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1776

The Declaration of Independence is signed. Only men who own land can vote.

1790

The Naturalization Law passes, stating only "free white" immigrants can become naturalized citizens.

1848

Abolitionists, led by Frederick Douglass, and women's suffrage groups meet in Seneca Falls, NY at the **Women's Rights Convention**. The convention excluded black women.

Citizenship is granted to Mexicans living in territories captured by the US, but voting rights are denied.

1856

Voting rights are granted to all white men.

1866

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony form the American Equal Rights Association to establish voting rights irrespective of race or sex. It later divides into two organizations—the National Woman Suffrage Association, and the American Woman Suffrage Association—over race and class tensions.

1868

The 14th Amendment grants citizenship to former slaves, but voting regulation is determined by individual states.

1869

Wyoming becomes the first state to grant women the right to vote.

1870

The 15th Amendment prevents federal or state governments to deny voting rights based on race. States utilize voting taxes, literacy tests, violence, and other intimidation tactics to restrict black citizens from voting.

1872

Activists Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth attempt to vote. Anthony is arrested, and Truth is denied.

First woman to run for President:

Victoria Woodhull of the Equal Rights Party

1876

The Supreme Court rules that Native Americans are not US citizens, and cannot vote.

The Chinese Exclusion Act blocks those of Chinese ancestry from becoming US citizens

1882

ancestry from becoming US citizens.

1887

Americans who cede their tribal affiliations.

1890
The National American Women Suffrage
Association is formed, led by Elizabeth Cady
Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucy Stone,

focusing on the right to vote for white women.

The Dawes Act grants citizenship to Native

1896

The **National Association of Colored Women** is founded, led by Mary Church Terrell and Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, focusing on black women's rights.

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Utah, Idaho and Colorado grant women the right to vote.

1909

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is formed, with Mary Church Terrell and Ida B. Wells as founding members.

2020 marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote in 1920. It was the first legislation for women's voting rights. Not until the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 were voting rights of ALL women protected and enforced, and intimidation tactics progressively eliminated.

The AIGA Get Out the Vote: Empowering the Women's Vote

poster campaign, in partnership with the League of Women Voters, commemorates this milestone. Here, we share key moments in voting rights and women's fight for equality...

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1910's

Women march for voting rights in New York and Washington, D.C. The colors of purple, white, and yellow represent loyalty, purity, and hope.

1916

First woman elected to Congress: Jeannette Rankin of Montana

1920

The 19th Amendment is ratified to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

Not all Native American or Asian women have citizenship. Many southern states find ways to prevent women of color from voting with Jim Crow laws.

The **League of Women Voters** is founded by suffragists to support women in public affairs and voting.

The Supreme Court rules that those of Japanese ancestry are not US citizens, and cannot vote.

The **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** is introduced by Alice Paul in Seneca Falls.

1924

The Indian Citizenship Act grants citizenship to Native Americans, but many states enact policies that limit their vote.

1926

In Birmingham, Alabama, a group of black women are beaten by election officials while attempting to vote.

1932

First woman elected to Senate: Hattie Caraway of Arkansas

1952

The McCarran-Walter Act grants those of Asian ancestry the right to become citizens.

1957

The Civil Rights Act of 1957 allows the Justice Department to seek injunctions in voting rights cases.

1961

The 23rd Amendment gives Washington D.C. residents the right to vote for President, but not Congressional representation.

1960's

Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker, and Diane Nash are key figures in establishing voting rights for all within the civil rights movement.

State officials in the south refuse to allow black citizens to register to vote, using voting taxes, literacy tests and intimidation.

1964

Freedom Summer aims to register black voters in Mississippi.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 passes, promising equal employment, public integration, and limited voter literacy tests.

The 24th Amendment states that the right to vote may not be denied in federal elections for failure to pay any tax.

First woman is put forward for nomination for President by a major political party: Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine

First Asian American woman elected to Congress: Patsy Mink of Hawaii

1965

At the completion of the Selma to Montgomery march, Martin Luther King Jr. calls for an end to many racial injustices, including voter discrimination.

The Voting Rights Act passes, removing discriminatory barriers that kept many people of color from voting. This is largely in response to protests and marches occurring after Alabama officials' brutality during black voter registration efforts. 450,000 black citizens in the southern states registered to vote within a year.

1966

Civil rights activist James Meredith is wounded by a sniper during a solo "Walk Against Fear" voter registration march from Tennesseee to Mississippi. Nearly 4,000 black citizens register to vote the next day. Other civil rights leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael continue marching. Meredith rejoins the march at its endpoint in Mississippi.

1968

First black woman elected to Congress: Shirley Chisholm of New York

The 26th Amendment lowers the voting age from 21 to 18. This is a result of Vietnam War protests, noting that soldiers were old enough to fight, but not to vote.

Women march for the Equal Rights Amendment, which would guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex.

1971

The multi-partisan National Women's Political **Caucus** is founded by Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan, Bella Abzug, Fannie Lou Hamer, etc., to support women in politics.

1972

Title IX passes, advancing women's equality, and championed by Representatives Patsy Mink, Bernice Sandler and Edith Green.

First woman to run for President as a Democrat: Shirley Chisholm

1975

Amendments to the Voting Rights Act mandate that some voting materials be provided in languages other than English.

1981

First woman appointed to the Supreme Court: Sandra Day O'Connor, by Ronald Reagan

1984

First woman to run as vice-president on the Democratic party ticket: Geraldine Ferraro, with Walter Mondale

1989

First Latina elected to Congress:

Cuban-American Ileana Rops-Lehtinen of Florida

1992

First black woman elected to Senate: Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois

1993

The National Voter Registration Act makes voter registration available through the Department of Motor Vehicles, public assistance, and disabilities agencies, to increase voter registration and participation.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg appointed to the Supreme Court, by Bill Clinton

2000

A federal court rules that citizens of U.S. territories, such as Puerto Rico and Guam, cannot vote in federal elections nor have Congressional representation.

2002

The Help America Vote Act addresses inconsistencies in federal voting standards and access.

First woman to run as vice-president on the Republican party ticket: Sarah Palin, with John McCain

2009

Sonia Sotomayor appointed to the Supreme Court, by Barack Obama

2010

Elena Kagan appointed to the Supreme Court, by Barack Obama

The Supreme Court rules that states with a history of discrimination against minority voters gain federal permission before changing voting policies.

First woman Presidential nominee for a major political party: Hillary Clinton Just over 63% of women cast ballots in the

Presidential election. First Indian-American woman elected to Congress:

First Indian-American woman elected to Senate: Kamala Harris of California

First Latina elected to Senate:

Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada

The **Women's March** occurs in cities across the US.

2017

and around the world. With over 7 million people, it is the world's largest single-day protest to date.

2018

First Muslim women elected to Congress: Somali-American Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, and Palestinian-American Rashida Tlaib of Michigan

First Native American women elected to Congress: Ho-Chunk Nation tribe's Sharice Davids of Kansas, and Laguna Pueblo tribe's Deb Haaland of New Mexico

There is debate over whether convicted felons who have served their time should be allowed to vote.

The Electoral College faces scrutiny, which critics argue over-represents small states and overrules the popular vote.

38 states have ratified the ERA—it has not yet been ratified to the US Constitution.

