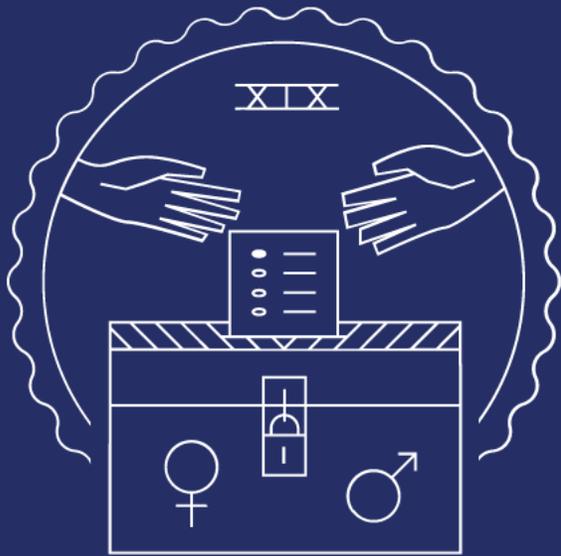


SCOTT V. SANDFORD

Dissenting:

“Our independence was a great epoch in the history of freedom, and while I admit the Government was not made especially for [African Americans], yet many of them were citizens of the New England States, and exercised, the rights of suffrage when the Constitution was adopted, and it was not doubted by any intelligent person that its tendencies would greatly ameliorate their condition.”





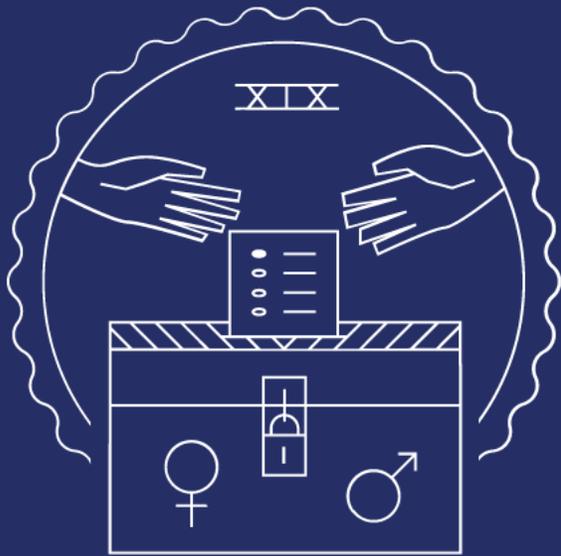
SCOTT V. SANDFORD

Dissenting:

“several of the States have admitted persons of color to the right of suffrage, and, in this view, have recognized them as citizens, and this has been done in the slave as well as the free States.”

