# INTO THE STREETS FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

UNITE, MARCH, and SPEAK OUT against the sites of the oppression of women!

### SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 6PM-9PM Starting at Broadway & Columbus, SAN FRANCISCO

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From the Global Epidemic of Rape to the Escalating Attacks on Abortion Rights... In a world like this, there is no "neutral." If you are not fighting the oppression and degradation of women, you are saying it's okay!



## DEFEAT the WAR ON WOMEN



StopPatriarchyBayArea @gmail.com This International Women's Day, 2013, join us in the streets to say:

We <u>refuse</u> to accept a world which enslaves and degrades half of humanity simply because they are born female. We are <u>done</u> turning our heads and making excuses. We are <u>done</u> swallowing the daily insults and abuses. We are <u>done</u> blaming ourselves and/or each other. **We are <u>done</u> choking on our rage.** We dare to confront this war on women head-on, without fear and without compromise.

We will start LOUDLY and BOLDLY at Broadway & Columbus in North Beach, where women are commodified, sold, and used at the strip clubs, porn stores and on the street. Then we will MARCH through San Francisco, take back the night in the name of women everywhere, and CALL OUT the institutions of patriarchy, in all forms - no matter how normalized they have become.

Only through mass, ferocious, political struggle can we begin turn the tide, and we won't stop until we create a world where women can walk the earth free of fear of rape or violence from men, a world where women participate fully and equally in every realm together with men, a world where being born female is no longer condemnation to a life of abuse and shame.

For International Women's Day 2013, through our mass public actions around the country – joining with women and men around the world – we will make it known: there is a new movement taking hold, a movement you have to join, a movement that will not stop until all the chains that bind women have been shattered forever.

## A Call to Action:

We are told that "equality for women has been won" and that "there are no limits to what girls can achieve." BULLSHIT!

Every 15 seconds a woman is beaten. Every day three to four women are killed by their partners. One out of four female college students will be raped or sexually assaulted while in college.

In recent years, **pornography has become increasingly violent, cruel, degrading towards women**; women are referred to as "cumdumpsters" and "fuckbuckets"; the "money shot" (ejaculation in a woman's face) is standard; humiliating cruelty—like violent "ass-to-mouth" penetration—is normalized, and racist bigotry is sexualized. Meanwhile, the broader culture has been pornified: pole dancing is taught at gyms, "sexting" is a national phenomenon among teens, and the strip club is the accepted backdrop to "male bonding." All this is tied in with, and reinforces, the trafficking of millions of women and girls as literal chattel in the international sex industry.

This is NOT society becoming more comfortable with sex. This is society becoming saturated with the sexualized degradation of women. If you can't imagine sex without porn, you're fucked.



At the same time, a Christian fundamentalist-driven assault is imperiling

abortion, birth control, real sex education and women's lives. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people who do not conform to traditional patriarchal gender and sexual norms are demonized and threatened. Abortion doctors are killed. Women who seek abortions—or even birth control—are stigmatized. 2011 saw the largest spate of legal restrictions on abortion since Roe v. Wade in 1973.



#### ALL THIS MUST BE STOPPED!

Fetuses are not babies. Women are not incubators. Abortion is not murder.

# Women are not objects. Women are not things to be used for the sexual pleasure of men NOR are they breeders of children. WOMEN ARE HUMAN BEINGS CAPABLE OF FULL EQUALITY IN EVERY REALM!

It is long past time that this new generation stand up, reject, and RESIST this culture of rape and pornography; this culture that labels women "selfish" if they choose not to become mothers; this culture that reduces women and girls to sexualized objects while denying their full multi-dimensional humanity (including their right—as one essential part of this—to explore their sexuality without shame or stigma); this culture that demonizes and bullies LGBT people.

Our purpose is NOT to lobby for new legislation to ban pornography ("decency laws" have always served to further repress homosexuality, boundary-challenging art, and scientific sex education). We oppose the criminalization of women in the sex industry. Our mission is to challenge the new generation in particular to reject this culture of rape and pornography, to resist the shaming of women who have sex and/or abortions, to wage fierce cultural and political resistance to wake others up, and to bring forward a liberating culture that celebrates the full equality and liberation of women.

# Don't be someone who sits back and lets horrors continue – join the struggle to CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY!