

## Module 02: Should Women Vote? The Politics of Suffrage

### Evidence 9: "Excelsior!" From *Punch*, July 13, 1910



#### Introduction

The following cartoon comments on the movement's struggle to convince members of Parliament to pass women's suffrage legislation. Sisyphus was the figure in classical Greek mythology condemned to spend his life pushing a boulder up the same mountain.

#### Questions to Consider

- What is the meaning of defining women's suffrage as Sisyphus's boulder?
- Why does the caption end with, "he was only a man?"

#### Document



Caption:

Excelsior!

Suffragist: "It's no good talking to me about Sisyphus; he was only a man!"

Source:

"Excelsior!" *Punch* (13 Jul 1910): 21.