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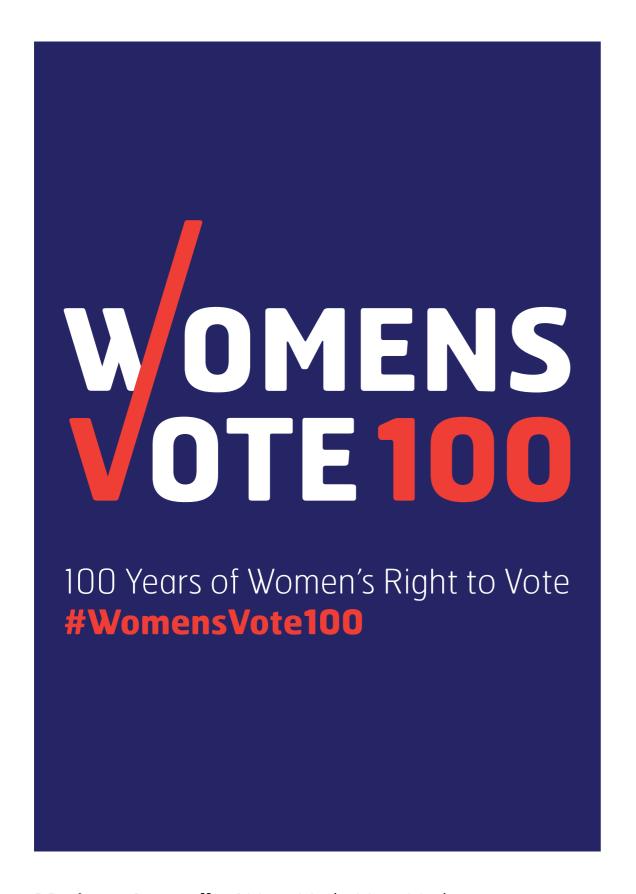
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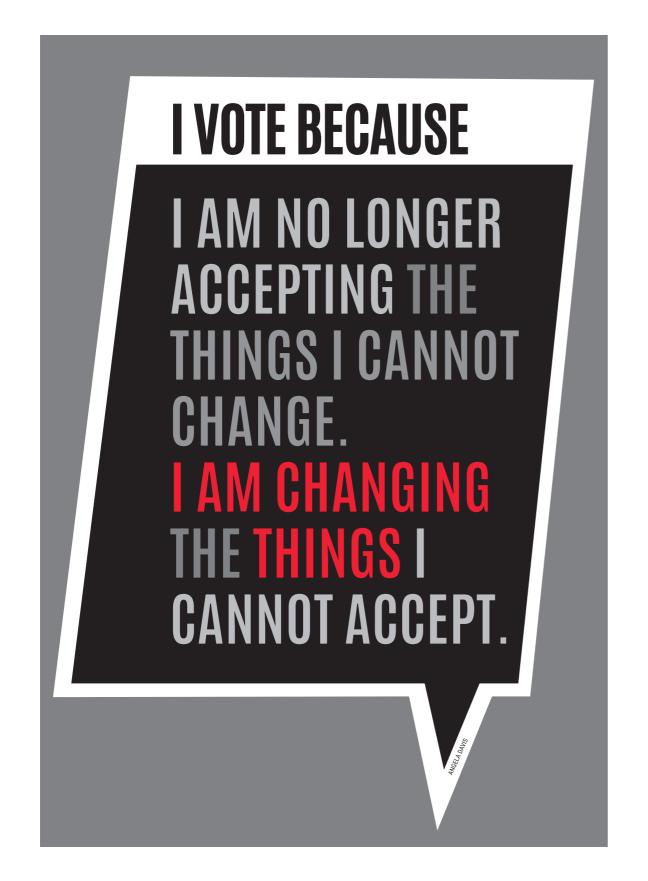
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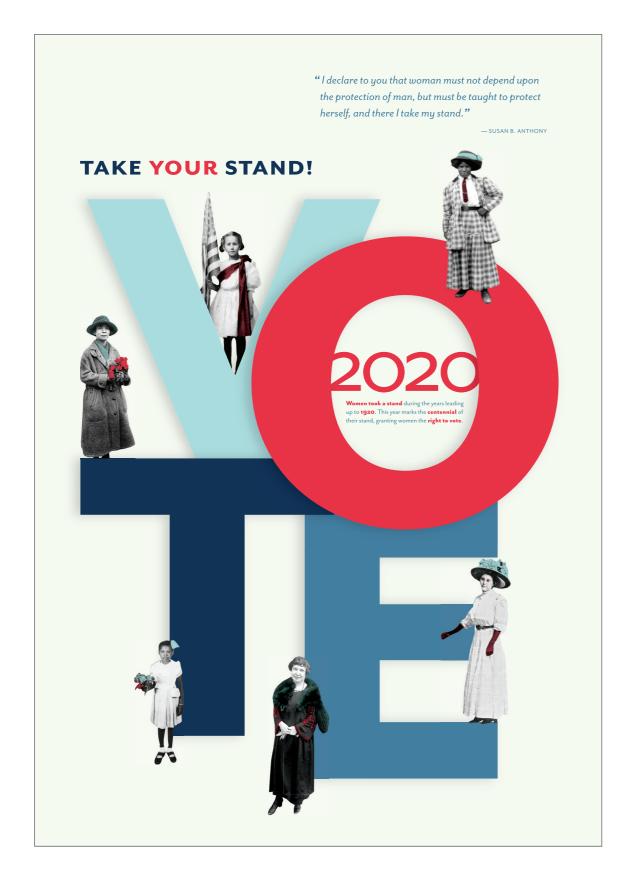
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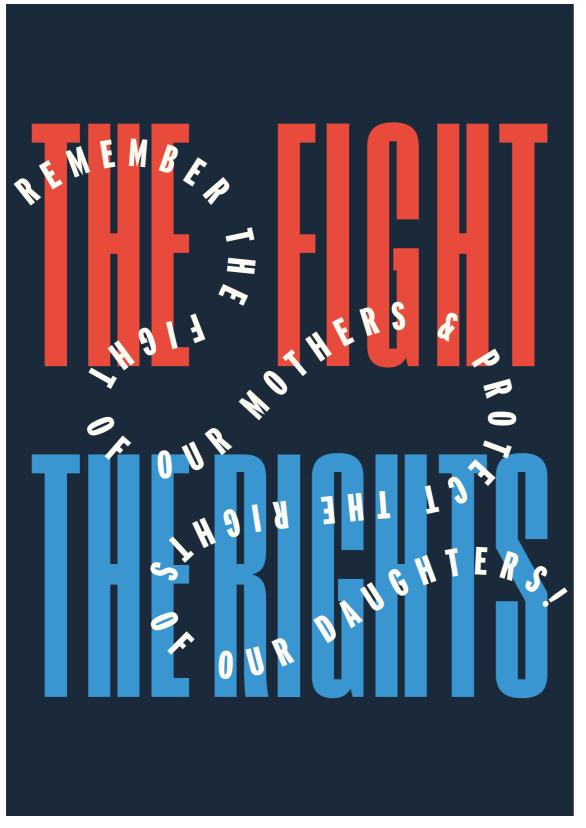
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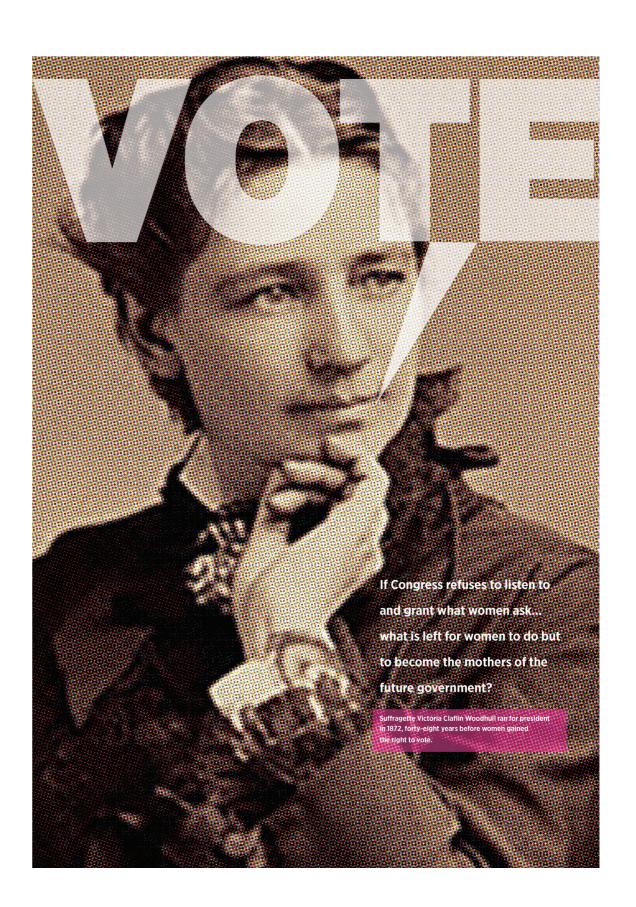


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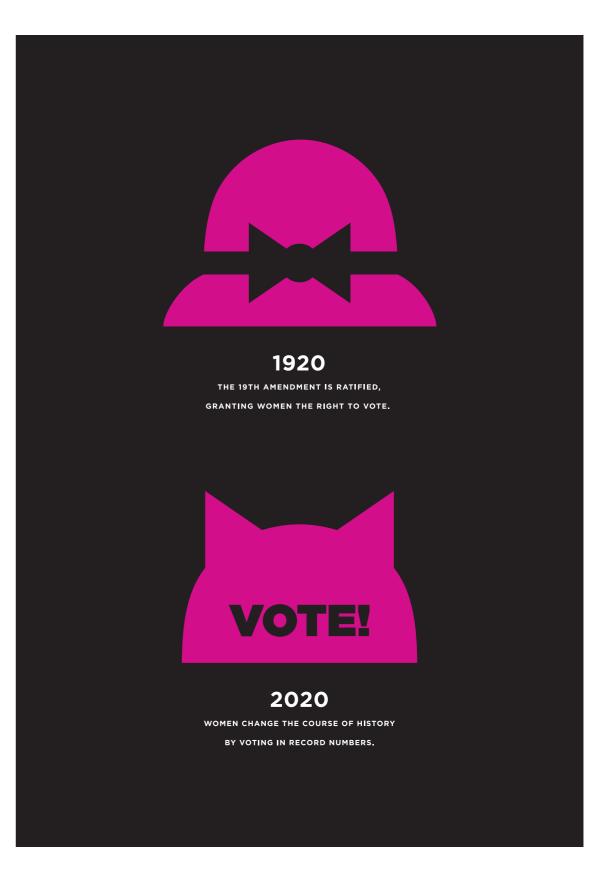




