

## 11. DEVELOPING A FEMINIST IDEOLOGY

1. "What do women really want?" Sigmund Freud
2. Do women join the movement because they are "losers"? What does it mean to be a loser in this society? Who are the female "winners" and can they be models for us? Are women a "loser caste"?
3. Why are there so many children in the world and so few lovers?
4. As better contraception and abortion become readily available, will it be possible for a woman-oriented birth ethic to prevail in this country under which only wanted children will be born? If not, what will prevent this?
5. Who is the enemy?
6. What are the sources of women's oppression? Is it all men? Is it the institutional structure of our society? If so, which institutions in particular? How can they be changed?
7. Is it truly possible for women to be "liberated" in a capitalist society? In a socialist society? In what country are women most free and what are the sources of that freedom?
8. How do we feel about violence? Are there conditions under which violence is justified? In pursuit of our own goals? Is violence a necessary part of radical social change, such as changing the status and roles of women?
9. What are the limits of the American political system in trying to achieve the freedom of women?
10. Can sisterhood cut across class/race lines, or not? What are the real differences in priorities that separate us from Black women? What are the historical or economic reasons for the women's movement being largely middle-class?
11. Feminist historians are revealing evidence of early civilizations which were matriarchal and/or woman dominated (The First Sex--Davis). Speculate as to how the shift from a feminist to a masculinist society took place and why.
12. Do women have a special relationship to Nature, ecology, or the preservation of the species? If so, define why so, and how should this be reflected by the Women's Movement.
13. If women ruled the world, would there be no war? If not, why not?
14. Is white male supremacy mostly economic? If white women had the money, would they relate differently ~~xxxx~~ to racial minorities than white males? To white men?
15. What are the primary anxieties that limit the growth of the women's movement? Do women fear creating distance between themselves and their men? Do they fear being "put down" as incapable of attracting or holding a man? Do they fear being close to, touching or being sexually attracted to other women? Do they fear being called shrill, militant, hostile, bitchy, bitter, or unfeminine? Do they fear being ridiculed? Don't you fear these things?
16. Is the lack of justice in our society a reflection of the lack of power of women? Do women develop a superior affinity for the quality of true justice through the socialization of their children?