

PRINCIPLES

We take the woman's side in everything .

We ask not if something is "reformist," "radical," "revolutionary," or "moral." We ask: is it good for women or bad for women ?

We ask not if something is "political." We ask : is it effective ? Does it get us closest to what we really want in the fastest way ?

We define the best interests of women as the best interests of the poorest, most insulted, most despised, most abused woman on earth. Her lot, her suffering and abuse is the threat that men use against all of us to keep us in line. She is what all women fear being called, fear being treated as and yet what we all really are in the eyes of men. She is Everywoman: ugly, dumb (dumb broad, dumb cunt) , bitch, nag, hag, whore, fucking and breeding machine, mother of us all. Until Everywoman is free, no woman will be free. When her beauty and knowledge is revealed and seen, the new day will be at hand .

We are critical of all past ideology, literature and philosophy, products as they are of male supremacist culture. We are re-examining even our words - language itself .

We take as our source the hitherto unrecognized culture of women, a culture which from long experience of oppression developed an intense appreciation for life, a sensitivity to unspoken thoughts and the complexity of simple things, a powerful knowledge of human needs and feelings .

We regard our feelings as our most important source of political understanding .

We see the key to our liberation in our collective wisdom and our collective strength .

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