



Militant Citizenship: Rhetorical Strategies of the National Woman's Party, 1913-1920

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Texas A & M University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, *Militant Citizenship: Rhetorical Strategies of the National Woman's Party, 1913-1920*, Belinda A. Stillion Southard, Between 1913 and 1920, the National Woman's Party (NWP) waged a campaign to write women's voting rights into the U.S. Constitution. Unlike the more moderate campaign strategies adopted by other woman suffrage organizations of the Progressive Era, the NWP remained committed to militant agitation--that is, holding political party leaders responsible for social change and doing so through nontraditional means of protest. Some of these militant strategies included heckling President Wilson, protesting silently outside the White House gates, and publicly burning his speeches in "Watch Fires." Such militancy resulted in institutional acts of social control including censorship, arrests, beatings, and force-feedings. And yet, by the end of the woman suffrage movement, the NWP had earned the endorsements of every major political party, as well as of prominent politicians (including Wilson), and had found its name splashed across the front pages of the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Chicago Tribune. One Times article even referred to the NWP as the "suffrage leaders." Exploring the ways in which the militant NWP negotiated institutional opposition and...

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