

## Study Questions on Rape

- Brownmiller, "Women Fight Back" (Xerox book)
- Southerland, "Assaultive Sex: The Victim's Perspective" (Xerox book)
- South Carolina Sexual Assault Law (Xerox book)
- Davis, Angela, "Rape, Racism, and the Myth of the Black Rapist" (FF)

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● Brownmiller wrote Against Our Will in 1975. In the 20+ years since then, which of the legal changes in laws about rape she suggests have been implemented? (NB she lists seven specific things that need to be changed) (Look at South Carolina Sexual Assault Law which is based on Michigan Law discussed by Southerland, pp 183 ff)

● What is the origin of rape laws according to Brownmiller? How does the source of rape law affect current attitudes and laws about rape?

● What is the old definition of rape? How has that definition changed? Can you construct a political spectrum of differing definitions of rape?

● What changes in cultural practices and law enforcement does Brownmiller recommend? How many of these have taken place?

● What sex role stereotypes and myths about gender encourage rape?

● What are some of the most pernicious myths about rape?

● What do feminists think causes rape?

● What kind of men rape?

● What are the connections between rape and racism?

● Is it rape if a woman doesn't call it rape?