JUSTICE JOHN MCLEAN





SCOTT V. SANDFORD

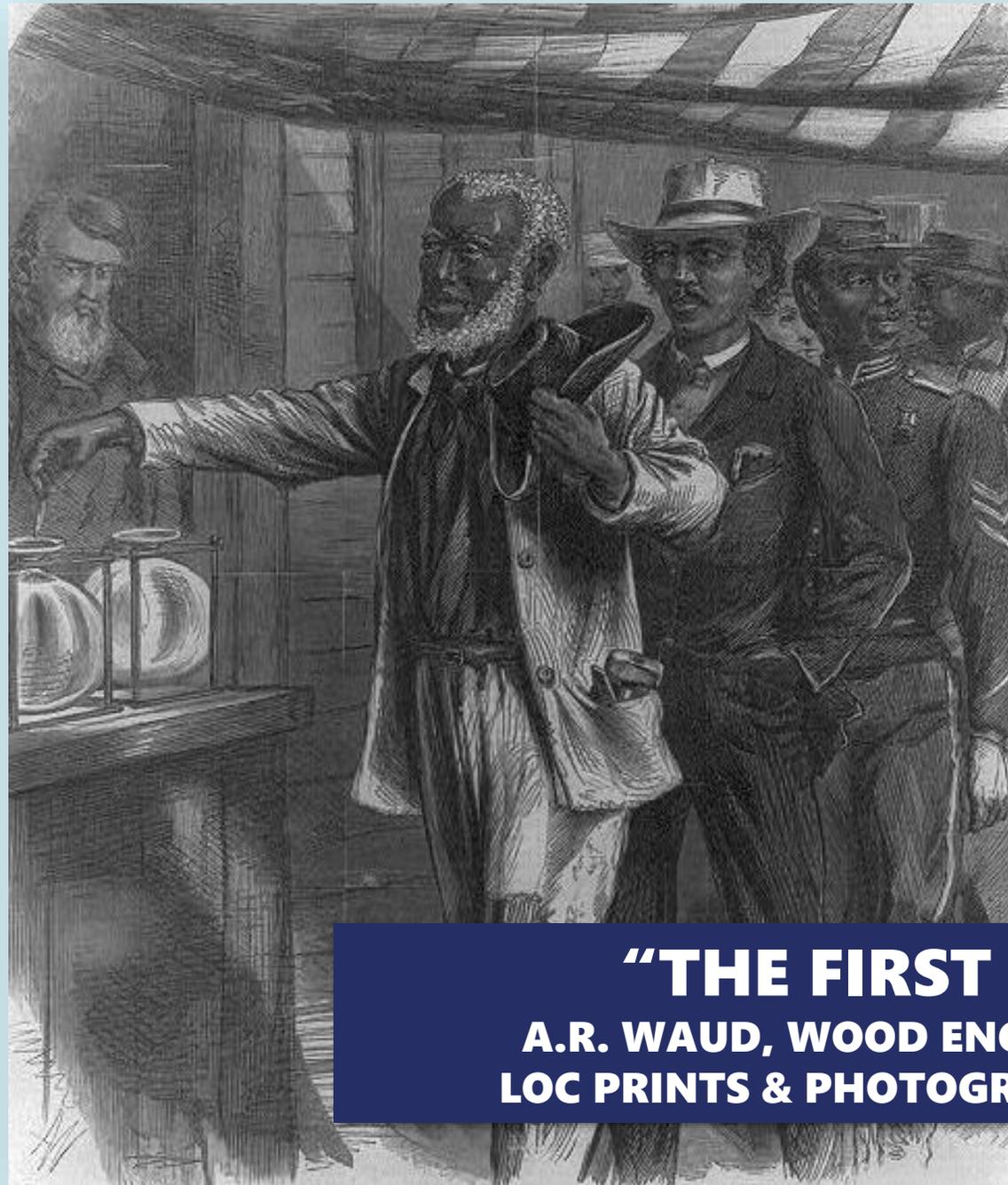
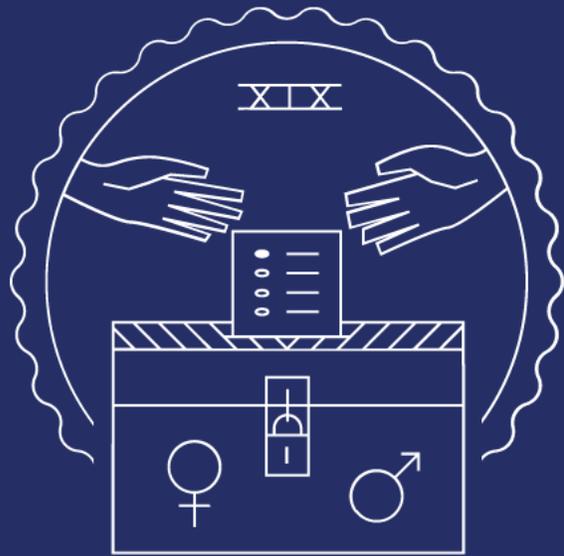
Dissenting:

“[African American], in common with white, persons, were not only citizens of those States, but entitled to the elective franchise on the same qualifications as white persons, as they now are in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.”

