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Screening of Difficulties on the Way to Ratifying Equal Rights Amendment in the TV Miniseries *Mrs America* [2020]

Summary

Gender equality movement of 1960-1970s logical culmination should have been the adoption of the Amendment to the Constitution, then 27th by number, but it has not happened because after its adoption by Congress in 1972 it was ratified only by 34 of the required 38 states. The reason was largely a conservative women movement STOP ERA organized by Ellis Schlafly. The series *Mrs America* [9 episodes, based on historic materials and released in April 2020] essentially lays side by side Trumpettes and Trumpists rhetoric and the processes in the USA of the 1970s in the sphere of gender relations. One may presume that half a century brought significant changes in this sphere, and some of them within the feminist movement are shown in the series such as sectionism due to social and racial inequalities and active fight to overcome it. Members of the series cast all confessed during the televised interview that the main stimulus for their work was realization that without ERA none of the dangers to women's and LGBTQ+ rights couldn't be eliminated. The second wave feminists' fight should be finished by American citizens today. The series got Emmy award as the best new streaming drama of 2020.

Key Words: Second Wave Feminism, Equal Rights Amendment, Conservatism, Ellis Schlafly, Gloria Steinem, Shirley Chisholm, American History Series, *Mrs America*

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