

WGS. 101 CLASS #13 Spring 2023 3/20/23

Reminder: Oral Pres. outlines/articles: due one week before pres.

1. *Sisters of '77*: Discussion (HW ques.)
2. The “Second Wave” of Feminism: Multiple Varieties and Perspectives
Legal, Economic and Social/Cultural Reform Agenda
Generational Differences: Older/NOW feminists and younger, more radical feminists (small, leaderless groups); Differences and Collaborations
Consciousness Raising as a Feminist Practice; Creating Feminist Culture
Multiple Issues and Gateway Issues (e.g., ERA) in post-1966 American feminism
Cultural and Political Backlash: Anti-Feminist Mobilization-STOP-ERA
Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum, Concerned Women for America (CWA)
Since 1980s: From “Highly Visible Mobilization” of 70s to
“Unobtrusive Mobilization” of 80s and 90s (Mary Katzenstein) to both “Visible and Unobtrusive Mobilization” of the Contemporary Era
3. Feminist Alternative Spaces (Bookstores, Clinics, Credit Unions, Cafes, Therapy Collectives, Alternate University Spaces, Rape Crisis Centers, Domestic Violence Shelters, Feminist Presses and Film Companies) From Margin to Mainstream; e.g., The Boston Women’s Health Book Collective and *Our Bodies, Our Selves*
Lifecycle of Alternative Institutions; Incorporation into Mainstream
4. Multivocal, Multiracial Feminism: Multiple Models: Double/Multiple Jeopardy, Intersectionality
Extending Sojourner Truth’s Challenge to White Feminists
Breaking Silence about Sexual Violence within Family and Racial/Ethnic Cultures: Maxine Hong Kingston, *The Woman Warrior* (memoir, 1976)
Alice Walker, *The Color Purple* (novel, 1982, later adapted: film, play)
Critiquing Racism/Identifying Privilege – Peggy McIntosh:
Concept of the Backpack of Privilege (by race, gender, sexual orientation)
5. Gateway Questions: The Wage Gap Puzzle: Writing Exercise/Discussion
Contributing Factors/Moving Parts: Issues of Law, Institutional/Occupational History, Culture/Socialization
6. How does legal change (e.g., anti-gender discrimination laws) influence culture?
7. The Limiting Influence of Stereotypical Gender Socialization: “Doing Gender” (Lorber); Differentiating Sex and Gender
8. Overview: Second Wave Feminist Focus: Perspectives on Socialization and Gender Socialization
Perspectives on Gender Socialization (Lorber): Social Constructionism-“the social is the natural” ;
Distribute: Essay #2
(Due Sun. 4/23)

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