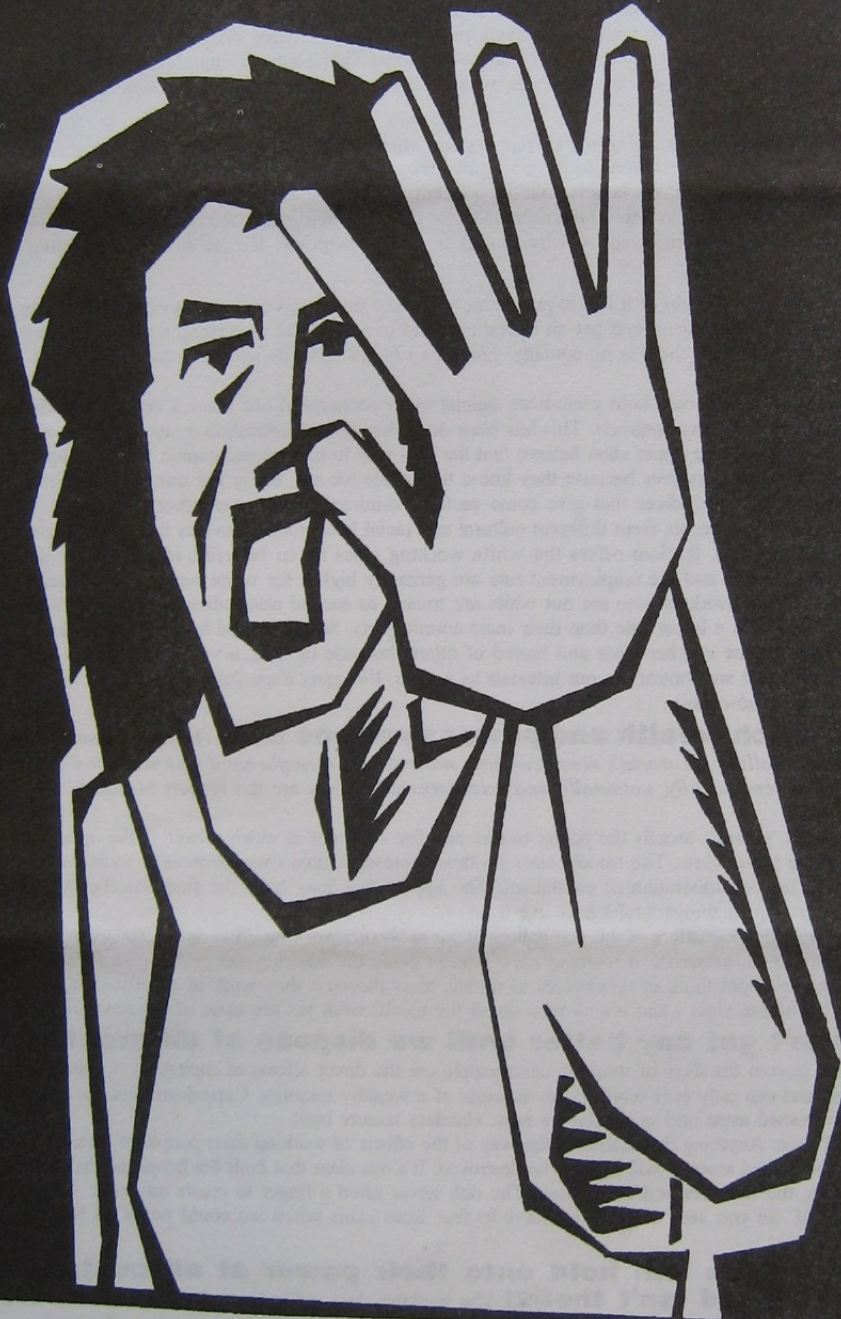


# NO MEANS NO



**WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE**

**SEX IS FUN**

**SHARING  
INTIMACY  
PLEASURE  
UNDERSTANDING  
YOUR FEELINGS  
AND SOMEONE  
ELSE'S  
ENJOYING YOUR  
BODY  
AND SOMEONE  
ELSE'S**

**RAPE IS  
NOT SEX**

**NOT FUN**

**RAPE IS  
VIOLENCE**

**ABUSE  
MISERY  
CAUSING PAIN  
UNHAPPINESS  
SUFFERING  
DISTRESS**

The struggle against rape is not easy. Rape will exist for as long as we live in a society based on capitalism and patriarchy. Rape will exist for as long as women are treated as lumps of meat, to be abused and then disposed of. Rape will exist until men come to terms with what is going on in our heads, until we try to change and challenge all the stereotyping, all the roles, all the power. It is vital that men act against sexism and sexual violence - from becoming aware of our own behaviour to attacking institutions that uphold women's oppression. Rape is not a 'women's issue', 'a problem for women'.  
**IT IS OUR PROBLEM.**



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FOR A STRONG  
UNITED WORKING CLASS

## Our Basic Ideas

**We believe in direct democracy.** Right now all decisions are made by politicians on behalf of the people whose interests they really serve - the ruling class. Working class people do not participate in the decision making processes of this system. In fact, the avenues for a working class person to involve themselves in the decision making process are restricted and often inaccessible. We get to choose which polities can run the country but that's about as far as it goes. We want every single person to have an equal say in things which affect them. Decisions must be made by those who will have to live by the consequences of those decisions. Therefore working class people must have the power to make all decisions concerning their workplaces and the communities in which they live. If that means whole regions of this country, or even the world, *and it does*, then so be it.