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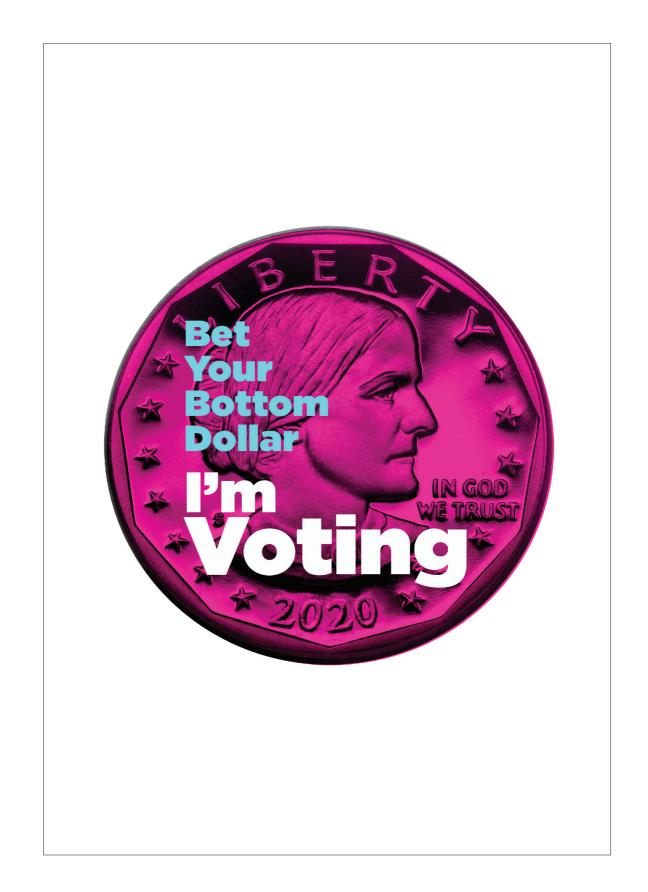
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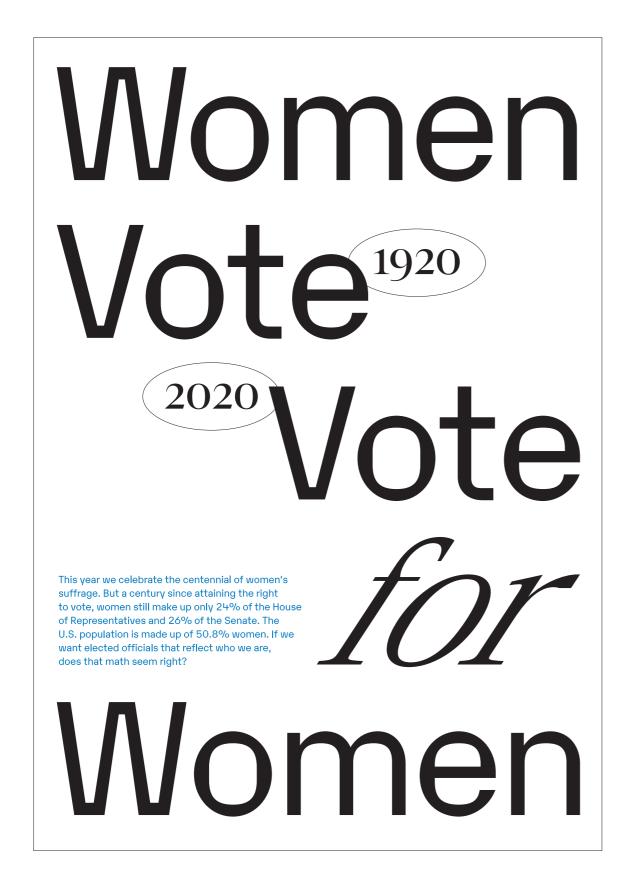




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On the 10th of September 1962, 16 bullets was fired into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker for me. That same night two girls were shot in Ruleville, Mississippi. Also Mr. Joe McDonald's house was shot in. ¶ And June the 9th, 1963, I had attended a voter registration workshop, was returning back to Mississippi. Ten of us was traveling by the Continental Trailway bus. When we got to Winona, Mississippi, which is Montgomery County, four of the people got off to use the washroom, and two of the people—to use the restaurant—two of the people wanted to use the washroom. ¶ The four people that had gone in to use the restaurant was ordered out. During this time I was on the bus. But when I looked through the window and saw they had rushed out I got off of the bus to see what had happened. And one of the ladies said, "It was a state highway patrolman and a chief of police ordered us out." ¶ I got back on the bus and one of the persons had used the washroom got back on the bus, too. ¶ As soon as I was seated on the bus, I saw when they began to get the five people in a highway patrolman's car. I stepped off of the bus to see what was happening and somebody screamed from the car that the five workers was in and said, "Get that one there." When I went to get in the car, when the man told me I was under arrest, he kicked me. ¶ I was carried to the county jail and put in the booking room. They left some of the people in the booking room and began to place us in cells. I was placed in a cell with a young woman called Miss Ivesta Simpson. After I was placed in the cell I began to hear sounds of licks and screams, I could hear the sounds of licks and horrible screams. And I could hear somebody say, "Can you say, 'yes, sir,' n***er? Can you say 'yes, sir'?" ¶ And they would say other horrible names. ¶ She would say, "Yes, I can say 'yes, sir." ¶ "So, well, say it." ¶ She said, "I don't know you well enough." ¶ They beat her, I don't know how long. And after a while she began to pray, and asked God to have mercy on those people. ¶ And it wasn't too long before three white men came to my cell. One of these men was a state highway patrolman and he asked me where I was from. I told him Ruleville and he said, "We are going to check this." ¶ They left my cell and it wasn't too long before they came back. He said, "You are from Ruleville all right," and he used a curse word. And he said, "We are going to make you wish you was dead." ¶ I was carried out of that cell into another cell where they had two Negro prisoners. The state highway patrolman ordered the first Negro to take the blackjack. ¶ The first Negro prisoner ordered me, by orders from the state highway patrolman, for me to lay down on a bunk bed on my face. ¶ I laid on my face and the first Negro began to beat. I was beat by the first Negro until he was exhausted. I was holding my hands behind me at that time on my left side, because I suffered from polio when I was six years old. ¶ After the first Negro had beat until he was exhausted, the State Highway Patrolman ordered the second Negro to take the blackjack. ¶ The second Negro began to beat and I began to work my feet, and the State Highway Patrolman ordered the first Negro who had beat me to sit on my feet—to keep me from working my feet. I began to scream and one white man got up and began to beat me in my head and tell me to hush. ¶ One white man—my dress had worked up high—he walked over and pulled my dress—I pulled my dress down and he pulled my dress back up. ¶ I was in jail when Medgar Evers was murdered. ¶ All of this is on account of we want to register, to become first-class citizens. And if the Freedom Democratic Party is not seated now, I question America. Is this America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, where we have to sleep with our telephones off the hooks because our lives be threatened daily, because we want to live as decent human beings, in America? fannie lou hamer Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 22, 1964



