

## SOURCE 9

Report from *The Morning Post* newspaper, June 1914, on the trial of men accused of attacking militant Suffragettes  
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### HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Look carefully at this source and consider what it tells you about how the Suffragettes helped to achieve the vote for women in 1918. You should consider:

### ASK YOURSELF:

- Why were the men on trial?
- What do you think this phrase means: 'without calling on the prisoners for their defence'?
- How were the men punished?
- What reason was given for this punishment?
- What does this suggest about attitudes to the Suffragettes?

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### PUBLIC INDIGNATION.

At the South Western Police Court yesterday Leslie Walton, student, Kempshott-road, Streatham; Leslie Grimwood, clerk, Gleneldon-road; and Albert William Leadbetter, insurance superintendent, Raymouth-road, Bermondsey, were charged before Mr. Lister Drummond with insulting conduct during the progress of a Suffragist meeting at Streatham Common. A hostile crowd gathered, and there were ugly rushes to get at the women speakers. The police had to intervene.

Police-constable Paul said there was an effort on the part of the young men of Streatham to put the militants in the pond.

Mr. Lister Drummond, without calling on the prisoners for their defence, said it was impossible to shut one's eyes to the fact that the behaviour of these women had created a strong feeling of resentment and disgust. He would not impose any penalty on that occasion, and in ordering the discharge of the defendants advised them to abstain from any interference in the future.