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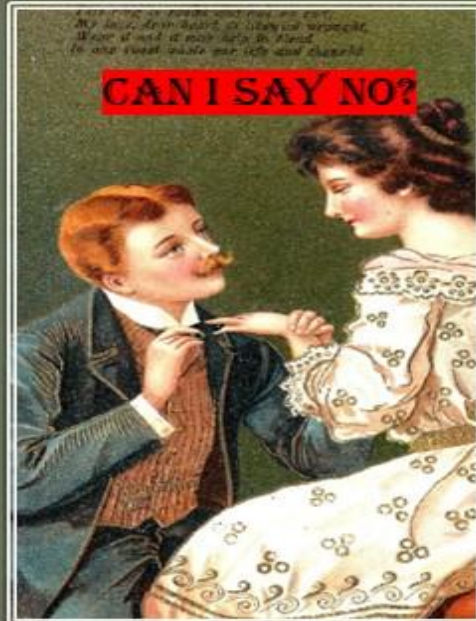
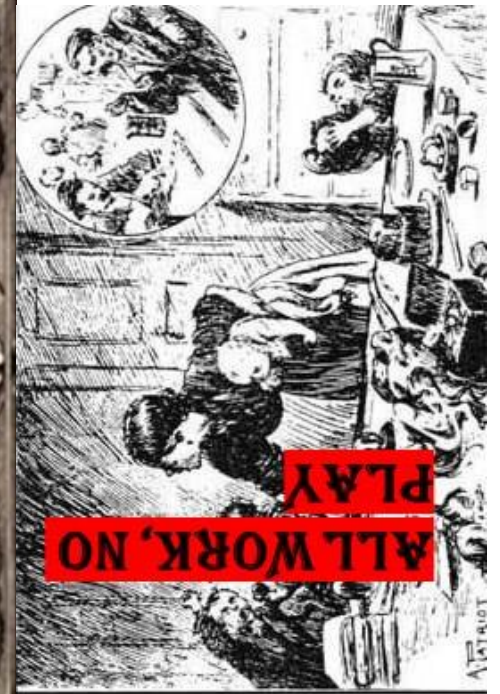
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THE **FREE LOVE MOVEMENT** Creating Change: The Online Journal of Zones about Social Movements, Vol. 5 (2023) Article 1 WAS BORN IN THE MID-19TH CENTURY. IT

IS A PRODUCT OF LIBERTARIAN SOCIALISM AND ACCEPTS **ALL FORMS OF LOVE**. THE MOVEMENT'S INITIAL GOAL WAS TO SEPARATE THE STATE FROM SEXUAL AND ROMANTIC MATTERS SUCH AS **BIRTH CONTROL, MARRIAGE, AND ADULTERY**. IT STATES THAT SUCH ISSUES SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE PEOPLE AND NO ONE ELSE.

THE MOVEMENT ALSO REJECTS THE CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE BECAUSE MARRIAGE REQUIRES FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, AND PERSONAL **OPPRESSION** OR "SLAVERY". MARRIAGE WAS SEEN BY THE MOVEMENT AS DIFFICULT DUE TO ISSUES REGARDING STATE CONTROL AND **IMBALANCES THAT ARISE WITHIN THE UNION**.

JOHN HUMPHREY NOYES, AN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER, DEVELOPED THE TERM "FREE LOVE." THE WORD 'FREE' WAS INCORPORATED TO PUT EMPHASIS ON THE FACT THAT SEXUAL FREEDOMS **SHOULD BE PROTECTED**. THE MOVEMENT HAS EXPRESSED DIFFERENT NEEDS OVER TIME AND COULD BE ARGUED THAT IT IS STILL GOING ON TODAY. ALTHOUGH, IT ALWAYS KEPT TRUE TO ITS MAIN GOAL WHICH IS TO **REMOVE THE STATE**. THE FREE LOVE MOVEMENT PAVED THE WAY FOR OTHER MOVEMENTS AND SOCIAL POLICIES SUCH AS **LBGTQ AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS** REGARDING **EQUAL PAY** AND **REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS** MOVEMENTS.

A SOCIAL MOVEMENT IS **A GROUP OF PEOPLE** THAT WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL. THEY ARE GROUPS OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A COMMON IDENTITY WITH THE SAME IDEOLOGY. THEY WORK TOGETHER IN OPPOSITION TO THEIR OPPONENTS. THEIR GOALS ARE AIMED AT **SOCIAL CHANGE AND POLICY**. SOCIAL MOVEMENTS USUALLY START WHEN INDIVIDUALS ARE INFORMED ABOUT AN ISSUE THEY ARE **DISSATISFIED** WITH, OR THEY ARE EXPERIENCING **DISCOMFORT** IN THEIR LIVES. HOW HAS THE **FREE LOVE MOVEMENT** **AFFECTED YOUR LIFE** IN A POSITIVE WAY? HOW CAN YOU **SUPPORT THIS MOVEMENT** TODAY?

