

The League of Women Voters US Social Policy can be neatly summed up as follows:

Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans.

Equality of Opportunity:

The League of Women Voters of the US believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide:

- Equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing for all persons in the United States regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.
- The League supports federal programs to increase the education and training of disadvantaged people.
- The League supports federal programs to prevent and/or remove discrimination in education, employment and housing and to help communities bring about racial integration of their school systems.
- The League supports equal rights for all regardless of sex.
- The League supports action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA.
- The League supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations, and benefits available to same gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples.
- The League supports legislation to permit same gender couples to marry under civil law.

Further specific criteria and guidelines are spelled out within the League's position. See "Impact on Issues" at www.lwv.org.

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