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Source: Jane Addams, "Why Women Should Vote," *Ladies Home Journal*, January, 1910.

Note: Jane Addams was the co-founder in 1889 of Hull House, a famous settlement house in Chicago.

A woman's simplest duty ... is to keep her house clean and wholesome and to feed her children properly. Yet if she lives in a tenement house, as so many of my neighbors do, she cannot fulfill these simple obligations by her own efforts because she is utterly dependent upon the city administration for the conditions which [make] decent living possible. Her basement will not be dry, her stairways will not be fireproof.... She cannot even secure untainted meat for her household ... unless the meat has been inspected by city officials....

... [If] woman would fulfill her traditional responsibility to her own children ... then she must bring herself to use the ballot.... American women need this ... to preserve the home.



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### Document Analysis

1. When did Jane Addams write her article for *Ladies Home Journal*?
2. What is "the ballot"?
3. Why does Jane Addams say that it is necessary for women to get the ballot?
4. In the photo the sign being displayed reads, "Mr. President, How Long Must Women Wait For Liberty?" The protesters were standing in front of the White House. Do you think this was a good way for women to fight for the vote? Why or why not?
5. Should women's suffrage be a higher or lower priority than forest preservation? than child labor? Explain.