

Adelina “Nina” Otero-Warren

EMPOWERING WOMEN. STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY.



BACKGROUND

Born in 1881 on her family’s hacienda near Los Lunas, New Mexico, Adelina “Nina” Otero-Warren was raised in a prominent Hispano family with roots tracing back to the region’s earliest Spanish settlers. After the death of her father at a young age, she helped raise her many younger siblings while pursuing her education. Her experiences in New Mexico and New York shaped her lifelong commitment to public service, education, and civic leadership.

CAREER

Adelina “Nina” Otero-Warren was a pioneering educator, suffragist, and public servant who championed women’s voting rights and bilingual education in New Mexico. She led the state’s campaign to ratify the 19th Amendment, ensuring Spanish-speaking women were included in the suffrage movement, and later became the first Hispanic woman to run for the U.S. Congress. Throughout her career, she advocated for educational reform, cultural preservation, and greater civic participation for Hispanic communities.

IMPACT

Otero-Warren’s leadership helped open the doors of democracy to Hispanic women, advanced bilingual education, and inspired generations of Latinas to pursue public service and political leadership.

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