

“Sisterhood”

Common oppression a myth – shared victimization – p. 45

Couldn't unite women of different races, ethnicities, religions, socio-economic backgrounds. Women are divided. Many women exploit and oppress other women.

We need to bond not as victims, but to end sexist oppression p. 47

It is sexism that leads women to feel threatened by one another – p. 47

Black women often feel exploited by white women – why would they join them in the feminist movement?

White women believed they “owned” the movement – asking others to join them – p. 53

Women of color must also get beyond their absorption of white supremacist beliefs. – p. 55

We don't understand cultural differences.

We are not equally oppressed. P. 57

How do we get past class differences?

We all see life from different perspectives – p. 60

Women must learn to accept responsibility for fighting oppressions that may not directly affect us. – p. 62

Solidarity is not the same as support.

“Revolutionary Parenting”

Black women don't view motherhood as serious obstacle to career because they have always worked. However, for black women, work in context of family is humanizing. Work outside the home has been dehumanizing – alienating. p. 134

Today women seem to be glorifying/romanticizing motherhood. Reinforces the patriarchy. Motherhood as a woman's truest vocation – p. 135. Still critical of women who don't have children.

Numerous studies recently telling women that you should have children younger – less chance for autism, more eggs, etc. What is behind these studies? What good is having children younger if you're not ready and won't be a good parent? I never could have been a good mother in my 20s.

Mothers need to be given respect p. 137. Need to take the oppression out of motherhood.

Men will not share equally in parenting until they are taught that fatherhood has the same meaning and significance as motherhood. Right now it doesn't. p. 137 Mothers are supposed to be nurturing, not fathers.

p. 139 – Some women shut men out of parenting (my fear that Rich would lose the children, leaving him pages of instructions, calling him).

Children have right to effective child care. Women shouldn't exclusively provide that care. p. 140

Men and women should discuss childcare before a child is born. p. 141.

Need to be open to other childrearsers. Stop thinking we "own" our children and should be the only ones to influence them p. 144.

Cross-generational care.

Need better child care centers with male and female caregivers (we are suspicious of this).

Isolated parenting is not healthy for anyone. p. 143.