

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK



The New York WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK COMMITTEE is part of a nationwide organization that is campaigning for WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK from the government for

## ALL WOMEN

married or not  
native or immigrant

with or without children  
lesbian or straight

with or without  
a second job

**HOUSEWORK IS OUR COMMON PROBLEM  
LET'S MAKE IT OUR COMMON STRUGGLE**

We demand WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK because we cannot afford to work endless hours in the home and then depend on a man or on welfare or have to take a second job BECAUSE WE HAVE NO MONEY we can call our own. Nobody works as much as we do. WE ALL NEED MORE MONEY NOT MORE WORK.

**WE'RE NEVER UNEMPLOYED WE'RE JUST**

Business and Government profit from our work - THEY SHOULD PAY FOR IT. We know they need us so we can set the terms.

WE DEMAND **WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK**

To cut down on housework - to eat out, get machines to do some of the work, and refuse to be slaves to the house

To be able to decide working conditions and wages on the second job, and if we want it in the first place

To stand up to men when we work WITH them and when we work FOR them - if we had our own money we could

To decide what our sex lives should be like

To decide if, when and under what conditions to have children

To give our children what we want them to have

To demand and WIN paid holidays away from ALL work

To demand and WIN decent housing

## JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN

All over the US and in several other countries of the world women are organizing speak outs, rallies, marches for WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK. We speak in different languages but we are all saying the same thing.



WE ARE OPENING **OUR CAMPAIGN OFFICE** IN A STOREFRONT  
**288 B 8th Street (off 5th Ave) in BROOKLYN**

Come and visit us while shopping

SAT. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. WED. 9:30 a.m. to 12 a.m.

New York WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK COMMITTEE - We have discussion groups, video tapes, cassettes, literature, speakers available to talk with your group. Call 625 0780 or 788 2822

# WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK

## NOTICE TO ALL GOVERNMENTS

The women of the world are serving notice. We clean your homes and factories. We raise the next generation of workers for you. Whatever else we may do, we are the housewives of the world. In return for our work, you have only asked us to work harder.

We are serving notice to you that we intend to be paid for the work we do. We want wages for every dirty toilet, every painful childbirth, every indecent assault, every cup of coffee and every smile. And if we don't get what we want, then we will simply refuse to work any longer.

We have brought our children to be good citizens and to respect your laws and you have put them in factories, in prisons, in ghettos and in typing pools. Our children deserve more than you can offer and now we will bring them up to EXPECT more.

We have borne babies for you when you needed more workers, and we have submitted to sterilization when you didn't. Our wombs are not government property any longer.

We have scrubbed and polished and oiled and waxed and scoured until our arms and backs ached, and you have only created more dirt. Now you will rot in your own garbage.

We have worked in the isolation of our homes when you needed us to and we have taken on a second job too when you needed that. Now we want to decide WHEN we work, HOW we work, and WHO we work for. We want to be able to decide NOT TO WORK AT ALL --like you.

We are teachers and nurses and secretaries and prostitutes and actresses and childcare workers and hostesses and waitresses

and cooks and cleaning ladies and workers of every variety. We have sweated while you have grown rich. Now we want back the wealth we have produced. WE WANT IT IN CASH, RETROACTIVE AND IMMEDIATELY. AND WE WANT ALL OF IT.

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# HOUSEWORK - UNPAID WORK

The crime against us internationally, from which all other crimes against us flow, is our life sentence of housework at home and outside, servicing men, children, and other women, in order to produce and reproduce the working class. For this work we are never paid a wage.

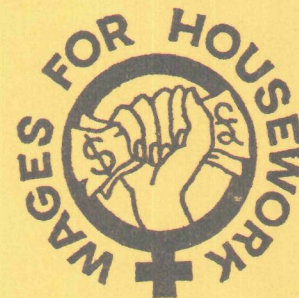
This crime of work and wagelessness brands us for life as the weaker sex and delivers us powerless to employers, government planners and legislators, doctors, the police, prisons and mental institutions as well as the individual men for a lifetime of servitude and imprisonment.

Our campaign for wages for housework is our demand for power to refuse the social and sexual onslaught on our minds, our bodies and our relations -- in a word, our demand for power to refuse this destiny of work which we carry in every country, wherever we find ourselves.

We have been divided by the status and income of the men we marry, by whether or not we work fulltime in the home, by whether or not we are with men, by whether or not we have children, by whether or not we are natives or immigrants, and by language, race, and nation and the technology of our exploitation.

But our destiny and the roots of our exploitation -- our wageless work in the home -- are the same in every country of the world, and so is our struggle against it.

LET'S UNITE TO DEMAND  
**WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK**  
FROM ALL GOVERNMENTS  
FOR ALL WOMEN



# THE CRIME

# AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONALLY

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