

# The Women's March

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Most women who marched Jan. 21 in the various marches around the world via the first-ever Women's March have voted many times in their lives. At times their candidates have won, and at other times their candidates have lost. Either way, a statement was made by simply voting.

But it was the 2016 election that provoked some strong and fervent emotion and division in U.S. society. The Women's March was held on the first day of the presidency of Donald Trump. The goal was to show support for women's rights as well as groups that are marginalized by a Trump administration. This in a time when disparaging remarks about women were made by Trump leading up to the election.

According to a Women's March on Washington news release, the mission of the march was to bring people of all genders and backgrounds together to take a stand on social injustice and human rights issues that deeply impact all of us. That's a good reason to take to the streets.

Hundreds of women from around New Mexico attended the march, according to Debra Haaland, the chairwoman of the New Mexico Democratic Party. And I also think that was a good thing, too.

I applaud the people who attended the Women's March. Now the question becomes, after the mass turnouts around the world can a political impact be made?

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