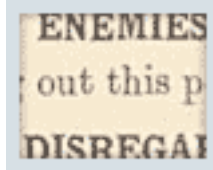


SOURCE 4

Extract from a pamphlet published by the NUWSS in 1911

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SOURCE 4A

SOURCE 4B

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 Suffragists helped to achieve the vote for women in 1918. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What evidence is there in this source that the NUWSS was well supported?
- What evidence is there that it was well organised?
- What tactics did it use?
- How did the NUWSS get involved in politics and in pressuring the government?
- How was the NUWSS different from the militant Suffragettes?

SOURCE 4A

HISTORY OF THE AGITATION IN THE COUNTRY.

The first Women's Suffrage Societies were founded in Manchester, in London, and in Edinburgh, in **1867**, and in Bristol and in Birmingham, in **1868**.

These united to form the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

This Union has grown into a large and powerful body, its progress during the last two years being especially remarkable.

In January, 1909, there were 70 affiliated societies ;

In January, 1911, there were 204 affiliated societies ;

And new societies are now being formed every week.

Increase in individual membership has been equally remarkable.

In January, 1909, there were 13,161 members ;

In January, 1911, there were 23,376 members.

Societies of the National Union are now, therefore, in existence in all parts of Great Britain. Some of them work in a considerable number of Parliamentary constituencies,

SOURCE 4B

The National Union, in fact, takes part in all general and by-elections, and regards this part of its work as the most important it has to do, both as propaganda and as a means of bringing pressure to bear upon the Government. Its election policy is to

OPPOSE ITS ENEMIES AND SUPPORT ITS FRIENDS,
and in carrying out this policy it

DISREGARDS ALL PARTIES.

For the purposes of its peaceful propaganda, whether by Public Meetings, Petitions, or other constitutional forms of agitation, the N.U.W.S.S. has, during the past year (1910), alone, raised considerably over

£20,000.

Very large sums have also been raised by other Suffrage Societies, working on different lines.

The N.U.W.S.S. has employed the money it has raised, and the services also of thousands of voluntary workers, in an agitation conducted on perfectly constitutional lines. It has organised meetings and demonstrations, collected signatures to petitions, and by deputations and other means, pressed the question of Women's Suffrage upon the notice both of the Government, of private Members of Parliament, and of candidates for Parliament.