

U.S. elections in 2020: Will women decide?



White women in the United States had to wait more than a century -- from the time the Constitution was written in 1789 until the 19th Amendment was passed in 1920 -- to have the right to go to the polls and elect their presidents, although this opportunity came earlier in a few places of that country.

Black women had it more difficult, because it wasn't until 1965 -- that is, 100 years after the end of the Civil War -- that they became citizens with full rights, although not with full opportunities.

However, in the end, the female population has proven to be much more dynamic, organized and enthusiastic about the electoral process and their participation in it than men themselves.

According to the Washington-based Pew Research Center, when Donald Trump was elected in 2016, women represented 53% of voters, while men came in at 47%.

An article written by Jean-Sébastien Stehli, published in "Madame" magazine, of the French newspaper Le Figaro, explains that this year, women could have the final decision on the election of the next president of the United States.

That's the reason why Trump is seeking to hold on to the vote of the suburban middle class neighborhoods, whose population is 65% white. Four years ago, 53% of uneducated women voted for the Republican candidate, even though the Democratic opponent was a woman -- Hillary Clinton.

Nonetheless, the scenario could be different this time, Stehli points out, since there's a good part of female residents disappointed with the government's policies.

One example could be the appointment to the Supreme Court of Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual harassment.

Moreover, there is also the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a women's rights advocate and the proposal for her replacement of Amy Coney Barrett, a conservative and fierce opponent of voluntary termination of pregnancy, a hot topic in the United States.

Women are also disappointed by the poor management of the health crisis unleashed by COVID-19 and the collapse of the economy.

Of course, this does not mean that there will be a massive tendency to vote for Joe Biden, but it does explain in some way Trump's rush to get back into the campaign, even though he tested positive for COVID-19 and the White House is a hotbed of contagion.

There are still three weeks to go before the presidential elections in the United States. Some have already voted in advance and others have already decided who they are voting for. The major issue is, will women be the ones to hold the scales in their hands?

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