

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

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**Congresswomen's Caucus**

Representative Myrick reflects on the importance of the leadership positions in the Congresswomen's Caucus.

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Well, the Women's Caucus served a good purpose, and probably still does, again, not being here. It was, it was always hard—as Republicans, it's a little harder to be a part of the Women's Caucus because a lot of them think differently on issues, issues that are, really shouldn't be issues but they are, and they become emotionally charged—like abortion, pro-life, pro-choice, that type of thing. And so, there was, there was always some divide there, between the two, but we would try and find issues that we could work on together, and come together, and it really depended on who was, who the two people were, leading the caucus, as to how successful the caucus was, very frankly. Some years it was, it was a really good positive influence, and other years it was not. And, I mean, I can't go back and tell you years. I'm just saying, from looking back on it now, the two people who were the key leaders were the ones that set the tone, and the ones that, you know, would help to bring people in because some years the caucus barely functioned, and in other years, it was very healthy. But it depended on what they were doing and how they were addressing the issues. If you could stay away from the emotionally-charged ones, then it can be successful, or could be successful.