

The Socialist Party and Woman's Freedom (January 14, 1905)

The Socialist Party is the party of the whole working class — men and women. It proposes that woman shall have every right that man enjoys. At present woman is not merely economically enslaved, but she is politically mute and dumb.

The Socialist Party proposes that woman shall be economically free. In the present society she must be provided for — must be supported. What does this mean? it means that she is a dependent, in economic servitude.

In a sane state of society, rationally organized, woman would be able to provide for herself. She would stand erect in the innate purity of her sex, and she would not be compelled, if she happened to be the daughter of poverty, to exchange her womanhood for shelter. In marriage love would be the only consideration, and then we would not have 65,000 divorces in a single year in the United States.

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