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Recently, [we've noticed a growing trend](#) in new ways of limiting the right to vote. From the pre-election voter purge in Virginia to the two tiered voting system being proposed in some Midwestern and Western states, the "right" to vote is becoming as hard to access as the "right" to an abortion. Perhaps that explains why the latest target for denying the right to vote is women voters themselves.

A new voter ID law in Texas is expected to be exceptionally difficult for the women of the state, as the only acceptable ID will be a valid photo ID with your legal name on it. As [The New Civil Rights Movement points out](#), that is a requirement that would specifically make it harder for women to vote, since women tend to, for the most part, be the only ones who change their names during a marriage or a divorce.

"Women voters will have to show legal proof of a name change: a marriage license, a divorce decree, or court ordered change; and they have to be the original documents," reports Jean Anne Esselink. "No



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photocopies allowed. This means thousands of women face the hassle of figuring out what they need and how to get it. Then they face at least a \$20 fee, more if a woman doesn't have the time to stand in line and wants it mailed. As a result, many women who are eligible to vote, won't."

Speaking from my own personal experience in changing my name after I got married eight years ago, it's no simple endeavor. Copies of the marriage license have to be filed and certified, then a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles to fill out paperwork there, then the weeks to get that new ID in the mail. For a couple who has recently gotten married, often having just planned a major event months in the making, also perhaps taking time off from her job for the big day and, if lucky, a honeymoon, immediately changing all of her paperwork probably isn't the highest of priorities, either.

Is it a minor burden, in comparison to some of the other roadblocks to voting that have been put into effect in the last few years? Sure. But like abortion restrictions, each voting restriction isn't supposed to act as an immediate impediment on its own, but to slowly snowball until the point where only the people that they want to be able to easily access the voting booths are able to do so, and the rest will find voting to have too many hoops to get through.

It's not a surprise that the voters that they do want to ensure are able to cast a ballot aren't women, the elderly, the poor, and especially not people of color. In that respect, we are all in this together when it comes to defending the right to vote.

"[W]omen and people of color will not be denied once again. We must remember that 'civil rights' and 'women's rights' are not separate and distinct, but actually overlap, intersect and intertwine," writes Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, and Barbara Arnwine, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, in a joint article on [MSNBC.com](#). "Women formed much of the backbone of the civil rights movement that helped to inspire and advance the women's movement. As we remember our shared histories, we must turn these recent suppressive acts into effective, joint organizing tools for the women's rights and civil rights movements."

Women and people of color have already joined together in many states to fight back against restrictive, repressive laws trying to limit their ability to access contraception and abortion services. Now, we will do the same to keep our right to vote and to force those lawmakers who would pass these bills to take our votes seriously.

And while we are at it, let's take [the legacy of Susan B. Anthony back from the right](#) as well.

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Linda M.

8:52am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Here goes David again. ONLY Republicans won WW2, the Civil War the cold war? What a steaming pile! I guess there were no allies (including those "busy body" Canadians who were considered the storm troopers in both world wars, made the greatest inroads on D Day & provided the convoys for supplies to Europe & the Brits who held off the Nazis in the Battle of Britain). Furthermore, the old GOP bears very little resemblance to that of yore. Lincoln freed the slaves BUT he added that any southern state that would side with the union would be exempt & he freed the slaves in states no longer under his jurisdiction. Reagan did not win the cold war. The Soviet Union was collapsing from within & Gorbachov actually had proposed a truce with the west far before the "Tear down this wall" bullshit of Reagan. Reagan was just a PR junkie & opportunist. He increased jobs? How about the air controllers he fired? Ironically, the national airport was named after the senile old bat. How about Iran/contra? Reagan knew nothing of the arms for hostages deals? Reagan was a joke that has led the UD down its current path of government for the rich. The founders of the original GOP are spinning in their graves.



Joan E.

8:44am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Keep this up, Baggers, and we'll have to institute intelligence and logic tests that will keep you out of the voting booths for sure.



Robert F.

8:36am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Very subtle, and it is still just the beginning. Once women are stripped of the vote, then they will be assaulted in the workplace to get them out of work and back in the home. Then women will eventually be forbidden to go out in public so that communal life will become the province of men. After all they were created by the masculine ideal of a male god to be the nanny of a man's children. And women are considered to be the CAUSE of all ills within an Old Testament context.



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This is becoming a growing apocalyptic polarization in our culture between a religious (see good) drive to re-establish a theocracy versus what is being subtly promoted as a Satanic democratic liberal anti-religious agenda (see evil). If we are not careful, will this polarization blow up into something like a religious Armageddon or "final battle" between their good and our evil? Just saying!

<http://www.signsofthetimeshistory.com/> Astrological Ages and the Great Astrological End-Time Cycle



Amanda Y.

8:32am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

To Calli W. - they are not requiring you show the whole paper trail. You just need to present a photo ID that is the same as your legal name. Sadly 34% of women according to the article don't have this (i.e. they changed their name with social security and didn't follow up on a new license, etc.).



Joan E.

8:22am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

There is another solution--don't change your name when you get married. Just continue to use your maiden name as it is already the one on all your documents.



Spencer Y.

8:22am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Stay strong and united ladies, I've got your back!



Marianne C.

8:16am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

And for those who have yet to catch on... Freddy R. is a troll. Probably a sock puppet. "His" account and ID were created ten days ago, and his posts have been nothing but insults and attacks.

And I agree, Mark K: he's probably related to Jacob/Steve R!



Lisa L.

8:12am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Too many women change their name after marriage. For a while the trend went in the other direction, but I've noticed in recent years that all the young women I know, even those who seem to have some feminist notions, have changed their names--a tradition I find absolutely bizarre and incredibly depressing. I would NEVER do that and in fact did not do it. I agree that children are not the property of their fathers either so the best option might be to choose a new name altogether; but just leaving it alone and not adopting the husband's name at least means never having to get trapped in these anti-voting schemes laid by sexist pigs. Disgusting, isn't it? Sexists using a sexist tradition passively accepted by too many women as somehow romantic to try to strip women of their hard-won rights! Sentimental slop about romance and fetuses is the foundation for much of women's oppression in the U.S.



Calli W.

8:10am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Once a legal name change has already been documented and all of your related documents changed, you should not be required to provide those documents over and over again. That is what is being required by laws like this one. It is not to ensure correct information is on file. They already have it on file. This is meant to inconvenience women and nothing more.

As I said earlier, the DMV already had my legal name on file as soon as I got married. They already saw my marriage certificate and took a copy of it. I should not have to provide every document from my birth certificate through my current marriage certificate all over again for something as simple as filing an address change. They already have the information! So does the registrar of voters.

If you are forced to show a complete paper trail of name changes from birth certificates onward every time you go to vote, even though that information is already on file from when you registered and your license still reflects your current name, tell me how this isn't intentionally meant to put an unnecessary burden on women voters? And, saying women shouldn't change their name is blindly blaming the victim in this situation, rather than putting it on those who keep attempting to change laws solely to make the lives of women more difficult and to disenfranchise them as voters.



Marianne C.

8:09am PDT on Oct 23, 2013

Finishing that thought:

Women in their states need to be VERY SURE they have all their ducks in a row when going to the polls. And then, vote against those men like your life depended on it – it does.

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