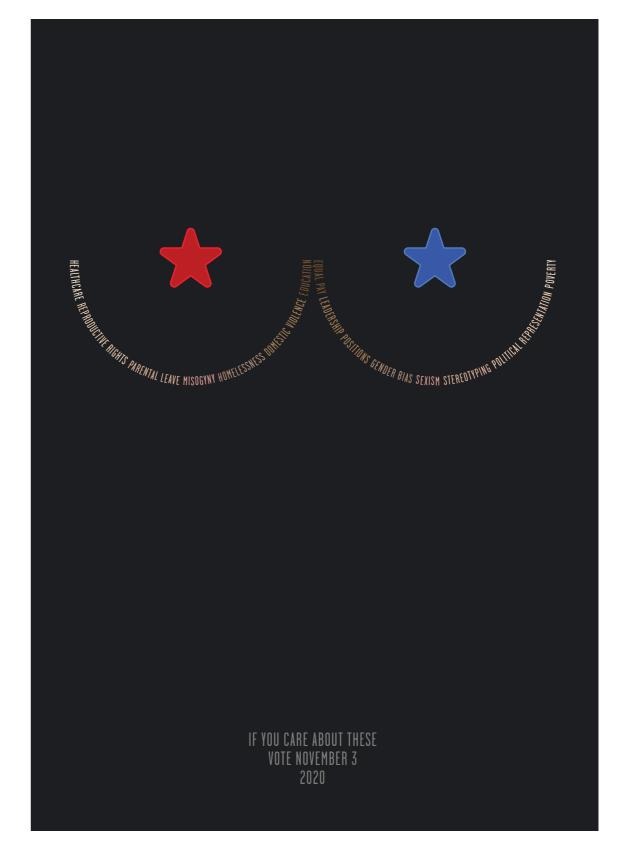
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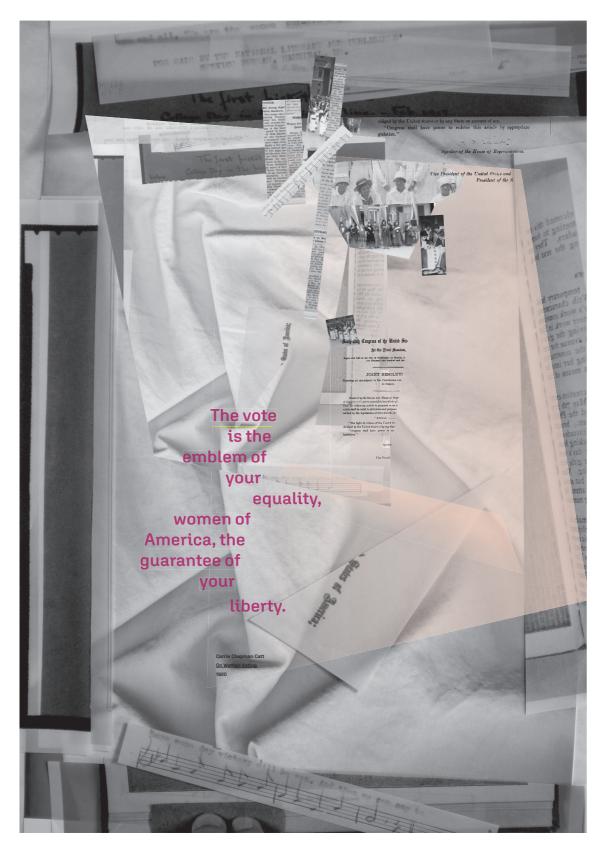
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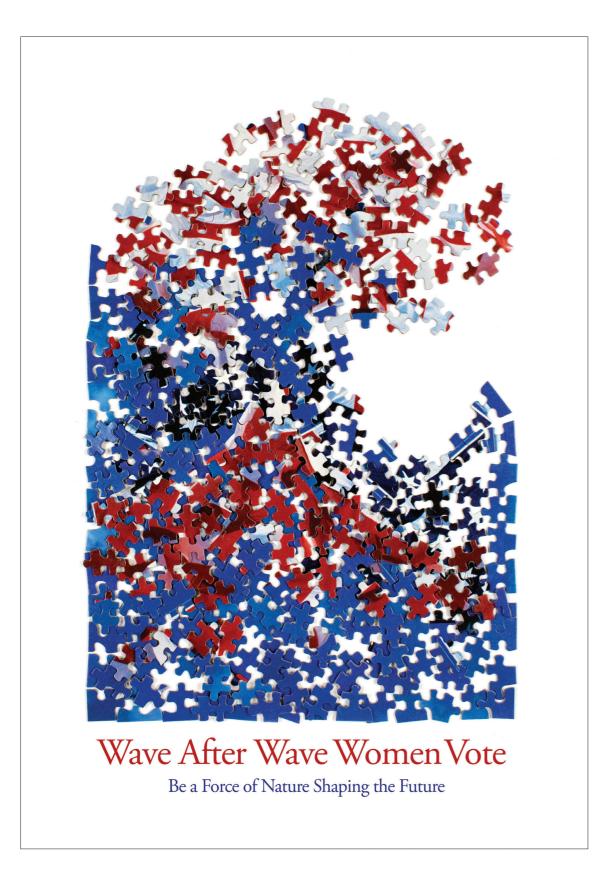
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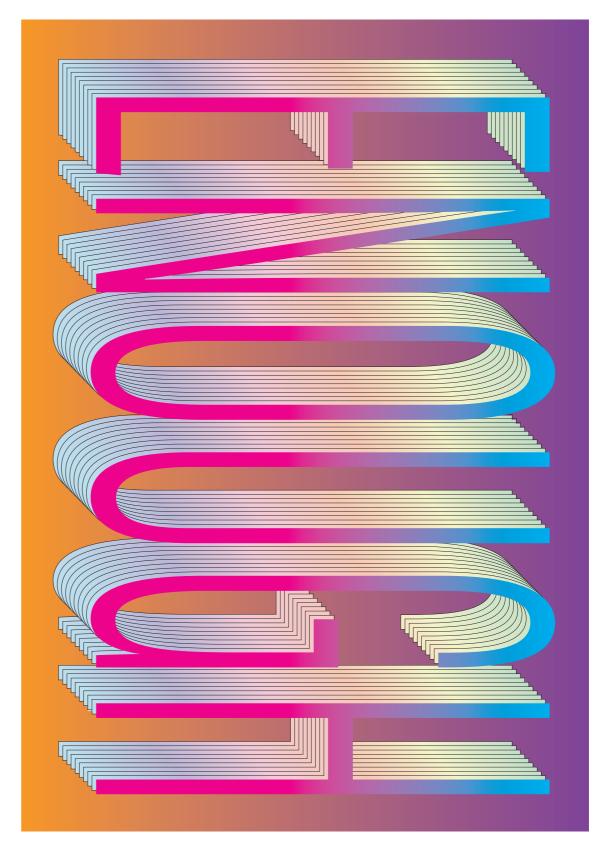
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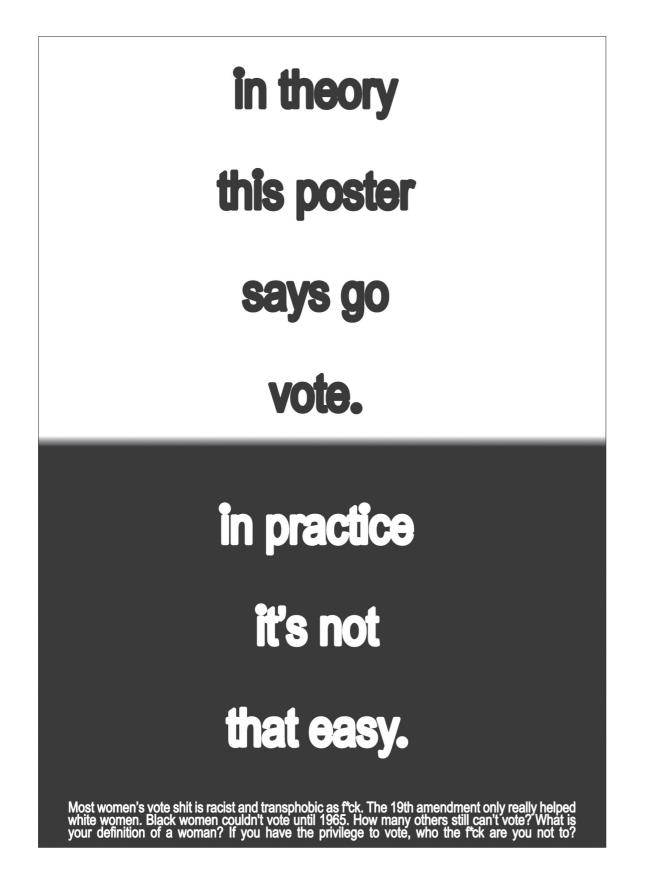
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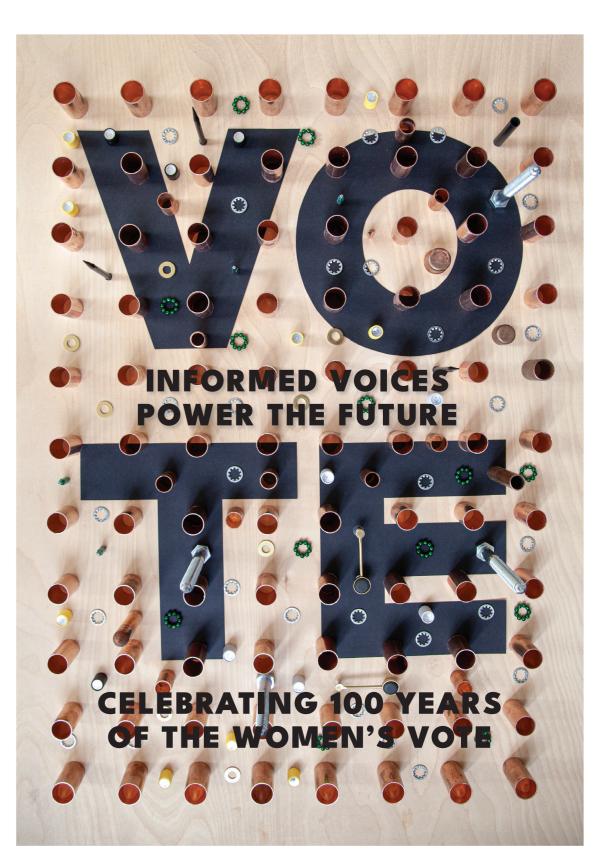
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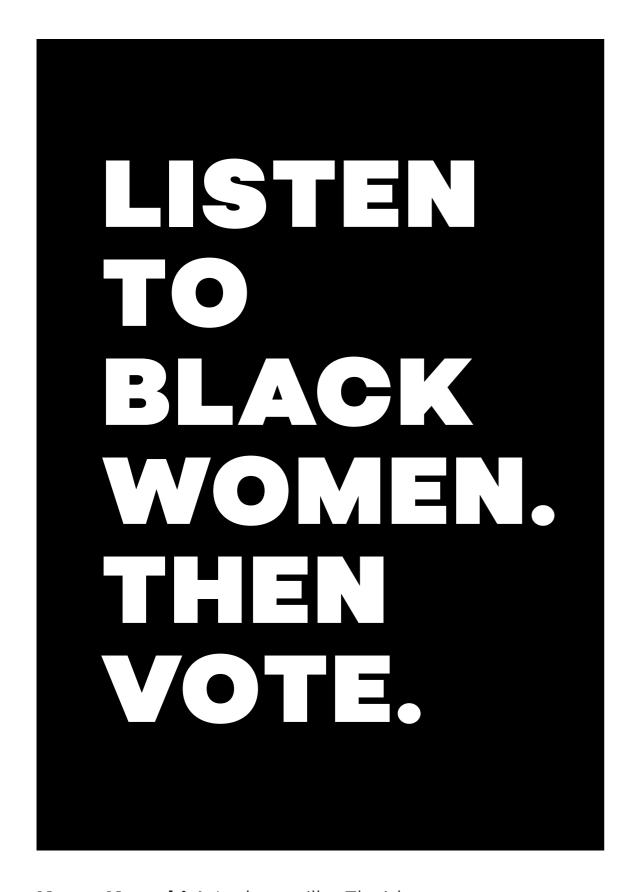
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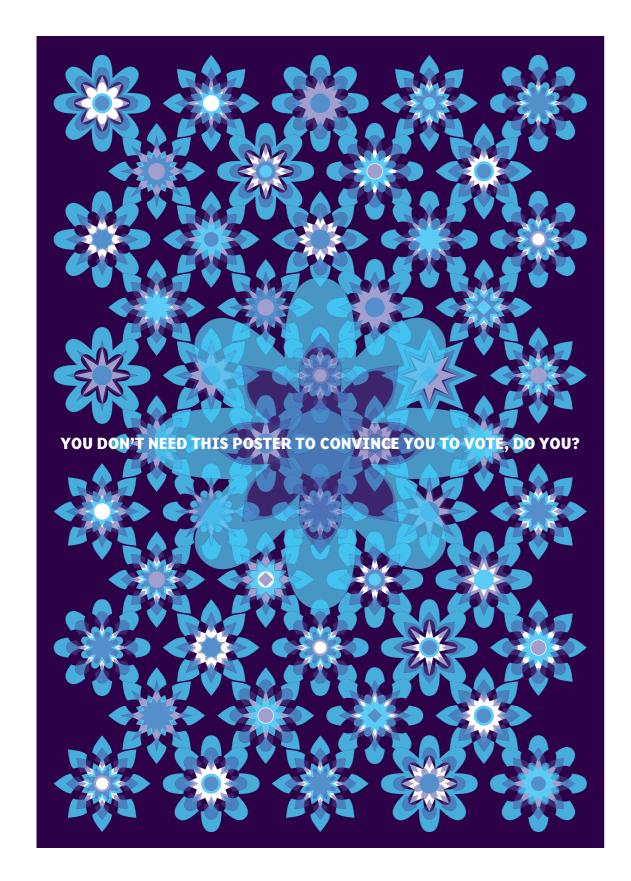