JUSTICE BENJAMIN ROBBINS CURTIS

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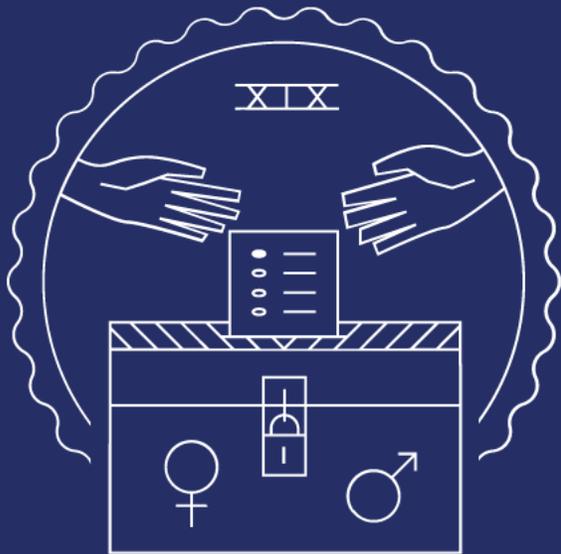




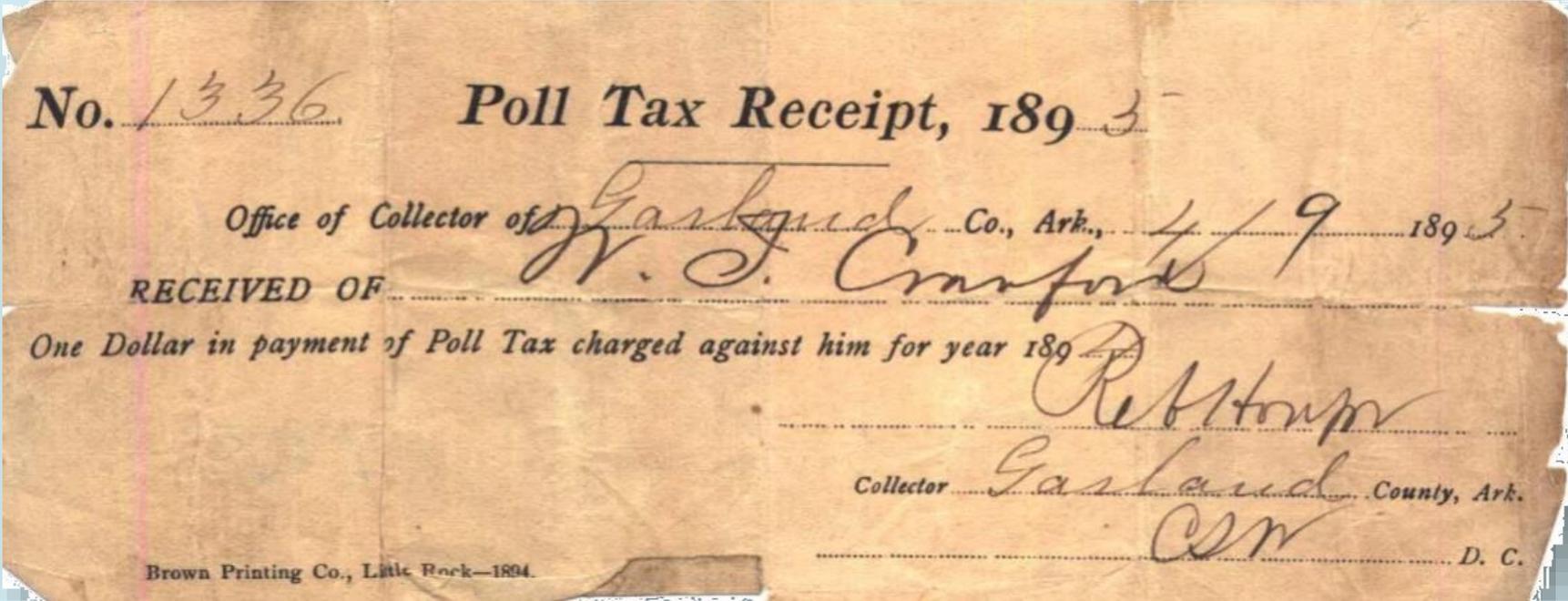
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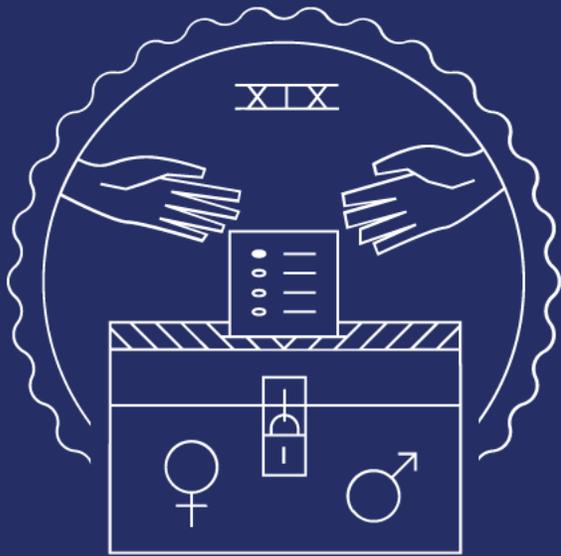


