

ERA PROJECT

The ERA Project at NYU Law's Birnbaum Women's Leadership Center is a law and policy think tank and national leader in advancing sex-based equality through transformative legal and policy strategies. The Project was founded in 2021 at Columbia Law School to develop academically rigorous research, policy papers, expert guidance, and strategic leadership on the finalization of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the U.S. Constitution, and on the role of the ERA in advancing the larger cause of gender-based justice. As of April 2025, the BWLC is honored to be the Project's new home as this vital work continues to grow.

Project Priorities

Empowering States: Driving the passage and implementation of Equal Rights Amendments in state constitutions nationwide, ensuring gender equality is enshrined in law.

Leading the Way in NY: Championing the implementation of New York's groundbreaking ERA to deliver on its promise of comprehensive equality for all.

Defending Fundamental Rights: At the forefront of legal advocacy, connecting the ERA to reproductive autonomy and other fundamental rights through strategic partnerships.

Cultivating the Next Generation: Transforming legal education by equipping future lawyers with the knowledge to advance equality law through our innovative constitutional law curriculum module.

Uniting for Progress: Convening national leaders and advocates through our nationwide listening tour to shape the future of the ERA movement.

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ERA Timeline

1788 ————	1
The U.S. Constitution is	
created, leaving out women.	The first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls.
1920 —	convention at Seneca ratts.
The 19th Amendment is ratified, guaranteeing women the right to vote.	1923
1972 —————	The ERA is first proposed to Congress.
Congress passes the ERA with bipartisan support. Within one year, 30 out of the 38 state legislatures needed elect to ratify the ERA.	1982
1002	The ratification deadline expires: the ERA falls three states short of ratification.
1992 The 27th Amendment is ratified after 202 years.	
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2018 —	Nevada ratifies the ERA.
Illinois ratifies the ERA.	
	2020
	Virginia becomes the 38th and final state needed to
The House votes to lift the ERA ratification deadline.	ratify the ERA. 2023
2024 —	Senate achieves majority vote in support of the ERA.
The ABA adopts a resolution acknowledging the ERA as the 28th Amendment.	
	President Biden declares the

President Biden declares the ERA "the law of the land."