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VOTES FOR WOMEN



This election year closes the fourth decade since women won the right to vote via the 19th Amendment. No one knows how many women cast their first ballot for Harding or Cox in 1920, but this year women may outvote men. On election day there will be 3,283,000 more women eligible to vote than men, according to the Census Bureau, which forecasts a steady increase in the female advantage. By 1980 they'll have 5,500,000 more votes, and remember there's no law against a female president. "Women now hold the balance of power," Republican party executive, Mrs. Clare B. Williams, has noted. But so far they haven't exercised it to the full. The American Heritage Foundation reports that more men than women voted in the last two Presidential contests, though the margin is shrinking fast.

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