National Women’s Liberation

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What women are hearing around the world...

**ZIKA VIRUS**
Don’t get pregnant, but don’t have an abortion either!

**THE CDC**
Women, don’t drink alcohol if you can get pregnant!

Women of child bearing age should not drink “too much” because it can cause “injuries/violence”, “STDs”, and “unintended pregnancies”, among other risks.

**We say to you...**

1. **I am a woman, not a vessel.**
   From the Zika advisories directed solely at women to the CDC’s latest declaration that all women who may become pregnant stop drinking alcohol, the message is clear: Society doesn’t care about women as people; we only matter if we are pregnant or about to be pregnant.

2. **I am a woman, not the lone guardian of the human species.**
   It’s society’s collective responsibility to control epidemics, reduce violence, and facilitate healthy living. Stop putting that responsibility solely on women.

3. **You sir, are a hypocrite.**
   Men in power consistently put the burden on women to prevent pregnancy when that’s in the collective’s best interest. But then denies a woman the right to control pregnancy when she knows it’s in her own best interest. We women know what’s best for our lives. We want free, quality reproductive health care now from preconception to abortion. Period.

4. **Men, all men, are responsible too.**
   It took a sperm and an egg to make a fetus that may become a child. While women are being instructed not to become pregnant, men are not being asked to do their part in preventing unwanted pregnancy by using condoms or abstaining from sex. Why not?

5. **Want healthy babies? Support their care givers.**
   Raising children is not leisure, it’s work. Women are tired of doing double duty, let’s look at how unjust the working conditions are for women and other caregivers. We’re tired of doing double duty at work and at home without fair working conditions and just compensation. Women demand a social wage (universal health care, universal child care, shorter work days and weeks) now.

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