

The Wolfe Institute

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Conversations about Shirley Chisholm Women in Politics



Patricia Nell Scott Schroeder is a U.S. congresswoman known for her outspoken liberal positions on social welfare, women's rights, and military spending. Schroeder received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Minnesota in 1961 and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1964. From 1964 to 1972 she held a variety of positions, including field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board, professor of law, and legal counsel for Planned Parenthood of Colorado. She then served 12 terms as a Democratic congresswoman from Colorado (1972–96). As the cochairperson of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, she focused attention on issues relating to family life, such as parental leave, child care, and family planning. As the second ranking member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, she was a proponent of programs to protect federal workers. Schroeder was also one of the first women ever appointed to the House Armed Services Committee, where she forcefully advocated the rights of women in the military and crusaded against excessive military spending. Her talent as a wordsmith became widely known when she called President Ronald Reagan the “Teflon president,” suggesting that criticism never seemed to stick to him. After leaving the House of Representatives, Schroeder was named president and chief executive of the Association of American Publishers.

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Woody Tanger Auditorium
Brooklyn College Library**

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