

CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING SMALL GROUPS--II

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FURTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

I. HALF-WAY QUESTIONS: DEVELOPING THE POLEMICS OF FEMINISM

1. Is "liberation" sex before marriage and a job after?
2. Does "pussy power" really rule the world?
3. What sexist phrases and opinions are most oppressive to you? What cliches about the Women's Movement do you meet most often, and how do you handle them?
4. Do you care whose surname you use?
5. Why do so many people, when confronted by the ideas of the Women's Movement, jump to the conclusion that women want to be "men"?
6. Is motherhood the final proof of womanhood?
7. Why are many men convinced that legal marriage is the most they can offer in commitment?
8. If men could get pregnant, would abortion be a sacrament? " " " "
9. Does marriage "protect" women?
Does marriage "protect" vast numbers of women and children from abandonment and want?
If marriage is a paternal form of slavery or bondage, why are so many women anxious to be wives?
10. Are women who love other women less "feminine"?
11. With the issues of war, oppression of Blacks in prisons and ghettos, and imminent ecological disaster hanging over our heads, women's issues seem trivial to many people. How ~~xx~~ do you relate to this charge?
12. Fashion, food preparation and home decoration are "female specialties" in media as well as the reality of women's lives. How do you resist?