The Equal Rights Amendment was a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution that was designed to guarantee equal rights for women. It was initially proposed in 1923, and then in 1972 it passed both houses of Congress and was sent to the states for ratification. There was a ratification deadline of March 22, 1979; through 1977, 35 of the 38 necessary states had ratified the amendment. However, of those 35 states, five (Nebraska, Tennessee, Idaho, Kentucky, and South Dakota) states would later rescind their ratifications in some way. A joint act by Congress later extended the ratification deadline to June, 1982, but no other states ever ratified the amendment. Opponents of the amendment argued that it would destroy traditional gender roles and American value—leading to women being drafted into the military and unisex bathrooms.

Source: Best Editorial Cartoons of 1972 (p. 115)
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2. Creator: Mike Peters  
Title: “Evolution of Man”  
Publication: Mike Peters’ Editorial Cartoons  
Publication Date: June 16, 2008  
Description of cartoon: This cartoon suggests that over the years, men have been able to change and “evolve.” However, women seem to have been restricted to performing the same tasks.  
Source: Pork Roasts, 250 Feminist Cartoons by Avis Lang Rosenburg  
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3. Creator: R Chast  
Title: “Doris K. Elston”  
Publication: The New Yorker  
Publication Date: May 18, 1987  
Description: Some argue that women, even in the twentieth century, have taken great strides and are able to take on new roles and careers in society that were they were previously unable to hold. However, they are still tied to their roles within the home. In this cartoon, a woman passes a statue of a lady which reads “Doris K. Elston- Brain Surgeon, Professional Model, Artist, Lawyer- plus Mother of four.”  
Source:  
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Opponents of big business and supporters of women’s rights argue that thriving, large corporations, such as Walmart, practice discriminatory policies and contribute to the still-present gap between men and women in terms of pay and success in the working world.