



Stop the War on Women!

**STAND UP - SPEAK OUT -
PROTEST - MARCH!**

International Women's Day
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 12PM
St. Mary's Cathedral [@GEARY & GOUGH]

MARCH & PROTEST

at sites of the war on women

- **End Pornography and Patriarchy: The Enslavement & Degradation of Women!**
- **Abortion on Demand and Without Apology!**
- **Fight for the Liberation of Women All Over the World!**

Abortion rights are in a state of emergency! 203 new restrictions to abortion were passed in the last three years. Five states have only one abortion clinic left. Anti-woman bigots harass women at abortion clinics across the country. 97% of rural counties have no abortion providers. Upcoming court rulings threaten to close dozens more clinics nation-wide. Forcing women to have children against their will is a form of enslavement!

Meanwhile, women are slammed backwards in every realm: from the mainstreaming of violent and degrading pornography to the global epidemic of rape, from a culture that celebrates pimping to the shaming of women who choose to have sex, and from the sexual enslavement of millions of women and girls in the sex industry to the widespread celebration of Pope Francis while he has changed nothing of church doctrine that enslaves and humiliates women and LGBT people.

Take to the streets this International Women's Day. Through our public resistance we will expose the illegitimacy of this whole war on women and put the woman-haters on notice that we will not sit silently by. We will express our outrage and bring alive a culture of defiance and liberation. We will wake up and rally forth many thousands more, refusing to stop until we win.

The future of women is at stake. Which side are YOU on?

Stop Patriarchy Meet-ups Sundays 11am

Come get coffee on a Sunday morning and get to know others who want to fight patriarchy.

2/9: Berkeley.
UC Berkeley, Golden Bear Cafe

2/16: San Francisco.
Muddy's Coffee, Valencia @ 24th

2/23: Oakland.
Mills College, Tea Shop

3/2: San Francisco.
Muddy's Coffee, Valencia @ 24th

ONE BILLION RISING Stop Patriarchy! Flashmob Friday 2/14, 3pm Civic Center BART Station

ONE BILLION women & men in 184 countries will dance on this day, standing up for the 1 in 3 women worldwide who are raped, a powerful expression to end violence against women.

Come rise with Stop Patriarchy in open defiance of the war on women, and take a stand for the true liberation of women everywhere. Bibles will be destroyed! Objectifying images of women, too! We will dance on their shreds and call on others to join in. See link (right) for details.

"There really is no fundamental difference between reducing women to breeders, to objects just for turning out babies, and reducing women to sex objects to be plundered and humiliated and used and abused for the sexual titillation of men... We're fighting all of that."

-Sunsara Taylor

onebillionrising.org/events/rise-with-stop-patriarchy-flashmob/

Call to Action - End Pornography & Patriarchy: The Enslavement and Degradation of Women

StopPatriarchy.org

We are told that "equality for women has been won" and that "there are no limits to what girls can achieve." BULLSHIT!

Every 15 seconds a woman is beaten. Every day three to four women are killed by their partners. One out of four female college students will be raped or sexually assaulted while in college.

In recent years, **pornography has become increasingly violent, cruel, degrading towards women**; women are referred to as "cumdumpsters" and "fuckbuckets"; the "money shot" (ejaculation in a **woman's** face) is standard; humiliating cruelty—like violent "ass-to-mouth" penetration—is normalized, and racist bigotry is sexualized. Meanwhile, **the broader culture has been pornified**: pole dancing is taught at gyms, "sexting" is a national phenomenon among teens, and the strip club is the accepted backdrop to male bonding. All this is tied in with, and reinforces, **the trafficking of millions of women and girls as literal chattel in the international sex industry**.

This is NOT society becoming more comfortable with sex. This is society becoming saturated with the sexualized degradation of women. If you can't imagine sex without porn, you're fucked.

At the same time, a Christian fundamentalist-driven assault is imperiling abortion, birth control, real sex education, and women's lives. Doctors are killed. Women who seek abortion (a safe, necessary, and perfectly moral medical procedure)—or even birth control—are stigmatized. 2011 saw the largest spate of legal restrictions on abortion since Roe v. Wade in 1973. Women who are not virgins or who do not choose to become mothers are shamed. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who do not conform to traditional patriarchal gender and sexual norms are demonized and condemned.

ALL THIS MUST BE STOPPED!

Women are not objects. Women are not things to be used for the sexual pleasure of men NOR are they breeders of children. **WOMEN ARE HUMAN BEINGS CAPABLE OF FULL EQUALITY IN EVERY REALM!**

It is long past time that this new generation stand up, reject, and RESIST this culture of rape and pornography; this culture that labels women "selfish" if they choose not to become mothers and stigmatizes them for having abortions; this culture that reduces women and girls to sexualized objects while denying their full multi-dimensional humanity (including their right—as one essential part of this—to explore and experience mutually respectful and fulfilling sexuality without shame or stigma).

- **RESIST THE CULTURE OF RAPE AND PORNOGRAPHY**—Join in protest against the celebration of, and profit in, the degradation of women and the trade in women's flesh.
- **STAND UP FOR ABORTION RIGHTS**—Fetuses are not babies. Women are not incubators. Abortion is not murder.

Our purpose is NOT to lobby for new legislation to ban pornography ("decency laws" have always served to further repress homosexuality, boundary-challenging art, and scientific sex education). We oppose the criminalization of women in the sex industry.

Our mission is to challenge the new generation in particular to reject this culture of rape and pornography, to resist the shaming of women who have sex and/or abortions, to wage fierce cultural and political resistance to wake others up, and to celebrate, fight for, and win the full equality and liberation of women.

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