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SUPPRESSING THE VOTE





INDIAN CITIZEN ACT OF 1924

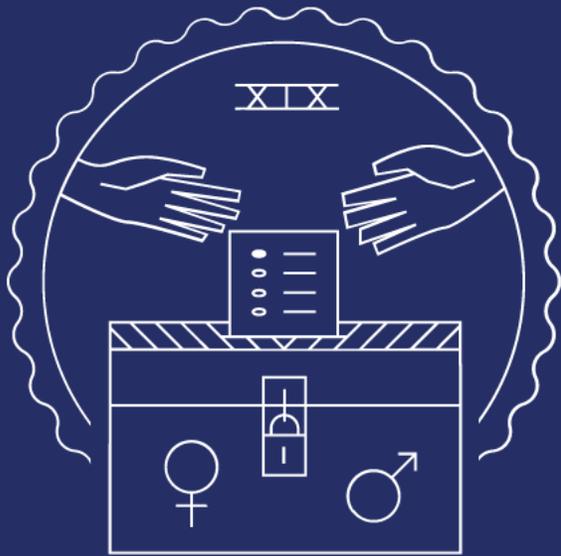


**CALVIN COOLIDGE WITH MEMBERS
OF THE OSAGE NATION, 1924**

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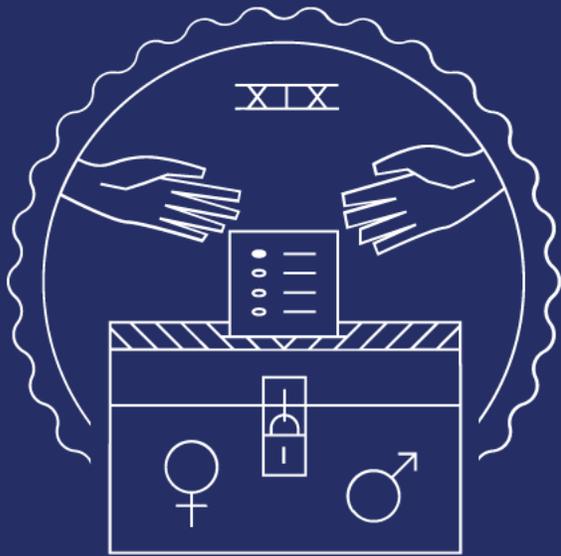
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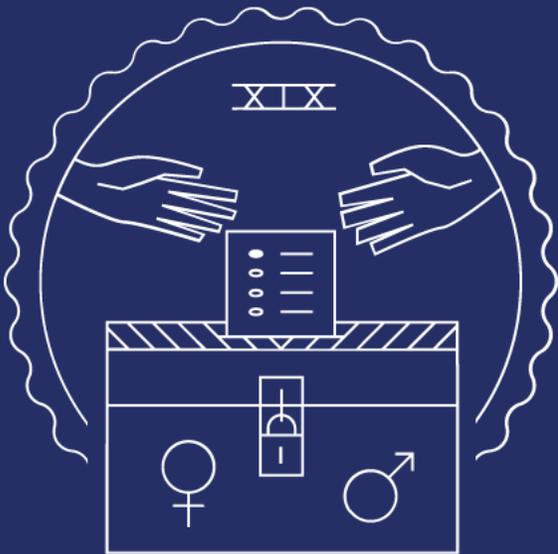
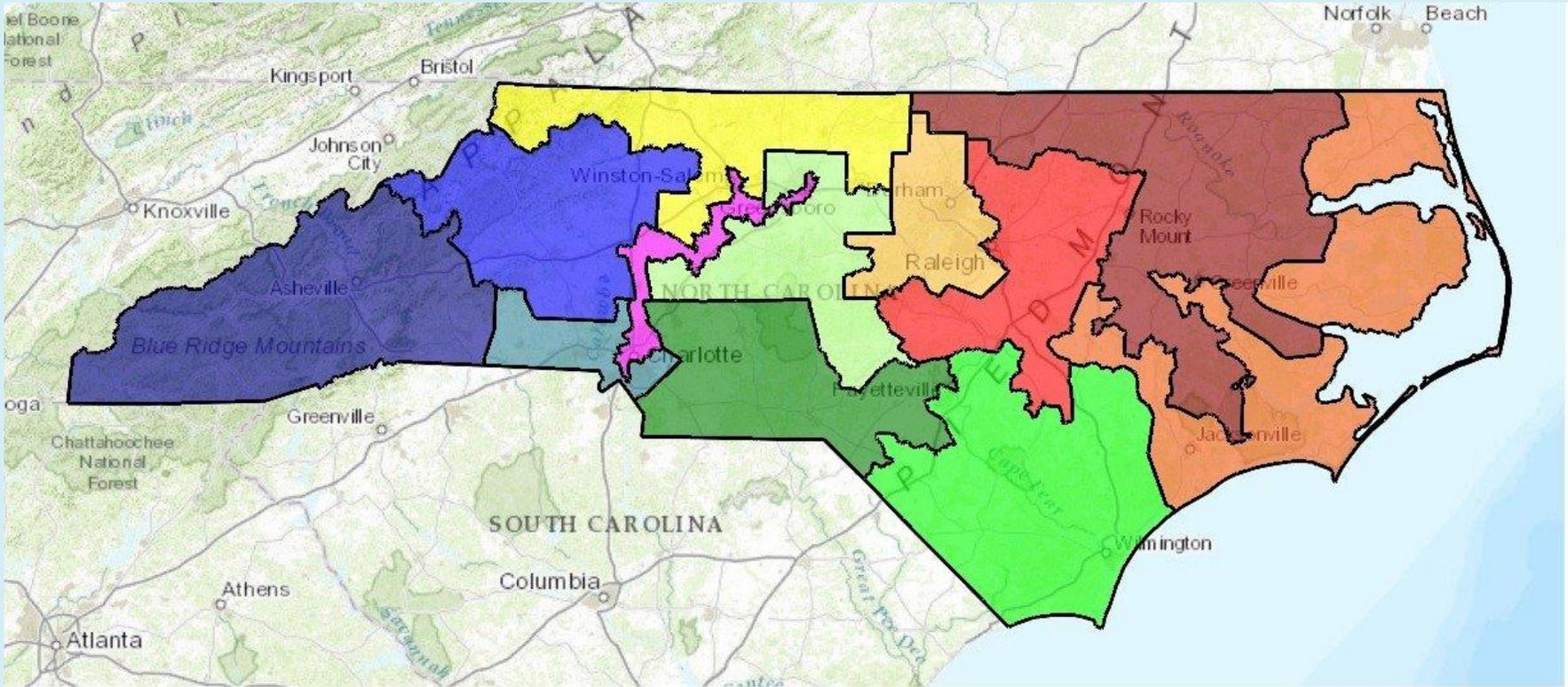
REYNOLDS V. SIMS



