

Socialist Feminist Reading Group
Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto and Related Articles

Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America, Spring 2026

“We have no interest in breaking the glass ceiling while leaving the vast majority to clean up the shards. Far from celebrating women CEOs who occupy corner offices, we want to get rid of CEOs and corner offices.”

— Cinzia Arruzza, *Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto*“



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Notes, Questions, and Quotes Document: [Access here!](#)

Signal Chat: [Join here!](#)

Summary: The Socialist Feminist Reading Group will meet throughout the upcoming term to read and discuss key texts in socialist feminist theory, with a primary focus on *Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto* by Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser, alongside a selection of related articles. Organized by Metro DC DSA’s Socialist Feminist section, the group aims to explore how capitalism structures gendered and racialized oppression, the centrality of care work to the economy, and the role of collective struggle in building emancipatory alternatives. Through discussion-oriented sessions, participants will engage with socialist feminist analyses of labor, social reproduction, the state, and movements for liberation, and consider the relevance of these frameworks in the current political moment.

Origin: The chapter’s Socialist Feminist section has recently become more active and has organized events for current and potential chapter members to interact with each other. *Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto* is a very accessible entryway to thinking about anticapitalist feminism and so fits the current activities of the Socialist Feminist section.

Details: The group is based with Metro DC DSA’s Political Education Workgroup and welcomes members from outside of the organization. Meetings will be held primarily online to maximize

accessibility, with occasional in-person social gatherings in the DC area. Readings will be provided digitally, and participants will be encouraged to share questions and reflections ahead of each session through a shared notes document. The group may also maintain a group chat for informal discussion and coordination, and is intended as a collaborative space for political education. No prior familiarity with socialist feminist theory is required to participate.

Structure: The group will have 3 coordinators that take responsibility for administrative elements of the group. The group will pass facilitation duties and other conversational responsibilities between members meeting-by-meeting unless the group determines otherwise.

Timeline and Location: The group will meet ~ every week until ~ mid April, with meetings held all or mostly online and with 3 dedicated group social meet ups. The reading group may hold some meetings outside of the reading structure if prompted by anyone.

Syllabus — All times at 6:30-7:30pm unless modified

Meeting #1 (Tues. January 27): **Introductions and Overview of Reading Group Format** (Online) [Slides](#)

Optional Reading: “[Is It Just Us, or Is Girl-Boss Feminism Waning?](#)” *Jacobin Magazine*, Liza Featherstone (2023).

Meeting #2 (Tues. February 3): Social (Location TBD)

Meeting #3 (Tues. February 10): **A Fork in the Road: Beyond Lean-In Feminism** (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “A Manifesto: A Fork in the Road” and “Thesis 1: A new feminist wave is reinventing the strike.” Pages 1-10, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional: “[What Is Socialist Feminism?](#)” *WIN Magazine*, Barbara Ehrenreich (1976).

Meeting #4 (Tues. February 17): **When Feminism Meets Capitalism: Limits, Cracks, and Alternatives**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Thesis 2: Liberal feminism is bankrupt. It’s time to get over it.” and “Thesis 3: We need an anticapitalist feminism—a feminism for the 99 percent.” Pages 10-16, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional: “[Top Girls? Young Women and the Sexual Contract](#),” Angela McRobbie (2007).

Meeting #5 (Tues. February 24): **Who Keeps Society Running? Feminism, Class, and Social Reproduction**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Thesis 4: What we are living through is a crisis of society as a whole—and its root cause is capitalism.” and “Thesis 5: Gender oppression in capitalist societies is rooted in the subordination of social reproduction to production for profit. We want to turn things right side up.” Pages 16-25, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional: “[Social reproduction theory: What’s the big idea?](#)” *Social Reproduction Theory: Remapping Class, Recentering Oppression*, Susan Ferguson (2017).

Meeting #6 (Tues. March 3): **Gendered Violence and the Politics of Sexual Freedom**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Thesis 6: Gender violence takes many forms, all of them entangled with capitalist social relations. We vow to fight them all.” and “Thesis 7: Capitalism tries to regulate sexuality. We want to liberate it.” Pages 25-40, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional:

- “[The Uses of the Erotic: The Erotic as Power](#),” Audre Lorde (1984).
- “[Stopping Male Violence](#),” Chapter 4, *The Will To Change: Men, Masculinity, and Love*, bell hooks (2004).

Meeting #7 (Tues. March 10): National Abortion Providers Appreciation Day Social!

- Venue: Red Derby (3718 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20010)
- Time: 7:00 pm
- RSVP [here!](#)
- 10-15 minute walk from Georgia Ave-Petworth Metro (Green line)

Meeting #8 (Tues. March 17): **Feminism Against Racism, Empire, and Ecological Destruction**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Thesis 8: Capitalism was born from racist and colonial violence. Feminism for the 99 percent is anti-racist and anti-imperialist.” and “Thesis 9: Fighting to reverse capital’s destruction of the earth, feminism for the 99 percent is eco-socialist.” Pages 40-49, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional:

- “[Capitalism Made Women of Color More Vulnerable to the COVID Recession](#),” *Truthout*, Tithi Bhattacharya (2020).
- “[Radical Capitalocene](#),” *Futures of Black Radicalism*, Françoise Vergès (2017).

Meeting #9 (Tues. March 24): **Beyond Capitalism, Beyond Borders: Feminist Internationalism Now**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Thesis 10: Capitalism is incompatible with real democracy and peace. Our answer is feminist internationalism.” and “Thesis 11: Feminism of the 99 percent calls on all radical movements to join together in a common anticapitalist insurgency.” Pages 49-57, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional:

- “[Nationalism Distorts Feminism in Israel Just as It Did in the US](#)” *The Nation*, Rafia Zakaria (2024).
- “[Taking Back International Women’s Day](#),” *Democratic Left*, Cinzia Arruzza (2020).

Meeting #10 (Tues. March 31): **After the Manifesto: Reimagining Struggle Through Social Reproduction**, (Online) [Slides](#)

Reading: “Postface: Beginning in the middle,” “Reconceptualizing capitalism and its crisis,” and “What is social reproduction?” Pages 59-72, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional: “[Wages Against Housework](#),” *Power of Women Collective*, Sylvia Federici (1975).

Meeting #11 (Tues. April 7) Social (Location TBD)

Meeting #12: (Tues. April 14): **Building Feminism for the 99% in an Age of Crisis**, (Online)

Reading: “Crisis of social reproduction” and “The politics of feminism for the 99 percent” Pages 72-85, [Feminism For The 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser (2019).

Optional: “[Marxist Feminism of Rupture](#),” *Viewpoint Magazine*, Anna Curcio (2020).