

## Study Questions on Reproductive Rights

- 1) --Albelda, Randy, "Aborting Choice" FF 51-3  
--Bauerlein, Monica, "Diminished Choice: Why It's Harder Than Ever to Get an Abortion" (X)
- 2) --Hartman, "A Womb of One's Own" 424-30
- 3) --Excerpt from Fire with Fire by Naomi Wolf on abortion as "Litmus Test" (X)
- 4) --Time Line on Reproductive Rights (Handout)

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- Who has access to abortion?
- What are some of the road blocks to reproductive freedom other than making abortion illegal? What other methods are being used to make abortions difficult or impossible to get?
- What other economic, social, and political issues are abortion and birth control connected to? What kinds of connections do feminists stress in particular?
- How can family planning efforts backfire on women?
- What all is included in "reproductive rights" besides abortion? Are there other rights that are equally important to women?
- What issues are NOT being dealt with when we argue about abortion? What aspects of women's freedom and pleasure are ignored in these debates?
- Why are so many feminists so adamantly pro-choice?
- Do you agree or disagree with Naomi Wolf's position on abortion?
- Is there any common ground possible on abortion? What would a moderate, conciliatory position on abortion be?
- What do you learn from the Time-Line on Reproduction Rights?
- How long has contraception been available?
- What are some of the landmark events in the process of giving women more control over their bodies' reproductive functions?
- Can you chart the backlashes against women's rights on the time-line? What were some of the key movements against reproductive rights?
- Where are women now as far as reproductive rights are concerned? What have we gained? What do we still need?