SEX SYMBOL

Sections of the Women's Liberation and radical feminist movement have self-defeatingly adopted a grotesquely blatant sexual-objectification of women as their badge.

♀ was chosen by reactionary feudal-victorian "physicians" to represent female sex organs, just as ♂ is the male, in the pages of medical texts taught to so-called anatomy classes. The reactionary Catholic hierarchy, whose medieval inquisition sentenced nine million peasant women to be burned alive as witches for the practice of herbal and folk medicine, still seeks, with the aid of the "medical profession" to subjugate women to superstition and enslave them to mysticism through the "Virgin Mary" cult. The cross/crescent represents metaphysics, religion, psychology, the whole bourgeoises-class ideology that must be smashed in the violence of the revolutionary proletarianization of the world.

Superficially, the militant clenched fist represents the women's struggle or woman power, but, in context of the historical origin and use of ♀ to represent female genitals, this SEX SYMBOL is really ♀ saying "FUCK YOU!" In another aspect, it suggests masturbation and all the limitations of sexual-subjectivity.

Revolutionary women must abandon this reactionary sex symbol which is blindly worn by so many sisters throughout the women's liberation movement. Time to recognize it for what it is and to understand why it has been so opportunistically co-opted by the trotsky-revisionists, who even replace the fist with a peace symbol. Trots, get out of Women's Liberation!!

Death to revisionist-pacifism! Death to trotskyite-reformism!
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LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION!!
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