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UNIVERSAL ADULT FRANCHISE

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Struggle of women – struggle of non propertied men.

In India : -

- **Before independence, only a small minority was allowed to vote and they therefore came together to determine the fate of majority .**
- **Several people including Gandhiji were shocked at the unfairness of**

this practice and demanded that all adults have the right to vote.

Mahatma Gandhi on universal adult franchise

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Writing Hindi journal young India in 1931, Gandhiji said, “I cannot possibly bear the idea that a man who has got wealth should have the right to vote, but that a man who has got character but no wealth or literacy should have no vote, or that a man who works honestly by the sweat of his brow day in day out should not have the vote for the crime of being a poor man” .
