

FEMINIST REVOLUTION

SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL, CONSCIOUSNESS - RAISING,
WOMEN OF THE WORLD UNITE, THE MISS AMERICA PROTEST,
THE PRO-WOMAN LINE, THE POLITICS OF HOUSEWORK, THE
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Brandishing these slogans, radicals of the Women's Liberation Movement awakened mass feminist consciousness. Now, summing up their experience and that of the movement as a whole, they prepare for a new offensive.

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Six years ago the women's liberation movement started out radical, strong, lively and on the offensive—and it spread like wildfire.

No issue was too sacred to be investigated by personal experience or to keep our analysis and conclusions from being taken before the public in the most powerful way we were able. Our demands for abortion law repeal, child-care centers, men sharing the housework, job equality, the right to wear pants anywhere, and the assertion that men, not women, were the ones who must change, spoke to the anger and longing of women all over the world.

Today all the trappings of the early radical upsurge remain, but the content and style have been watered down. Operating on its initial momentum only, the movement is now slowing down. We have reached a point when the movement must have a revival of the radical ideas and leadership which marked its early growth and success.

—Redstockings, December 1973

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—Christine Dann,
Broadsheet, New Zealand

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—Betty Friedan, New York

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—Tillie Olsen, San Francisco

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—Carol Anne Douglas,
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—Dorothy Curzon,
The Emergency Librarian, Canada

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Women's Report, England

Dedicated to Simone de Beauvoir, to rigorous analysis of aims and methods, and to the viability of a real feminist social revolution...it conveys a clear and powerful message for continued struggle.

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