Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Bomfee in 1797 in New York a slave. She became an outspoken nationally known speaker on human rights for slaves and women. In 1843, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth.

In 1851, she began a lecture tour that included a women’s rights conference in Akron, Ohio, where she delivered her famous “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech. She challenged prevailing notions of racial and gender inferiority and inequality by reminding listeners of her combined strength as a six-foot-tall female.

In the mid-1860s, while in Washington, D.C., a streetcar conductor tried to violently block her from riding, she ensured his arrest and won her subsequent case. In the late 1860s, she collected thousands of signatures on a petition to provide former slaves with land, though Congress never acted. Her civil rights work earned her an invitation to meet President Abraham Lincoln in 1864. Nearly blind and deaf towards the end of her life, Truth spent her final years in Michigan.

Elise Stefanik was born July 2, 1984, in Albany, New York. Stefanik was elected at age 30 to the U.S. House in 2015 becoming the youngest woman ever elected to Congress at that time. She has the distinction of being the youngest Republican woman ever elected to Congress. Her district is the fifth largest district by land area east of the Mississippi River and it covers most of the North Country as well as most of the Adirondacks.

Stefanik graduated from Harvard and joined the administration of President George W. Bush working on the Domestic Policy Council and the Chief of Staff’s office where she assisted in overseeing the policy development process on all economic and domestic policy issues. In 2012, Congresswoman Stefanik served as Director of Vice-Presidential Debate Prep to Paul Ryan, where she oversaw all debate preparations for the Republican Vice-Presidential nominee and helped to prepare the Republican Platform. After the election, she returned to upstate New York and joined her parents’ small business.

Stefanik is currently serving her third term in Congress and is on the Armed Services Committee, the Committee on Education and Labor, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. On the Armed Services Committee, Congresswoman Stefanik serves as Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities and is a Member of the Subcommittee on Readiness. The Committee on Education and Labor, she serves on the Subcommittees on Higher Education & Workforce Development and Civil Rights & Human Services.