# **Changing Attitudes** Towards Women's Labor: How Newspapers Reflect Popular Ideologies

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# **Research Question**

How do Oregon Historical newspapers from around the state, including articles about cities around the world, reflect changing attitudes towards women's participation in the workforce in Oregon from 1910-1970?

# Significance & Intervention

- Analyzing newspapers as source collection of different years, & places
- Interesting...cool (maybe I guess)
- Documents integration of women into work force and work over time, women's labor movement, what type of work is available due to industrialization

## **Content**

- Changes in labor patterns, coincide w/ historical events
- Way that women & women's labor is written about changes over time
- Class & race dynamics

Process	Analysis	Presentation
<ul> <li>Text files from H.O.N</li> <li>Processed, edited</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Upload text files to</li> <li>Voyant -</li> <li>program I will use to analyze</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Github</li> <li>Present</li> <li>sources &amp;</li> <li>fair use</li> <li>assessment</li> </ul>

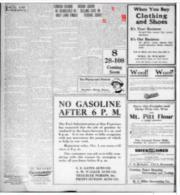
# Process - Historic OR Newspapers



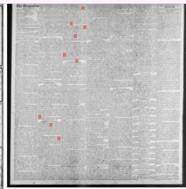
Ashland tidings. (Ashland, Or.) August 26, 1918, Page PAGE SIX, Image 6



The evening news. (Roseburg, Douglas County, Or.) September 18, 1918, Page 2, Image 2



Medford mail tribune. (Medford, Or.) October 01, 1918, Page 2, Image 2



The Sunday Oregonian. (Portland, Ore.) March 10, 1918, SECTION THREE, Page 8, Image 58









# Text files edited



#### WOMEN ON RAILROADS.

The number of railroad jobs that women are able to hold has increased tremendously since the war began. One of the first new jobs for women was car cleaning, and they have been engaged in this work in the Boston yards of the Boston & Albany Railroad for many months. Now the railroad administration contemplates the employment of women almost exclusively as clerks, accountants, ticket sellers, station agents, crossing watchmen, and car cleaners, in which jobs they can release men for the army or for more important work. To some extent. It is understood, women will be employed as track laborers. Every effort will be made to guard the safety and health of these women workers, and it is probable that the

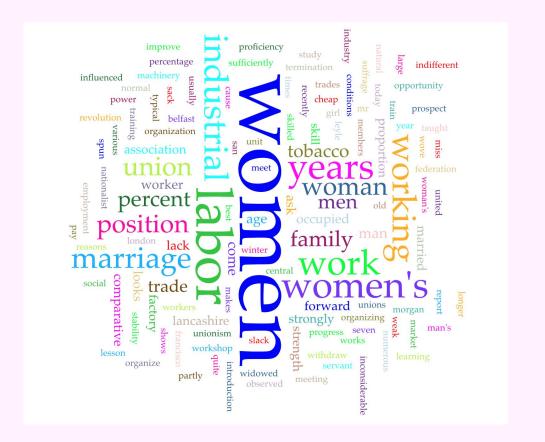
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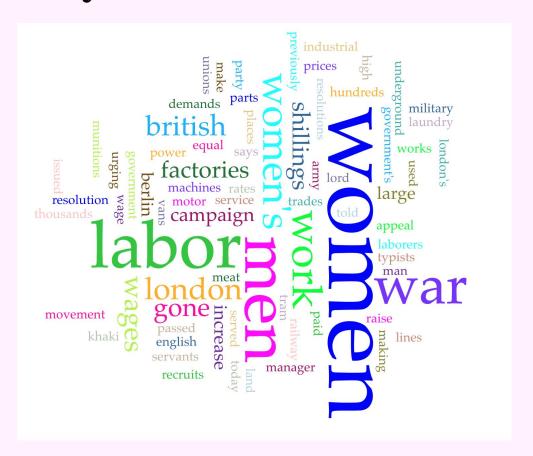
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## **Voyant - 1910 collection**



+	1	women	31
+	2	labor	17
+	3	years	10
+	4	industrial	10
+	5	working	9
+	6	work	9
+	7	women's	9
+	8	marriage	8
+	9	union	7
+	10	position	7
+	11	woman	6
+	12	percent	6
+	13	family	6
+	14	trade	5
+	15	tobacco	5
+	16	men	5
+	17	worker	4
+	18	strongly	4

## **Voyant - 1915 collection**



1	women 23		
2	labor	17	
3	men	13	
4	war	11	
5	work	8	
6	women's	7	
7	london	6	
8	british	6	
9	wages	5	
10	shillings	5	
11	gone	5	
12	factories	5	
13	large	4	
14	increase	4	
15	campaign	4	
16	berlin	4	

### **Possible Future Steps:)**

 Analysis of more newspapers - more years, expansion to PNW or West Coast, more keywords