“It is our historical task, and only ours, to define what we call oppression in materialist terms, to make it evident that women are a class, which is to say that the category “woman” as well as the category “man” are political and economic categories not eternal ones. Our fight aims to suppress men as a class, not through a genocidal, but a political struggle. Once the class “men” disappears, “women” as a class will disappear as well, for there are no slaves without masters . . .”

Monique Wittig
Feminism opposes the control, subordination and commodification of women.

This doesn’t mean we want a female corporate power or a woman president.

It means we oppose all relationships of power.

We want a world where no one holds power over another.

WHY OCCUPY PATRIARCHY?

Because patriarchy systemically and structurally oppresses and exploits women, just as capitalism systemically and structurally exploits workers. Patriarchy is a hierarchy. Patriarchy means rule by men. And capitalistic patriarchy is the world order.

Under patriarchy men rule over women as their institutionalized right, just as in capitalism a few at the top have the most power and wealth, and as in economics so in the social realm, both men and capitalism keep this control by force and the threat of force. You cannot separate one from the other. Today’s masculine constructs support a rape culture. The poorest of the world’s poor are women who also do two thirds of the world’s work and own 1 per cent of the means of production.

White, heterosexual male supremacy is the institutionalized ideology of our culture. Therefore, we contest and oppose this system!

FROM WOMEN OCCUPY

“Women deserve to start the conversations about the impact of economic inequality, to participate in the conversations, to change the conversations, and to end the conversations—and they deserve to do those things while not facing police brutality, while not experiencing sexist attacks, and while not being sexually objectified. All those things work in tandem to further take away power from women, and we need women in this fight.

We support the Occupy Together movement while acknowledging that it needs to work to make spaces safe for women, and to fight sexism and misogyny when it creeps in.”

no matter your gender, feminism is for everyone

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