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to work for love

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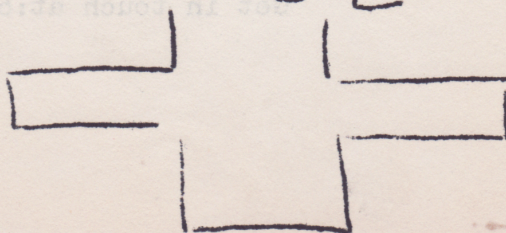


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WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WORK FOR LOVE

We are a group of women fighting for wages for housework. We are all housewives because we are women. Married or not, with or without children, holding a paid job or not, we are expected to make people's lives more bearable - one's own or someone else's. We all cook, wash, shop, clean, pay bills and try to catch up with everything in the house. Some of us do it full time, some of us do it part time, but we all do it. And it is hard, necessary labor. What would happen without us laboring to get everybody ready for work, without us raising the future workers? Government, industry and everything else would stop functioning.

THEY SHOULD PAY US FOR THE WORK WE DO FOR THEM!

We all do it. It is women's work. And it is free labor. We are so used to working for free (or for love) that when we are forced to go out to another job we get women's pay. And most of the time we are still doing housework on the job - waitressing, nursing, cleaning, clerical work, looking after people.

We should not have to take a second job to get out of the house to avoid madness and isolation. To get out of the house without going to do more work, we need time and money.

WE NEED OUR TIME WHICH IS OUR LIFE
NO WOMAN SHOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON A MAN
WE NEED WAGES FOR HOUSEWORK

Right now, with the "crisis," they are trying to make us do even more work for free. We have to imagine 36 different ways of making hamburger interesting. We have to shop around for bargains trying to beat inflation (and we all know you can't beat it alone.) Lay-offs and threats of unemployment mean extra tension in our homes (and often, women are the first to be laid off.)

WE REFUSE TO PAY FOR THEIR CRISIS
WE REFUSE TO DO MORE WORK FOR LESS MONEY

There will always be more for us to do until we refuse free labor and demand free time.

There are groups in many countries fighting for wages for housework. This money belongs to women. We need it. And we intend to get it.

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