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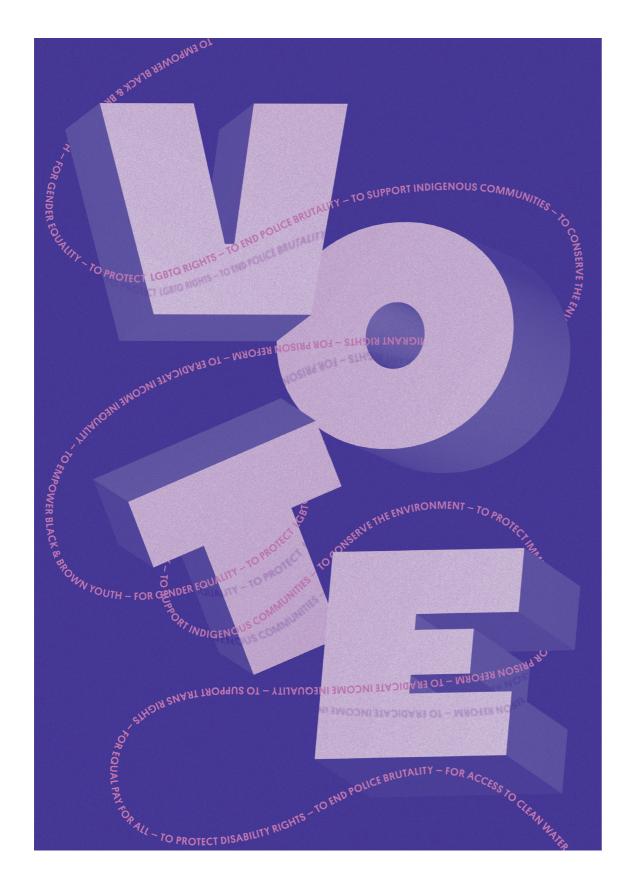
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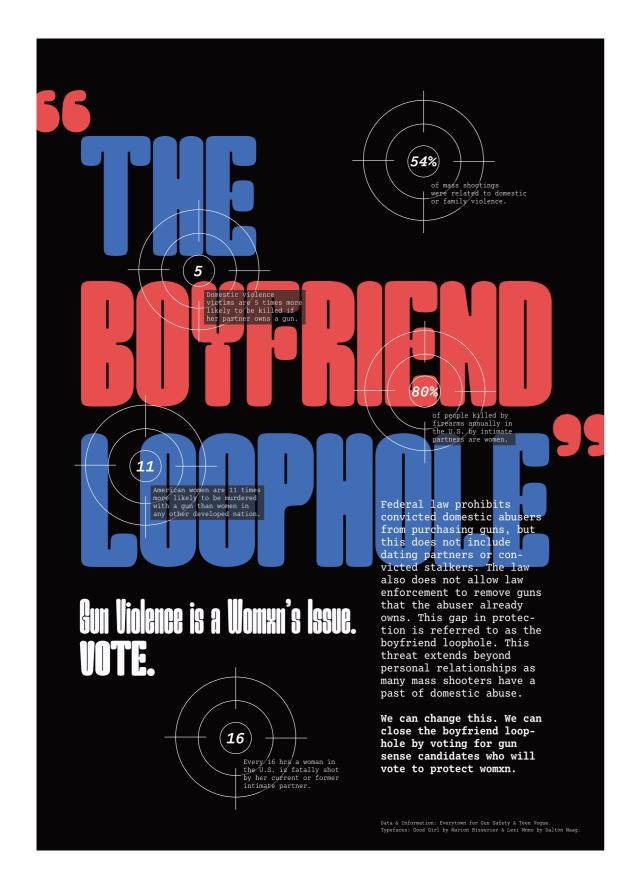
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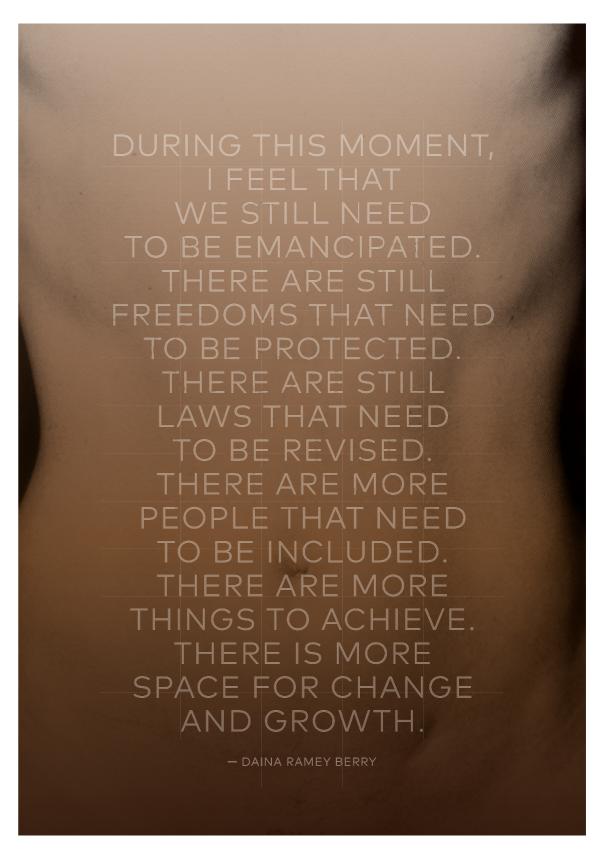
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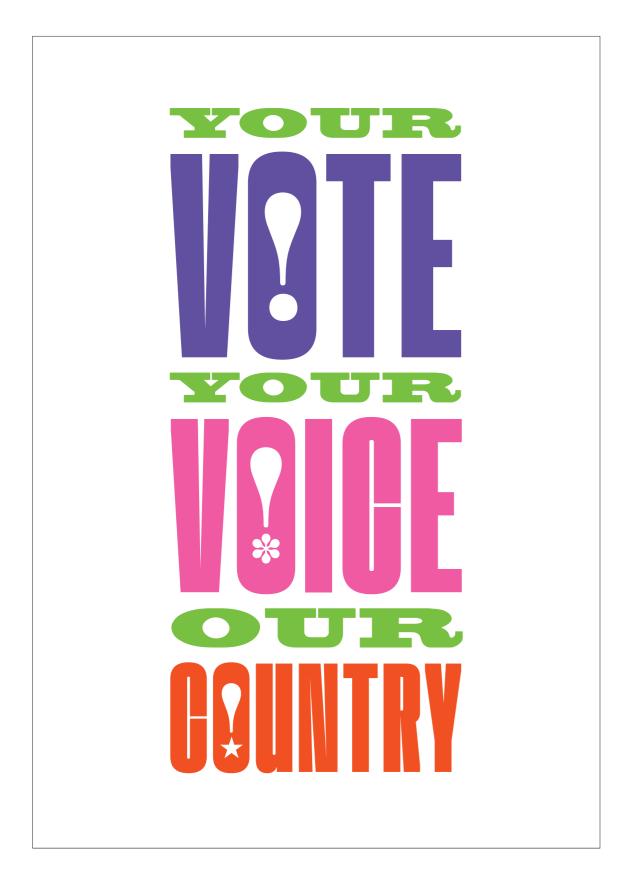
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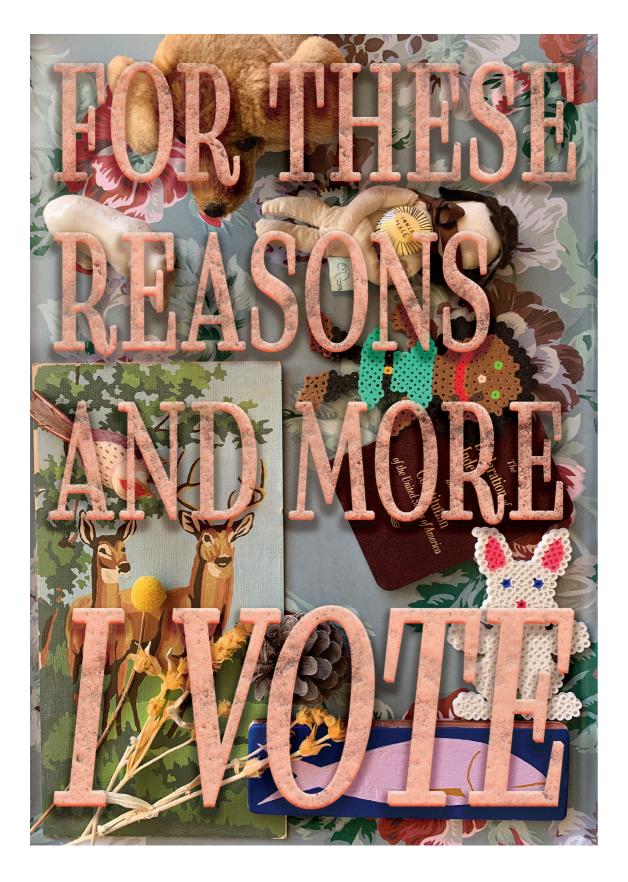
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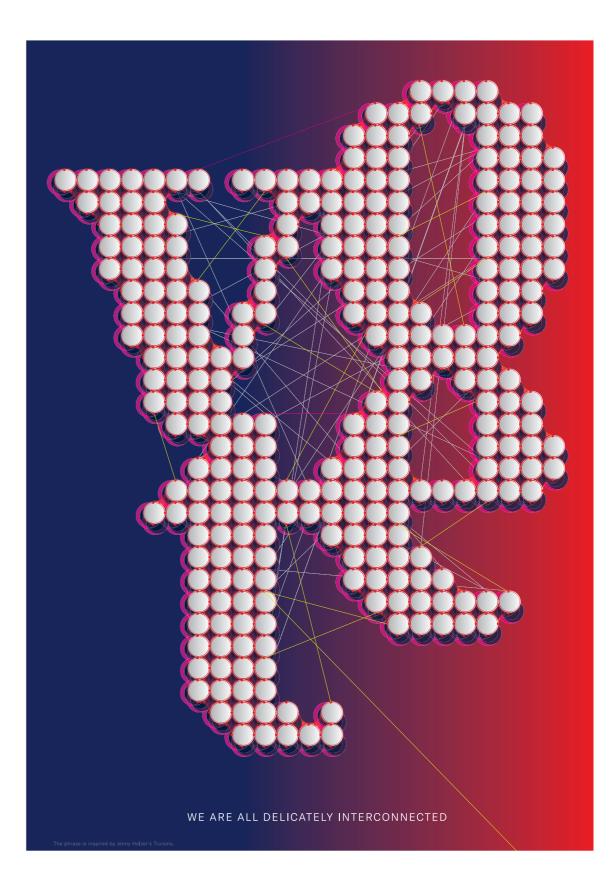
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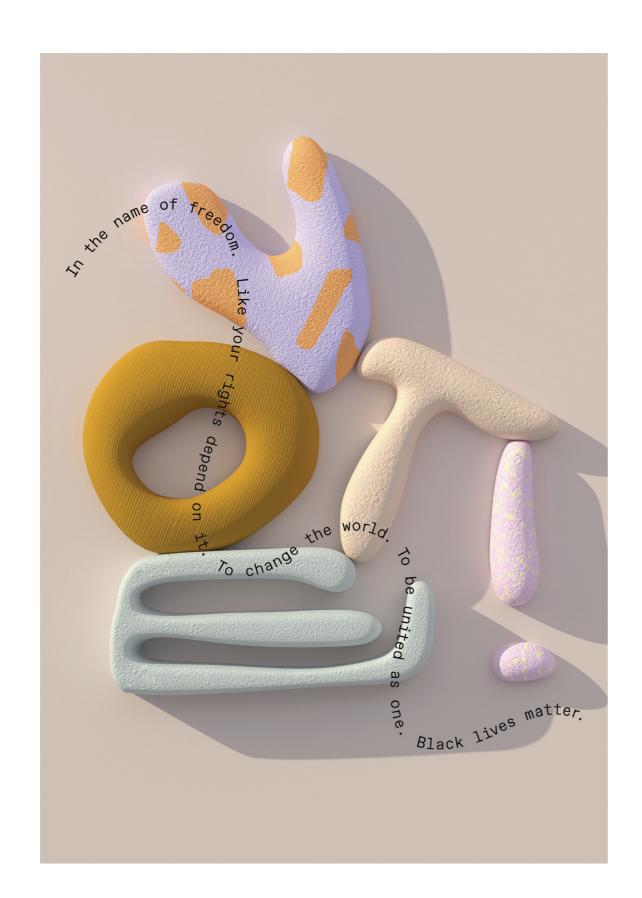
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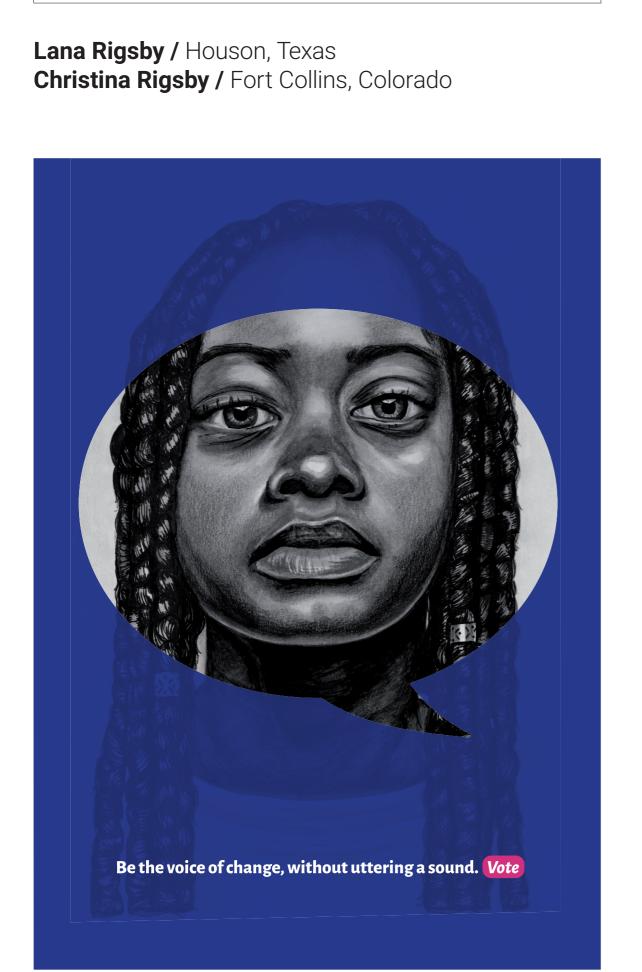
"Democracy starts from the assumption that the individual is important and that all types are needed to make a civilization. It does not divide its citizens into the bosses and the bossed, as [autocratic regimes] do.