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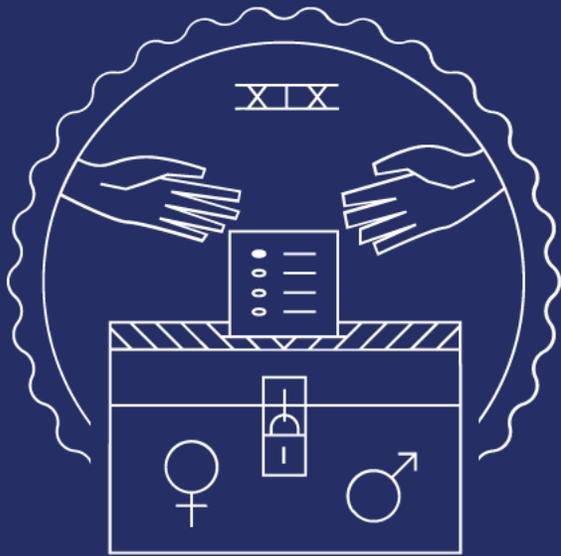


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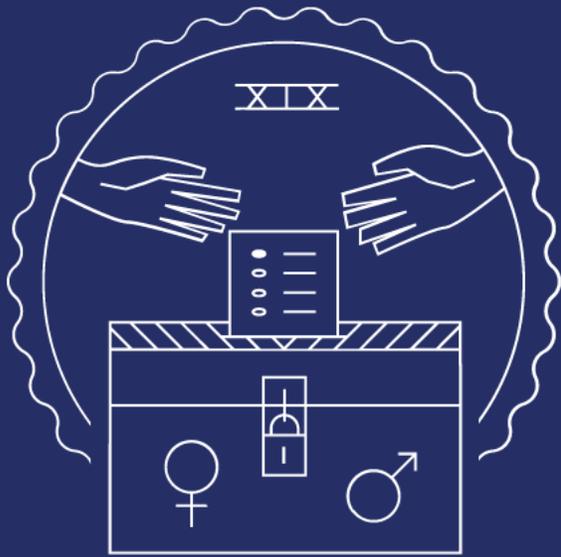
VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965



