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1. Feminism 1963-present
   Multiple Definitions of Feminism:
   Definition in Relation to History: “First Wave” “Second Wave” Feminist
   Definition by Analyses and Strategy: Liberal, Conservative,
   Libertarian, Radical, Socialist
   Definition By Standpoint/Issue Priority: Black feminist, lesbian feminist,
   Elder rights feminist, Ecofeminist, labor union feminist
   Orientation by occupation/role: feminist engineer, feminist architect,
   feminist homemaker, feminist obstetrician/gynecologist

2. Traditional forms and avenues of activism (e.g., NOW)
   Alternative Forms of activism---leaderless, consensual groups
   Consciousness raising – recedes as a form by late 1970s
   Replaced by: professional support groups, book clubs,
   Feminist group therapy, “lean-in” circles

3. Focus on issues of media culture, language, sexuality
   Sexual self-determination: sexuality, sexual orientation,
   reproductive rights, media representation
   “Personal is political” - emphasis on gender socialization
   Questioning public/private divide

4. The Question of a Gateway Issue: the wage? Reproductive rights?

5. The Growth and Development of Women’s and Gender Studies:
   Multidisciplinary/Anti-disciplinary Field

   Inspired by the Bicentennial- Revisiting Founding Documents
   UN- 1975-International Year of The Woman/Decade of the Woman
   Observance of International Women’s Year
   1975- Bill passed for a national women’s conference to celebrate the
   Bicentennial
   State Conferences- attended by 150,000 people to elect delegates
   Nov. 1977- 2,000 delegates attend National Conference- only women’s
   conference ever funded by federal government
   80% delegates feminists (many from NOW), 20% anti-feminist
   Agenda: multi-issue: 16 planks- most controversial abortion and lesbian rights

7. Documentary Film: Sisters of ’77
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