The people I admire most are those who are sensitive and want to create something or discover something, and do not see life in terms of power. Such people get more of a chance under a democracy than elsewhere. They found religions, great or small, or they produce literature and art, or they do disinterested scientific research, or they are 'ordinary people' who are creative in their lives, bringing up their children decently and helping their neighbors. All those people need to express themselves—and the society which allows them the most liberty to do so is democracy."

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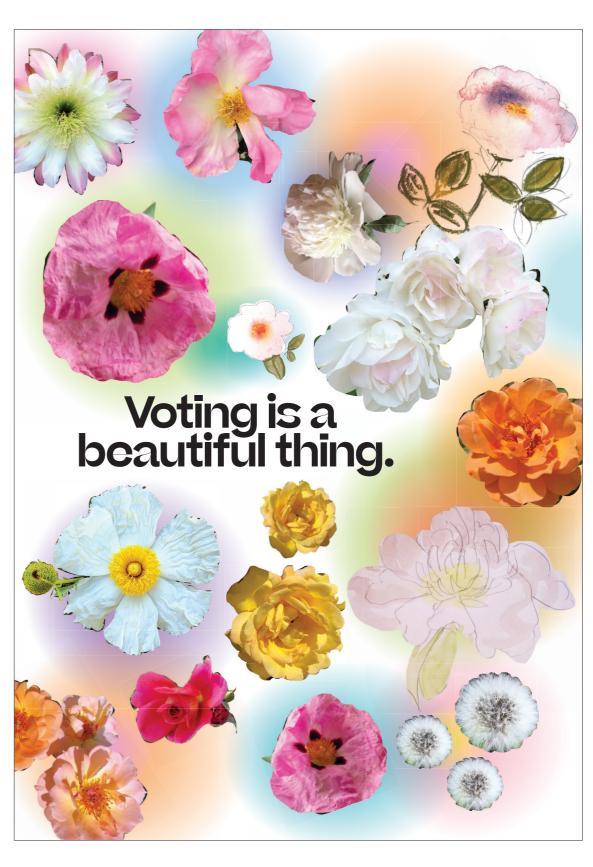
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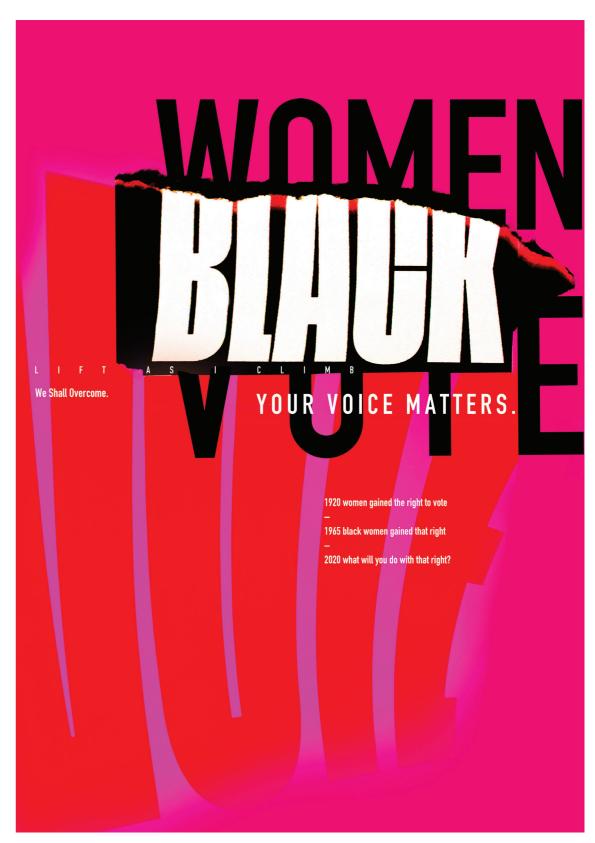
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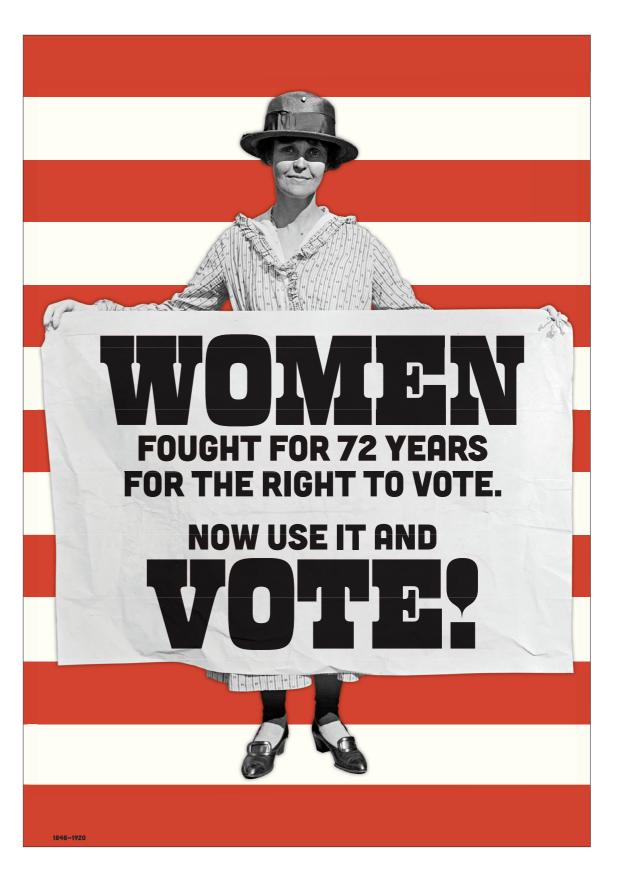
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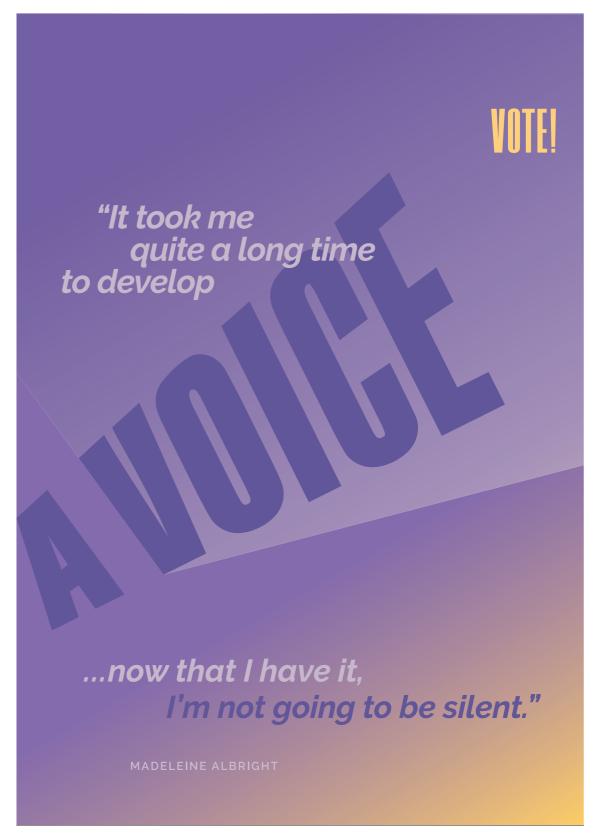


