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In this oral history excerpt, Dr. Rosamonde Boyd expresses her opinions about suffragettes, particularly Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Carrie Chapman Catt. In light of these views, she also describes how a woman should present herself.

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**Contance Myers:** I wonder if you ever met or heard about Elizabeth Cady Stanton, or of the activities of Carrie Chapman Catt, and what were your impressions of what they were doing? What you thought about her.

**Rosamonde R. Boyd:** Oh yes, yes. These were great women in the woman's movement around 1848, 1850, and so forth. I was quite fascinated by what they did. I was also interested in the fact that some of the husbands supported these women although some were critical. They did have some male support. They were very stalwart women. They were strong and had convictions and courage. As I say, I've always been a feminine woman and I don't appreciate a woman who takes to the streets. I don't appreciate a woman who dresses like a man. I don't appreciate a woman who tries to flaunt her self before the men. I just believe in a woman being a person and being herself and winning the respect of men and women because of the things she stands for, the things that she believes in, and the things she does. I could never have been one of those suffragettes.

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