Advancing Reproductive Justice

NOW affirms that reproductive rights are issues of life and death for women, not mere matters of choice. NOW fully supports affordable access to safe and legal abortion, to effective birth control and emergency contraception, to reproductive health services and education for all women. NOW opposes restrictions and works to increase access through legislation, litigation and direct action.

Ensuring Economic Justice

NOW fights for equality in jobs, pay, credit, education, insurance, fringe benefits, pensions, Social Security—through legislation, negotiation, labor organizing, education and litigation. NOW pledges to help women break through the “glass ceiling” of the executive suite, and break loose of the “sticky floor”—the dead-end, low wage jobs that keep so many women in poverty. NOW actively opposes punitive welfare laws that harm the most vulnerable women and children in our society.

Promoting Diversity and Ending Racism

NOW has always worked to eliminate discrimination and racism and to promote racial and ethnic diversity. Recognizing that racism stands in the way of women’s empowerment and full equality, NOW pledges to fight to eradicate it in all its forms, including individual attitudes and institutionalized racism.

Achieving Equality: Women in the Constitution

NOW’s goal of full gender equality includes equal rights, equal treatment, and equal opportunities in every sphere of life. Equality of rights for all women must be guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution, so that we will not have to fight for each and every advance, and will not have to constantly defend the gains we have made. Putting women in the Constitution. Now what’s wrong with that?

Winning Lesbian Rights

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in all areas, including employment, housing, public accommodations, health services, child custody and military policies. NOW supports educational efforts that combat the adverse effects of homophobia, promote positive images in the media and ultimately ensure civil rights protection. NOW asserts the right of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people to live their lives with dignity and security, and the right of equal marriage for all.

Stopping Violence Against Women

NOW is unique in its approach to the issue of violence against women, emphasizing that there are many interrelated aspects to the issue—domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment; violence at abortion clinics; hate crimes across lines of gender, sexuality and race; the gender bias in our judicial system that fails to treat victims of violence; and the violence of poverty.

Because I Love Who I Love

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Because My Body Is My Own

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Because I Should Be Safe

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YOUNG FEMINISTS MOBILIZING

Young feminists fuel NOW, bringing their skills, energy, passion and experiences to the movement.

Young Feminist Task Forces

From Maryland to Washington State, young women across the country are forming local NOW Young Feminist Task Forces—working groups of young women who work within NOW to focus on issues facing young women in their communities and to develop intergenerational approaches to a new era of activism. There is also a National Young Feminist Task Force which provides input and guidance on new programs and innovative ways to reach out to young women.

NOW on Campus

Young women bring feminist activism to their schools and colleges by starting campus NOW chapters and Campus Action Networks (CANS).

If you are interested in participating in or starting a Young Feminist Task Force, campus NOW chapter or CAN, or you just want more information about young feminists in NOW—contact NOW’s coordinator of Young Feminist Programs at www.now.org/campus.
Join Us NOW!

You can help make equality a reality for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world. Join NOW at www.now.org or fill out the form below.

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Daytime Phone                Evening Phone

Email

Check all that apply:

☑ Regular Dues. $35 covers national, state and local dues; $40 for residents of AZ, CA, CT, IL, IN, MI, MO, NY, PA and TX.

☑ Reduced Dues. Sliding scale available from $15-$34. Amount enclosed: $

☑ I want to make an additional contribution to NOW's work for equality and justice. Donation enclosed: $

☑ Please send me information about affiliating with or starting a local NOW chapter.

☑ Please sign me up for NOW's email alerts and updates. My email address is above.

Mail this form with your check payable to NOW to the chapter address in the box below. If no address is shown, mail to NOW, P.O. Box 1848, Merrifield, VA 22116-9899. To join by credit card, call 202-628-8669 or fax this form with your VISA/MC/AMEX information and signature to 202-785-8576.  TDD/TTY 202-628-8669.

Is NOW Right for You?

You believe that women should control their lives. You believe in equality. You believe in social justice. You believe in ending violence and discrimination.

You want to meet like-minded people and work together to change the circumstances that negatively affect your life and the lives of people you care about.

From petitioning your city council to fund the local domestic violence shelter, to registering voters for the next election, to organizing a rally against unfair legislation, to planning a meeting where people can share their experiences with street harassment, NOW is a way for you to put your beliefs into concrete action and create change.

The Women’s Movement Is NOW. It’s Time to Join In!