ERA PUBLIC AWARENESS POLL

In a survey of 1,002 men and women conducted by Opinion Research Corporation Caravan Services in July 2001, 500 men and 502 women were asked:

"As far as you know, does the Constitution of the United States make it clear that male and female citizens are supposed to have equal rights?"

7 out of 10 people surveyed think that the Constitution ALREADY makes it clear that male and female citizens are entitled to *equal right*s.*

"In your opinion, SHOULD the Constitution make it clear that male and female citizens are supposed to have equal rights?" Yes:

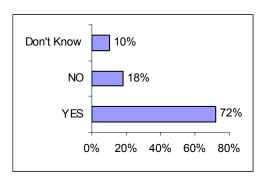
NINE out of every Ten Americans, both MEN and WOMEN believe the Constitution should state that male and female citizens are entitled to equal rights.

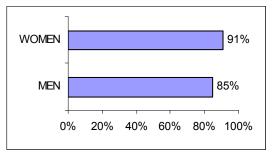
Although most Americans believe that women have the same rights as men under our Constitution, they are mistaken. Men's rights are guaranteed by specific language in the Constitution. Women's rights are secured only at the whim of Congress or state legislatures and the courts.

It is time women's rights were embedded in the CONSTITUTION. Men do not rely on Congress to ensure them the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Why should American women have their rights subject to the mercy of politicians or judges?

Isn't it time that equality is guaranteed to all persons regardless of sex?

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^{*}Survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation Caravan Services in July 2001. Sample size 1,002 adults, 500 men, 502 women. Margin of error at 95% confidence level, \pm 3% whole sample; \pm 4% for male/female respondents reported separately.