Collective Voices Will Be Heard

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Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW president, has this to say about the results of our November National Election.

"I write to you today with conviction and resolve, even though for the second time, our country has decided it wasn't ready to have a highly qualified woman hold our nation's highest office. I am grateful for everyone who stood up and used their voices for the rights of women and girls, and for the significant wins across states on key issues. To anyone feeling uncertainty about what lies ahead — know that you are not alone. . . .Our strength comes from our collective voice, and together we will continue the work to support women's education and economic empowerment."

Collective Voices! We women raised our voices in the 19th Century at the Seneca Falls Convention, regarded by many as the birthplace of American feminism, which was held in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19 and 20, 1848. This was the catalyst for women's rights conventions that became annual events, where women met to discuss educational opportunities, divorce reform, property rights, and sometimes labor issues. Sounds like AAUW!

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