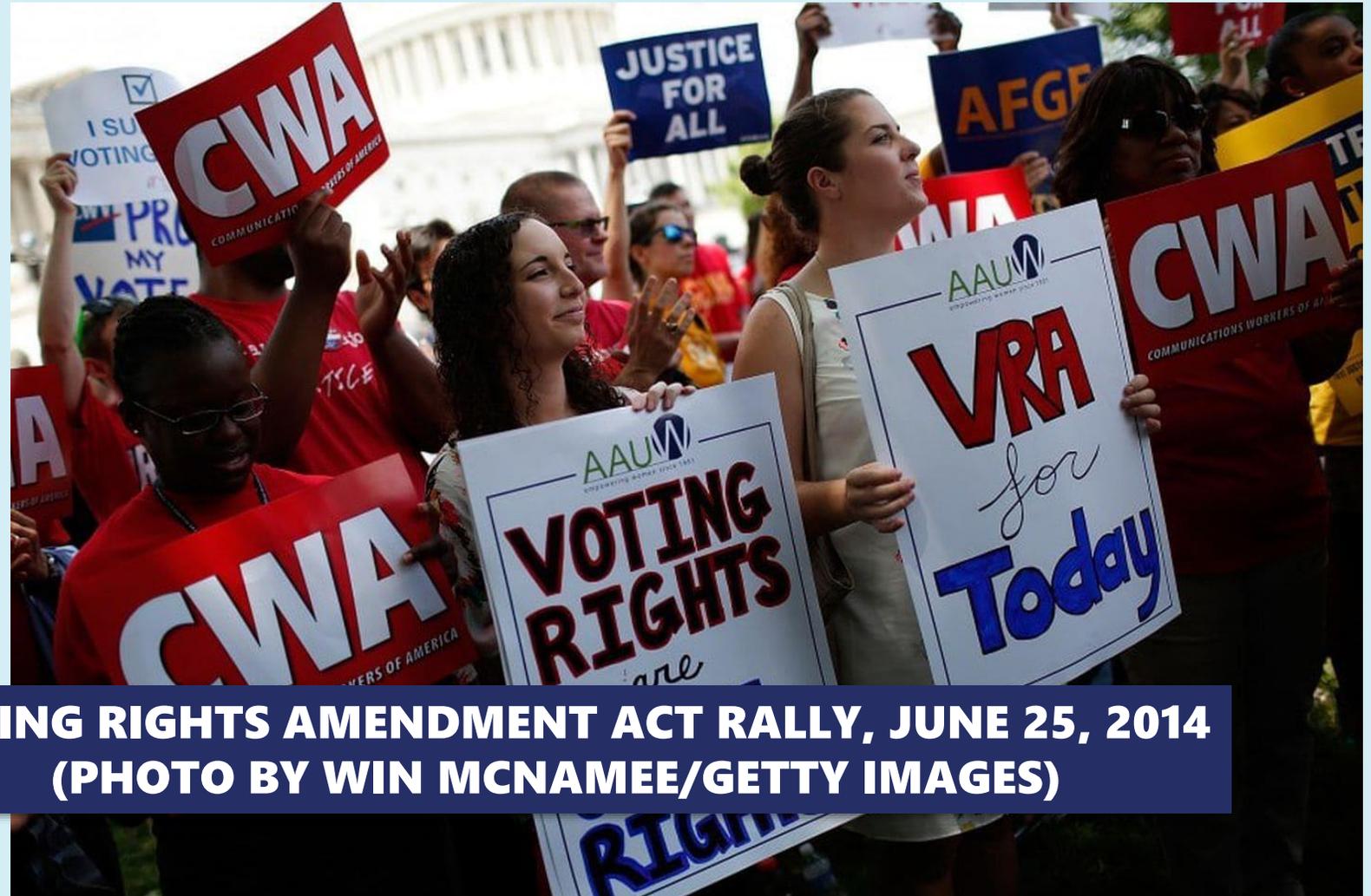
**LYNDON JOHNSON AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
AT THE SIGNING OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, 1965**

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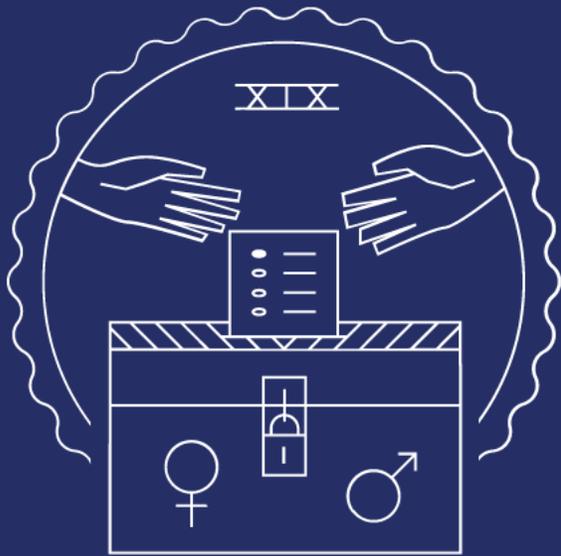
SHELBY COUNTY V. HOLDER



**VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT RALLY, JUNE 25, 2014
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