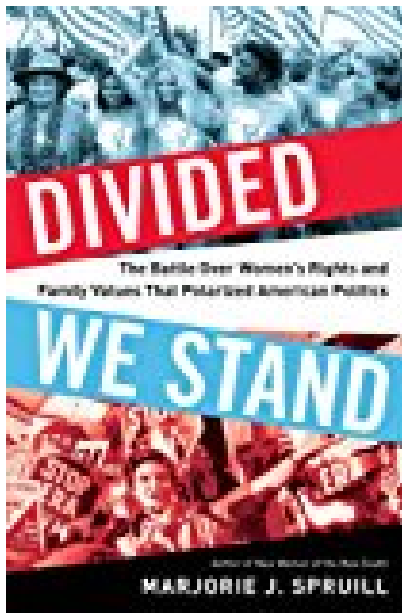


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Gloria Steinem was quoted in 2015 (the New Yorker) as saying the National Womens Conference in 1977 "may take the prize as the most important event nobody knows about." After the United Nations established International Womens Year (IWY) in 1975, Congress mandated and funded state conferences to elect delegates to attend the National Womens Conference in Houston in 1977. At that conference, Bella Abzug, Steinem, and other feminists adopted a National Plan of Action, endorsing the hot-button issues of abortion rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, and gay rights--the latter a new issue in national politics. Across town, Phyllis Schlafly, Lottie Beth Hobbs, and the conservative womens movement held a massive rally to protest federally funded feminism and launch a Pro-Family movement. Although much has been written about the role that social issues have played in politics, little attention has been given to the historical impact of women activists on both sides. DIVIDED WE STAND reveals how the battle between feminists and their conservative challengers divided the nation as Democrats continued to support womens rights and Republicans cast themselves as the party of family values. The womens rights movement and the conservative womens movement have irrevocably affected the course of modern American history. We cannot fully understand the present without appreciating the events leading up to Houston and thereafter.

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