

## Liberty or freedom

This brief article in the Populist paper *The Farmer's Wife* explains why Kansas women supported suffrage. According to the article, which quotes Benjamin Franklin, "they who have no voice or vote in the electing of representatives do not enjoy liberty."

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**LIBERTY or freedom consists in having an actual share in the appointment of those who frame the laws and who are to be guardians over every man's life, property and peace; for the all of one man is as dear to him as the all of another; and the poor man has an equal right, but more need, to have representatives in the legislature than the rich one. They who have no voice or vote in the electing of representatives do not enjoy liberty, but are absolutely enslaved to those who have votes and to their representatives, for to be enslaved is to have governors whom other men have set over us, and be subject to laws made by the representatives of others, without having had representatives of our own to give consent in our behalf.—Benjamin Franklin.**

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