SOC Study

The following study was conducted weekly over a period of more than two years. Because of space considerations, we cannot include our study guides and questions. We tried as much as possible to tie the study to our work and our experience, keeping concrete goals in mind, rather than studying questions in the abstract. We do not necessarily endorse the correctness of every single work included.

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The State and The Party

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"On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People," Mao, in Four Essays on Philosophy


Women's Issues

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"The Politics of Housework," Pat Mainardi, pp. 28-30

"Why I Want a Wife," Judy Syfers, pp. 13-14

"A Program for Feminist Consciousness Raising," Kathie Sarachild, pp. 78-80

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III. RECENT ANALYSIS OF THE WOMAN QUESTION

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V. LEFT GROUPS AND THE WOMAN QUESTION: REFLECTION OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL LINE


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The Gay Question

"Towards the Development of the Correct Marxist-Leninist Position on the Gay Question," The Orange County Group (unpublished)

(In Progress) THE NATURE OF SOCIALISM, REVISIONISM, AND THE CLASS NATURE OF THE SOVIET UNION

(In Preparation) THE NATIONAL QUESTION