Section 5: Sexism

Next Steps

1. "On Her 77th Birthday, Seven Things I've Learned from Gloria Steinem", March 25, 2011 by Shelby Knox.

http://msmagazine.com/blog/blog/2011/03/25/on-her-77th-birthday-seven-things-ive-learned-from-gloria-steinem/

This is a blog entry written by a young activist, Shelby Know, describing seven key learnings from Gloria Steinem.

2. Plenary V—Young Feminists Organizing—2012 National NOW Conference

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sivfy9DMqT4

This video (roughly an hour long) identifies some specific strategies for young activists to organize and create collective action, with specific emphasis on the workplace and the needs of women across all socio-economic backgrounds.

3. The Galvanizing Impact of Multi-racial, Socialist Feminist Organizing (U.S. Social Forum 2010) by Radical Women (www.radicalwomen.org)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26eWkN4NsQQ

The U.S. Social Forum is a powerful source of organizing information along complex, multi-issue lines. I strongly encourage you to further research the U.S. Social Forum's video resources. There is a strong emphasis on class issues in this video. The video is about 36 minutes long.

4. "Reinventing Feminism" a TED talk by Courtney Martin (a TEDWomen talk from December, 2010)

http://www.ted.com/talks/courtney martin reinventing feminism.html

This video is a story of a 30-year-old feminist (white, middle-class) and her journey with feminism. The video runs about 16 minutes.

5. "Betty Friedan 1921–2006: Women's Rights Pioneer Helped Launch Modern-Day Feminist Movement" by Amy Goodman on Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2006/2/6/betty friedan 1921 2006 womens rights

This video clip (about 24 minutes long) is a tribute to the contributions of Betty Friedan and helps frame not only how the mainstream feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s were framed, but sheds light on the white, middle-class influences shaping that movement.

6. "Naomi Klein on Becoming an Activist"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dNh6Uz30hU

This 2:32 minute video is an excerpt from a Ms. Magazine series interviewing feminists.

7. "TEDxTC—Winona LaDuke—Seeds of Our Ancestors, Seeds of Life"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHNlel72eQc

I have included this because it helps reframe the organizing conversation into one of community, sustainability, food, and how we relate to each other and to this planet. This video is about 18 minutes long.

8. "Wangari Maathai and The Green Belt Movement"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQU7JOxkGvo

In honor of Dr. Maathai and her incredible contributions to our global society, I have included a final piece from her about social change and working from the grassroots level. This video is just under 9 minutes.