**Arkansas Women and Politics**

**Questions:**

1. Where and when was this photo taken?
2. Who are the individuals in the car and what are they doing?
3. Pay close attention to the individuals in the car and the spectators on the side of the road. Describe the two groups. What is a major difference between them?
4. Note that this photo was taken around 1912-1913 when cars were still rare. Not many individuals owned a car, and it was even more unusual for a woman to drive a car. Why do you think the women who fought for voting rights chose a drive-by as a form of their political protest? What could a car symbolize for them and for the men who were their audience?
5. Why do you think it is mostly men who appear in the audience standing on Main Street in Little Rock?

**Questions:**

1. Who are the two women in the photo? When was the photo taken?
2. Note that one woman is described as “Mrs.” and one as “Miss.” What do these two terms tell us about the two women? Why are they added to their names?
3. Research Frances Hunt and Erle Chambers. What were their contributions to the history of Arkansas?
4. List one female legislator that currently serves in the Arkansas State Legislature. Check the Legislature’s website for more information.
5. Go to the website of the Arkansas State Legislature and research how many women currently serve as state legislators. Is it more or fewer than men?

**Questions:**

1. Who are the women in the photo?
2. Do you know why they were nicknamed “the petticoat government”? For more information see this article: <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/petticoat-governments-7555/>
3. What were some of the contributions of the Winslow city council under the leadership of Virginia Maud Dunlap Duncan? Was the petticoat government popular in Winslow during their terms?
4. Name one city or town in Arkansas that currently has a female mayor. What is the mayor’s name? Do online research if necessary.
5. Name one city or town in the United States that currently has a female mayor. What is the mayor’s name? Do online research if necessary.
6. Name one country in the world that currently has a female leader. What is the leader’s name? Do online research if necessary.
7. Why do you think there are still fewer women in American politics than men?