

Chapter 17

The Progressive Era

Section 2: Women in Public Life



Women at Work

- Region and Class determine “work” for women
 - Midwestern & Southern women :
 - City women work outside the home
 - 20% :
 - 25% :
 - 50% in :
 - Paid less than men
 - Excluded :
 - Educated women work in :



Women at Work

- Domestic Workers
 - African American women
 - Most of the almost 1 million who worked:
 - Immigrant women
 - Take in:



Education for Women

- Colleges
 - Vassar = :
 - Smith and Wellesley colleges - 1875
- Marriage
 - “Boston Marriages”
 - ~1/2 college educated women never married
 - Many helped :



Women and Reform

- “Social Housekeeping”:



- NACW
 - African American women



Suffrage

- Roots at Seneca Falls in the mid-1800s
- NAWSA - 1890
 - Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton
 - Opponents:

 - Strategy:
 - Earn :
 - 14th :
 - Push for :



Progress & Setbacks for Women

- Granted right to vote in western territories and states, fail in others after 1896:
- Courts
 - Women attempt to vote to test law
 - 1875 Supreme Court rules :
- Constitutional Amendment
 - Introduced in California:
- Wins/Losses
 - Won reforms in:
 - Failed to: