sexism in schools

Over the last few weeks you would have heard a great deal about Women's Lib. Our ideas and the content of our pamphlets have not been published. The big stick shows that this society isn't going to give the information. It has about sex to the girls themselves. What has been said in the main, is based on distortion, emotionalism, ignorance and hysteria. What are these people (powerful men in the press, in government and in schools) so frightened of? Partly they are afraid of anything unknown, of anything they can't immediately understand and label. But mainly they are frightened of any threat to their power, especially if the threat comes from women. Women have always been subservient to men. This is because women in a sexist society.

But the lack of sex education is only one of the ways we are put down by the people who control us. They not only keep us in the dark about our bodies and what we could do with them (we are all told what NOT to do with them) but they also control our minds to a great extent.

All these values are very obvious in the way girls are taught at school. School discipline depends on everyone behaving in the same way, on conformity. Certainly this applies to boys but it is especially true of the way it is demanded that girls behave. Girls' uniforms in certain schools include many unnecessary items - thick stockings, regulation shoes, gloves in winter, high collars, ties, special school shoes, special hair styles. Have you ever seen a boy wearing a pair of gloves?

School is where you learn things. But what are you taught and why? Join in.

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WOMEN ARE PAID 40% - LESS THAN MEN

Except for very few women (token women) girls are prepared by their education for jobs that are poorly paid and/or are as dull as dishwater. This deadly combination discourages young women from being too serious about their jobs (women can get too involved in chopping up a pineapple day after day, or work up enthusiasm over controlling a typewriter or even a room full of typewriters, a fact recognized by the male when he gave up typing and handed it over to women in 1930). Any woman with sense will know for the one escape offered - marriage. However cleaning houses, cooking, etc. is also a job; her basic rate of pay is in board and keep and pocket money, and housework is also as dull as dishwater.