

ADELINA "NINA" OTERO-WARREN

Leader in New Mexico's Women's Suffrage Movement

How would you fight for the rights of your community?

Adelina "Nina" Otero-Warren worked to improve the lives of all New Mexicans, especially the Hispanic and Native Americans in her community. From fighting for women's right to vote to advancing bicultural education, Otero-Warren used her connections and voice to create a more equitable society in her community.

Learn more about Otero-Warren:

- Born into an affluent and connected family, Otero-Warren had access to a high-quality education and acted as her family's matriarch after her parent's death.
- Otero-Warren was a leader in the women's suffrage movement. She emphasized the importance of the Spanish language in the movement and spearheaded the lobbying effort to ratify the 19th Amendment in New Mexico.
- As the first woman superintendent of public schools in Sante Fe, Otero-Warren worked to advance bicultural education and to preserve cultural practices among the state's Hispanic and Native American communities.
- Otero-Warren became the first Hispanic woman to run for Congress when she won the Republican Party's nomination in 1922, defeating a male opponent. She lost the general election by fewer than 10,000 votes.



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A Bilingual Movement

Look closely at the image on this quarter (bottom left). Notice the phrase, "Voto Para La Mujer," which is Spanish for "Votes for Women."

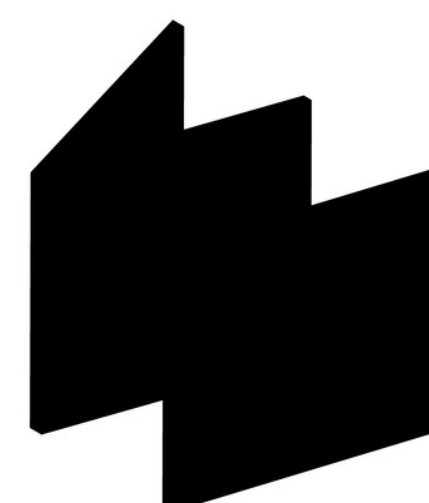
Otero-Warren emphasized the importance of the Spanish language in the fight for women's right to vote in New Mexico and elsewhere.

Otero-Warren knew that speaking someone's language would help them feel included. By making materials available in Spanish, the suffragists could reach communities that were frequently excluded from what has often been viewed as a mostly white movement.

Take Action Like Otero-Warren

How can you help people feel included? Are there issues in your community that you could speak up for? You can use your voice, and by working with those around you, fight for the rights of your community like Nina Otero-Warren.

Learn more about Nina Otero-Warren, the women's suffrage movement, and other inspiring women at [womenshistory.org](https://www.womenshistory.org).



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