

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

### Evidence 12: "A Leap-Year Proposal" From *Anti-Suffrage Review*, May 1912



#### Questions to Consider

- What does the cartoon indicate about the effectiveness of the tactics of the militant suffragettes?
- J.B. stands for John Bull, a figure representing England. Why is he depicted as receiving a proposal from the woman, and what is his response meant to indicate about popular attitudes toward the suffrage campaign?

#### Document



Caption:  
A Leap-Year Proposal.

Militant Suffragette: "I have smacked policemen, broken windows, assaulted Ministers, broken up meetings, done time, shouted myself hoarse — to prove myself a fit mate for you! Will you have me?" J.B. "No thank you!"

Source:

"A Leap-Year Proposal," *Anti-Suffrage Review* (May 1912).