

Radical Women study circle

Patriarchy: Where it came from and how to smash it

Wednesdays at 7pm, beginning Nov. 3 2021

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The Radical Women Manifesto can be purchased in book form for \$8.00 at the Radical Women office or ordered from www.RadicalWomen.org. It can be read online at Google Books <https://tinyurl.com/RWManifesto>

Nov. 3 Different feminisms

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- Clara Fraser, *Where the Battle of the Sexes Resolves Itself*
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Nov. 10 How patriarchy overturned matriarchy

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- Karen Brodine, *Ancient Matriarchy & Modern Feminism*
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- Evelyn Reed, Introduction to Friedrich Engels’ *Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*, pp 7-22
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Nov. 17 From gender and sexual freedom to binaries and bigotry

- Leslie Feinberg, transgenderism in indigenous societies, *Transgender Warriors*, pp 21-29
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- *Unpacking Transphobia** (Radical Women statement by Emma Allen)
<https://www.radicalwomen.org/statements/statements-2013/transphobia.shtml>
- Sam Deaderick & Tamara Turner, “Homosexuality in Antiquity” in *Gay Resistance: The Hidden History*, pp 9-19
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(no session on November 24 due to Thanksgiving holiday)

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<https://socialism.com/fs-article/profit-prejudice-why-it-will-take-a-revolution-to-end-racism/>
- Dorothy Roberts, *Killing the Black Body*, Introduction, pp 8-21
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- The Combahee River Collective Statement
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- Audre Lorde, *Age, Race, Class and Sex: Women Redefining Difference*
<https://wgs10016.commons.gc.cuny.edu/lorde-age-race-class-and-sex-women-redefining-difference/>

Dec. 8 The struggle and resistance are global

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- Rifka Al-Amya, "One State for All: a Palestinian feminist view," *Mondoweiss*
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- Lois Danks, "Pain turns to rage as Mexican women fight to stop femicide," *Freedom Socialist*
<https://socialism.com/fs-article/pain-turns-to-rage-as-mexican-women-fight-to-stop-femicide/>
- Steve Strauss, "Women take up arms for survival, liberation," *Freedom Socialist*
<https://socialism.com/fs-article/women-take-up-arms-for-survival-liberation/>
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Dec. 15 Turning resistance into liberation

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- Nawal el Sadaawi, *Women and the Poor: The challenge of global justice*
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- bell hooks, *Men: Comrades in Struggle*
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- Nancy Reiko Kato, "Socialism: A world of difference" & "Putting ideas into action" in *Women of Color: Frontrunners for Freedom*, pp 31-38
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- *Cross-Border Feminist Manifesto*
<https://www.radicalwomen.org/campaigns/cross-border-feminists/cross-border-feminists-feministas-transfronterizas.shtml>