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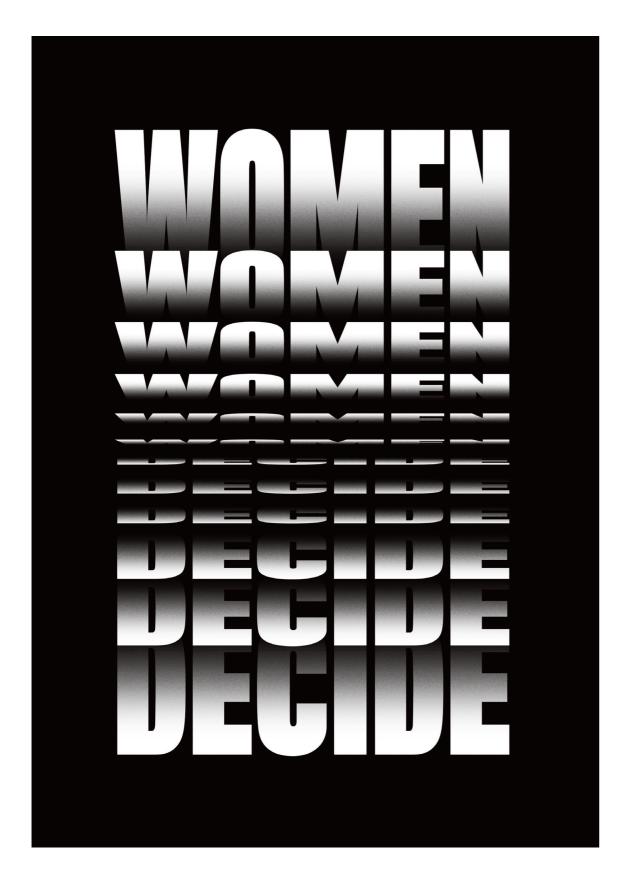




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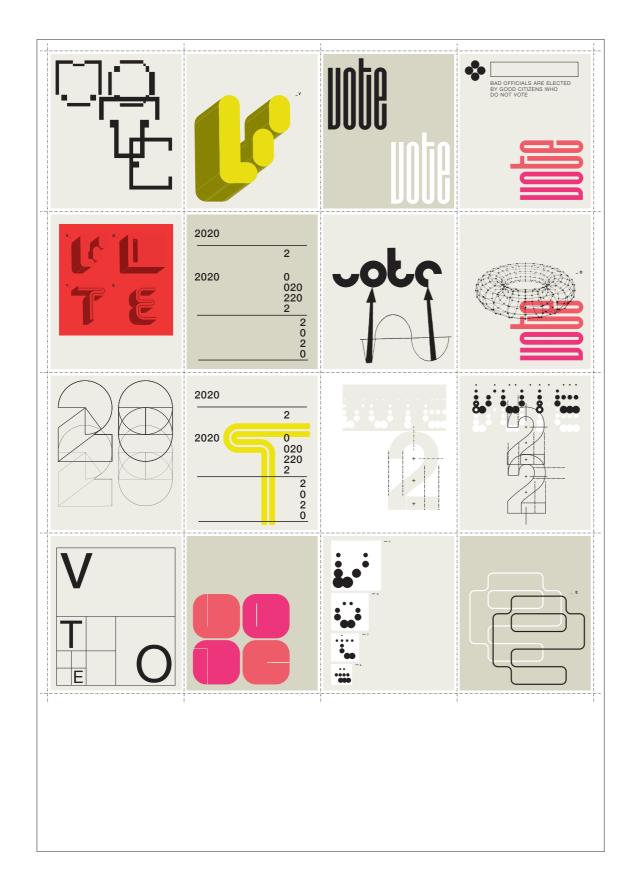
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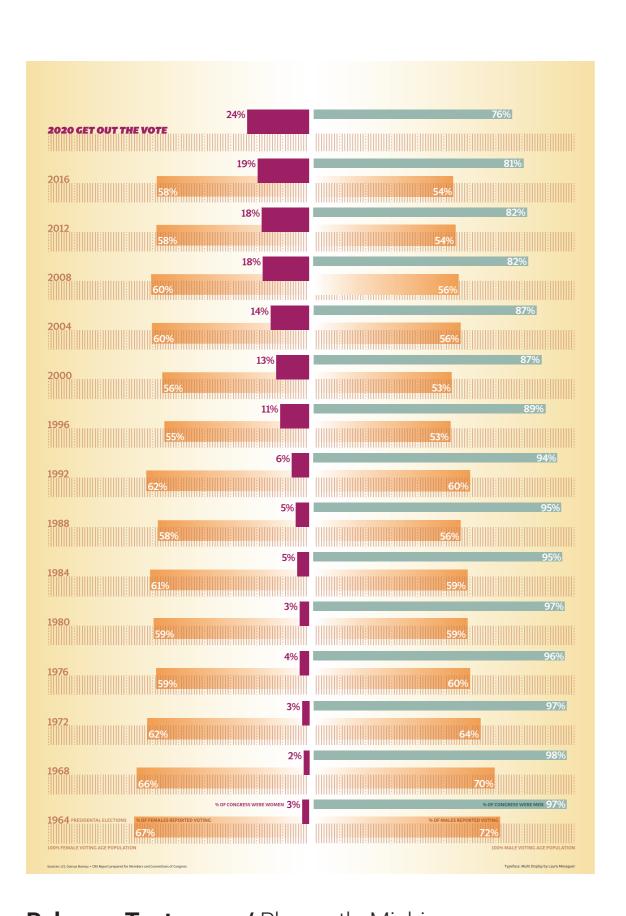
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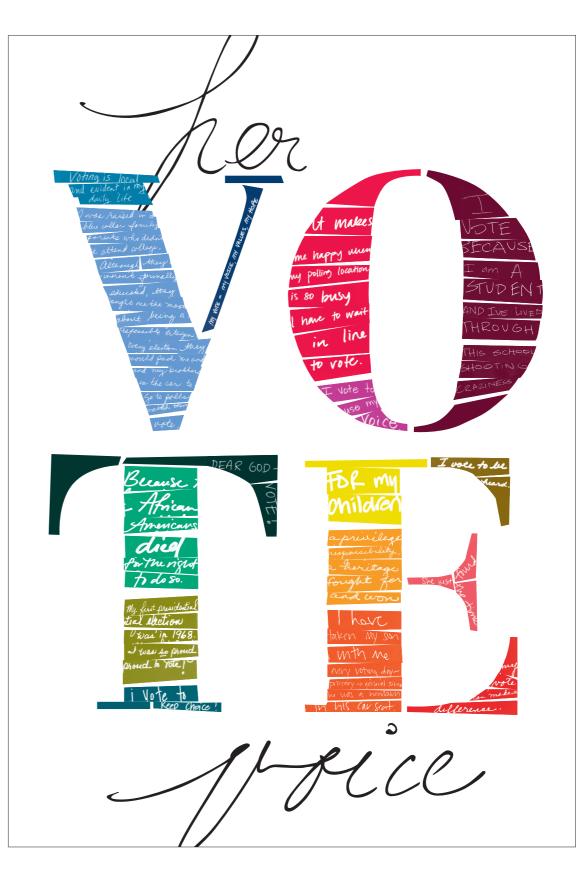
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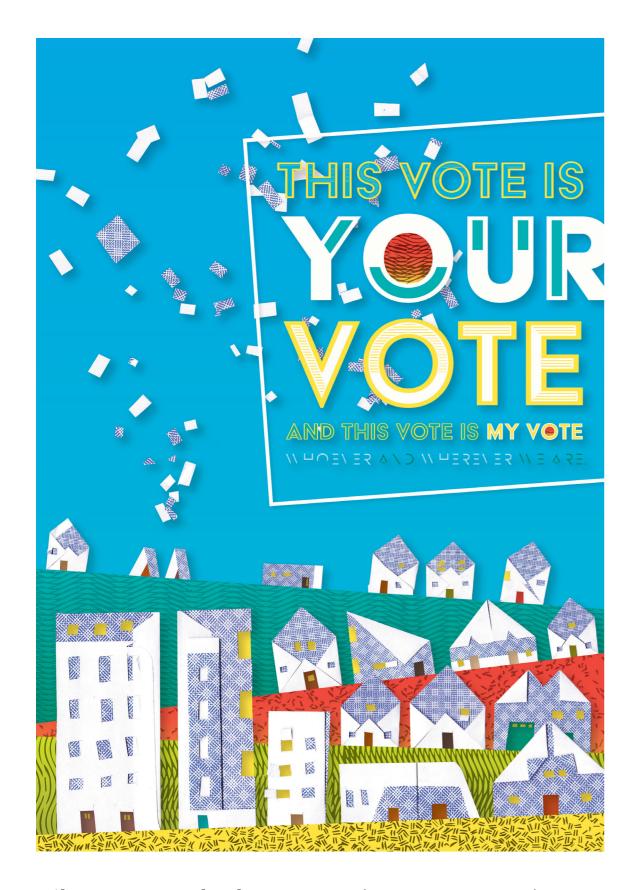


