

**The Honorable Sue Myrick**  
U.S. Representative of North Carolina (1995–2013)

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Representative Myrick remembers women encouraging compromise and harmony within the House.  
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But really, I think that that because it's a, a negative atmosphere, a lot of women just say, "I'll raise my kids, and do my job, and whatever it is I'm working at, and not volunteer." But, you know, one thing that women bring to the process is a, a willingness to work together. And I think it's because we're raised, you know, we raise our kids to get along and not fight, you try and have harmony in the home, whatever it may be in that sense, and guys kind of are raised to be confrontational. And so, it's like this, you know, and it's harder, I think, for a guy to say, "Okay, you know, how can we work on this?" Because they feel like they're giving up something compared to the way we look at it, like, "How can you bring the people together?" And, quite frankly, the way I used to deal with guys was, I'd think, "They, you know, they're some mamma's little boy, they get up in the morning and put their pants on the same way I do, one leg at a time. They're no different." And so, that was kind of my psychological thing, to deal with guys who wanted to lord it over women for whatever reason.