Breaking The Chains

Study Guide

The Political Economy of Women's Liberation
Today’s Agenda:

- Introductions
- Read together: Editorial
- Watch: Clip of interview with Shailly Barnes
- Read together: Socially reproductive work is indispensable yet unpaid
- Read together: Excerpts of articles
- Closing

Guiding Question

What does capitalism gain from the continued special oppression of women?
Introductions

Take one minute to introduce yourself and talk about your experience with and comfort discussing political and economic theory.
Read Together: From the Editor

- One person volunteers to begin
- Stop at the end of the paragraph
- The next volunteer starts reading the next paragraph
- Repeat

Guiding Question

In what way do the ideas in the editorial resonate with you?
What are the political and economic structures that shape our lives?

What historical developments have affected the political and economic structures of the society we live in?

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Let’s watch a clip of an interview with economist and Policy Director for the Poor People’s Campaign Shailly Barnes
Read Together: Socially reproductive work is indispensable yet unpaid

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- Stop after each section to discuss your thoughts related to the questions from the editorial
Temperature Check

How are you feeling? Do you need a break or should we continue?
According to a 2020...'' and finish the article

Inflation takes the heaviest toll...” and finish the article

Start on page 26 with the section "The important lesson of Roe v. Wade” and read the next two sections ending with the sentence “They put down the tools of militant struggle and threw their weight behind the Democrats.”
Closing activity

What does capitalism gain from the special oppression of women?