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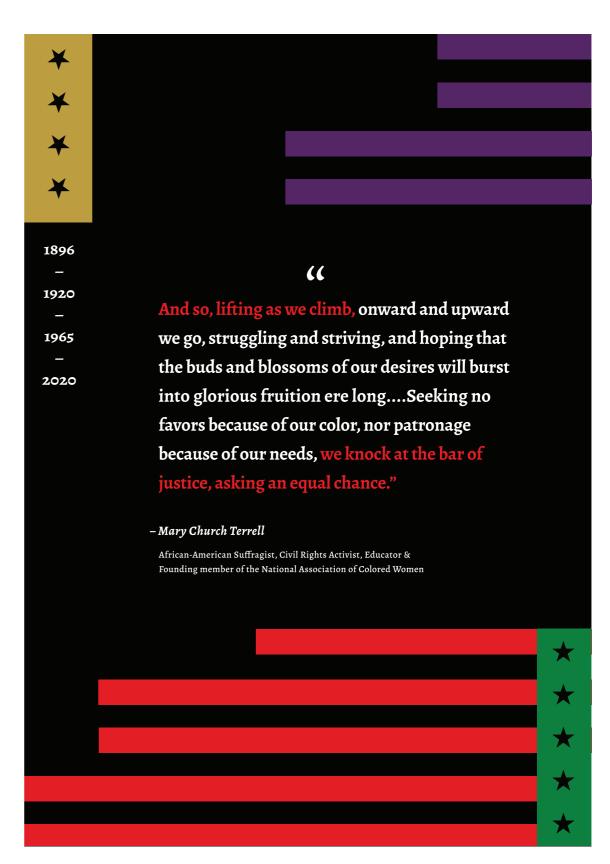


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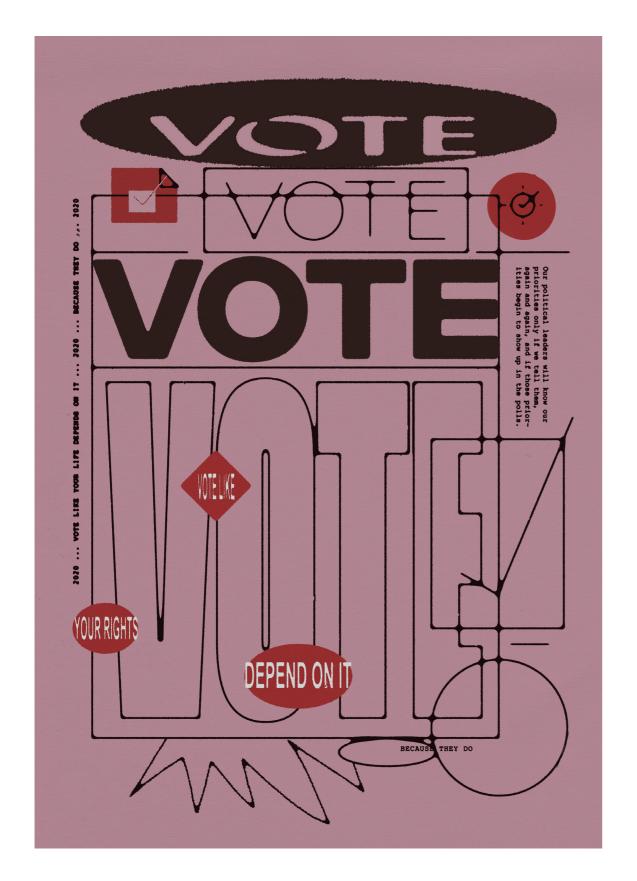




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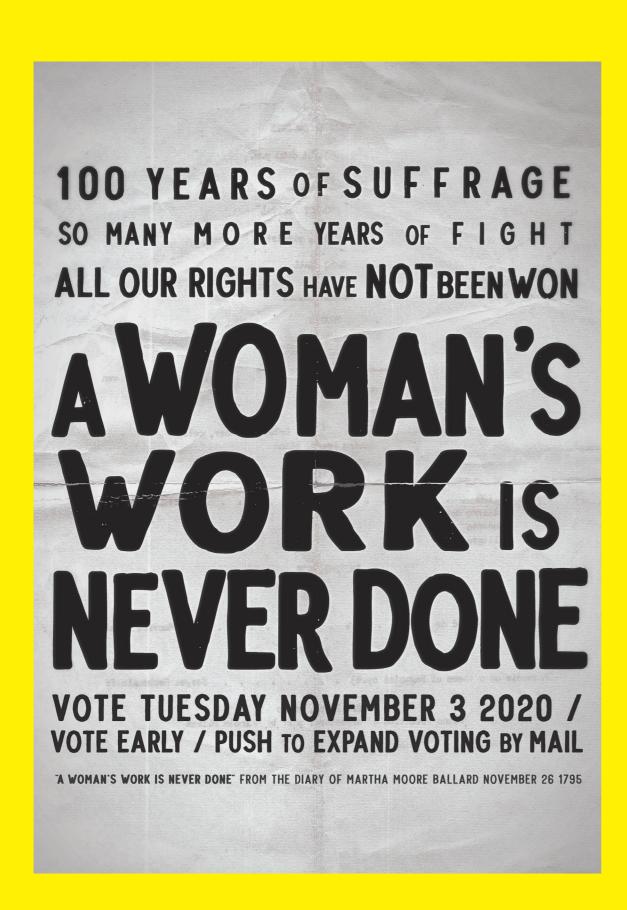


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This project was conceived in 2018—as a historic opportunity to unify and celebrate women of design while focusing their talents toward an important civic goal. We developed a diverse list of invitees in an effort to highlight women who are actively contributing to society and the profession today. To support mentorship and inclusion, each invitee had the option to invite an additional designer to participate.

The original title of the initiative was "Celebrating 100 Years of the Women's Vote," but after research, reflection, and colleagues' input, we recognized the complications and inequities that plagued women's suffrage. "Empowering the Women's Vote" is a more apt title for both our history, and our intentions.

We could not have predicted what 2020 would bring. COVID-19 and the movement for racial justice have consumed the country. Perhaps in these times, putting our beliefs, concerns, and passion into words and images—and then sharing these words and images broadly—is a viable way to boost the imperative act of voting. The democracy we are a part of can only work when we each speak up, and vote.

This has been a joyful, empowering, challenging, and eye-opening project to champion. We would like to wholeheartedly thank our brilliant contributors—comprising a collective force that has amplified their voices. The iniative continues at aiga.org/vote, as AIGA members are invited to design additional posters.

Kelly Salchow MacArthur
Nancy Skolos
Frances Yllana, AIGA Design for Democracy

For more than a century, women have played a fundamental role in shaping an inclusive and active electorate. Women have poweredand continue to power—the vote. As talented designers showcase the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote through this beautiful AIGA publication, the League of Women Voters celebrates our organization's 100th year of ensuring democracy works for the people, by the people, all the people. We're proud to once again partner with AIGA and its members nationwide to promote voter access and participation in 2020. Even as this year continues to bring unprecedented challenges to our communities and our democracy, we know that our nation is at its best when everyone has a chance to participate. We hope this AIGA Get Out the Vote: Empowering the Women's Vote exhibit inspires you to reach out to the people in your life and encourage them to make their voices heard and vote this year.

Virginia Kase CEO / League of Women Voters of the United States United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

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