**We believe in sharing the wealth.** Instead of the current system where a few people have great wealth and the rest of us have to make do with what we have at the time, we want everyone to have an equal share of everything. This will entail a redistribution of society's resources based on the needs of working class people. We believe that the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few was achieved through acts of theft by way of deceit or by way of violence. Everything the rich have and claim as their own once belonged to everyone. There is more than enough for everyone to lead a life free of material want so why should anyone go without? *We say to each according to their needs, from each according to their abilities.*

**We believe in equality.** The long and the short of it is that people are not equal under this capitalist system. Equality means an equal sharing of wealth and power amongst all. If a rich person can get an operation done overnight yet a working class person has to wait twelve months on a waiting list for the same operation then there is no equality. *There can be no equality whilst we live in a society riddled with class distinctions.*

Secondly, there can be no equality whilst working class people hold prejudices against other sections of our class. Certain views have been fostered and nurtured amongst us by the rich to suit their own interests. This has been done through the education system and the mass media who shape our views of the world and those around us. The upper class believe that the best way to control and exploit the working class is to divide and rule us. They encourage us to fight amongst ourselves because they know that while we are, we're not uniting and fighting them. The working class is divided into sections by various prejudices that give some sections minimal power over other sections of our class. Resentment of unemployed people, working women and people from different cultural and racial backgrounds divides us and prevents us from uniting on the common ground of being working class. Racism offers the white working class token benefits, identified as 'white skin privilege'. The standard of housing, health care, income and the employment rate are generally higher for white workers. This isn't because white people work any harder than others but because workers who are not white are treated as second class citizens under this system. The same is true in regard to women, who are often paid at a lower rate than their male counterparts. Snobbery and indifference to the hardships of others make our class weak by isolating us from one another. Fear and hatred of others because of their sexual preference is yet another example of how our class is torn apart by attitudes that are contrary to our interests as a class. *We reject these false distinctions that inevitably split the working class into smaller 'controllable' sub-classes.*

**Class is a measure of how much wealth and power someone has.** The upper class are the people who have great wealth *through owning and controlling the world's resources both natural and manufactured* and who have great power *through the influence they wield in political systems locally, nationally and internationally.* They are the Rupert Murdoch's and Kerry Packer's.

The middle class are those people who have some power - usually the power to hire and fire - but not as much power as the upper class. The middle class manage the day to day affairs of the upper class. The middle class do this to preserve their own position in society and because the upper class does not actually participate in the administration of capitalism. The upper class may have the final say, but are generally happy to let the middle class get on with the running of things whilst they live it up.

The working class is the rest of us. We are at least three quarters of the population. *What makes us working class is two things. Firstly, we all have a common enemy that exploits and oppresses us. Secondly, a working class person generally has only his or her own labour to sell in order to generate an income.* Even though people might think of themselves as middle class (because they work in an office for example) in reality most people are in the same class - the working class - and it's us who do all the useful work yet see none of the rewards.

**We believe that society can't get any better until we dispose of different social classes.** The fundamental problems that govern the lives of working class people are the direct effects of capitalism. Capitalism cannot be improved or reformed to benefit all people and can only ever work in the interests of a wealthy minority. Capitalism, and the class system it depends on for its very existence, must be pushed aside and in its place a new, classless society built.

We are not afraid of social change on a grand scale. Anything that stands in the way of the efforts of working class people to better themselves as a mass and that cannot be reasoned with, or worked around, will have to be destroyed. It's our class that built the hospitals, the schools, the warehouses, the railways, the docks, the shops, the factories and the houses. The rich never lifted a finger to create anything. The working class created everything except for nature itself. So you see, what do we have to fear from ruins when we could put it all back together tomorrow exactly how we want it?

**We believe that the upper class will hold onto their power at all costs, even bloodshed, as long as that blood isn't theirs!** The working class suffer from poverty, famine, preventable diseases and shoddy workplace conditions. This is the violence of class warfare waged by the rich against the working class all over the world.

Because of these attacks upon our class we have to be prepared to defend ourselves or live a life without dignity and no hope of anything better. We hate violence, but we can't afford to be pacifists. We believe that any acts of open class violence carried out by the working class as a mass, whether defensive or retaliatory, is defensible.

**Revolutionary class struggle and militant anti-fascism is the blood in Angry People's veins!** *Our aim is to help organise against attacks upon our class and in fact push our class to go onto the offensive and gain some real ground for themselves.*