

STATEMENT OF THE MALE HOMOSEXUAL WORKSHOP

All power to the people!

The revolution will not be complete until all men are free to express their love for one another sexually. We affirm the sexuality of our love. The social institution which prevents us all from expressing our total revolutionary love we define as sexism. Sexism is a belief or practice that the sex or sexual orientation of human beings gives to some the right to certain privileges, powers, or roles, while denying to others their full potential. Within the context of our society, sexism is primarily manifested through male supremacy and hetero-sexual chauvinism. Since in the short run sexism benefits certain persons or groups, in the long run it cannot serve all the people, and prevents the forming of complete social consciousness among straight men.

Sexism is irrational, unjust, and counter-revolutionary. Sexism prevents the revolutionary solidarity of the people.

We demand that the struggle against sexism be acknowledged as an essential part of the revolutionary struggle. We demand that all revolutionaries deal individually and collectively with their own sexism.

We recognize as a vanguard revolutionary action the Huey P. Newton statement on gay liberation. We recognize the Black Panther Party as being the vanguard of the people's revolution in Amerikkka.

No revolution without us!

An army of lovers cannot lose!

WE DEMAND:

1. The right to be gay, any time, any place.
2. The right to free physiological change and modification of sex upon demand.
3. That all modes of human sexual self-expression deserve protection of the law, and social sanction.
4. The right of free dress and adornment.
5. Every child's right to develop in a non-sexist, non-possessive atmosphere, which is the responsibility of all people to create.
6. That a free educational system present the entire range of human sexuality, without advocating any one form or style; that sex roles and sex-determined skills not be fostered by the schools.
7. That language be modified so that no gender take priority.
8. The judicial system be run by the people through people's courts; the

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all people be tried by members of their peer group.

9. That gays be represented in all governmental and community institutions.
10. That organized religions be condemned for aiding in the genocide of gay people, and enjoined from teaching hatred and superstition.
11. That psychiatry and psychology be enjoined from advocating a preference for any form of sexuality, and the enforcement of that preference by shock treatment, brainwashing, imprisonment, etc.
12. The abolition of the nuclear family because it perpetuates the false categories of homosexuality and heterosexuality.
13. The immediate release of and reparations for gay and other political prisoners from prisons and mental institutions; the support of gay political prisoners by all other political prisoners.
14. That gays determine the destiny of their own communities.
15. That all people share equally the labor and products of society, regardless of sex or sexual orientation.
16. That technology be used to liberate all peoples of the world from drudgery.
17. The full participation of gays in the people's revolutionary army.
18. Finally, the end of domination of one person by another.

Gay power to gay people!

All power to the people!

Seize the time!

Addition on the last day of the convention:

The Lesbian Workshop did not address the People's Constitutional Convention as scheduled. Therefore, the Male Homosexual Workshop summons the attention of all participating workshops to the fact that the Plenary Session is incomplete without the inclusion of a position paper from our sisters.

DEMANDS OF THE LESBIAN WORKSHOP

1. Sexual autonomy. Prohibit role-programming of children.
2. Destruction of the nuclear family. The nuclear family is a micro-cosm of the fascist state, where the women and children are owned by and their fates determined by, the needs of men, in a man's world.
3. Communal care of children. Children should be allowed to grow, in a society of their peers, cared for by adults whose aim is not to perpetuate any male/female role programming. It is advised that the adults be under the direction of woman-identified women.
4. Reparations:
 - A) Women are a dispersed minority and we demand that amount of control of all production and industry that would ensure one hundred percent control over our own destinies. This control includes commerce, industry, health facilities, education, transportation, military, etc.
 - B) Because women have been systematically denied information and knowledge and the opportunities for acquiring these, we demand open enrollment of all schools to all women, financial support to any woman who needs it, and on-the-job training with pay for all women attending schools and under apprenticeship.
 - C) Women demand the time and support to research, compile, and report our history and identity.
 - D) The power and technology of defense are invested in men. Since these powers are used to intimidate women, we demand training in self defense and the use of defense machinery. A women's Militia would be organized to defend the demands, rights, and interests of women struggling toward an unoppressive social system.

ADDITION FROM: Self-determination of Women Workshop

WOMEN: The demands of the gay sisters were not read from the platform last (Sunday) night. The new constitution cannot be complete without the demands. The radical Lesbians were excluded and ignored at the Workshop on Self-Determination for Women. We feel we have let ourselves and our sisters down.

In the past and here at the conference, the women's movement has not recognized that the struggle of gay women is our struggle--all women's struggle. All women must be free to love one another.

Free our sisters, free ourselves. Power to the People.