

Feminism Perverted

Extremist Women on the World Wide Web

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INTRODUCTION

Hundreds upon hundreds of bigoted Web sites promoting a variety of hateful philosophies, such as anti-Semitism and racism, have appeared on the World Wide Web since 1995, when former Ku Klux Klan leader Don Black established the first white supremacist Web site.

Now, a set of sites among them is heralding a new development in on-line bigotry: extremist women on the Web.

While bigots often target women, some women have themselves become bigots, spewing hate on the Internet aimed at Jews, Blacks and other minorities. Many female-oriented hate sites publish extremist screeds similar to those at man-made sites, but hateful women are using the Internet primarily as a tool to promote discussion of their role in the white supremacist "movement." Some female extremists promote women's performance of domestic tasks to aid the "movement" while others encourage women to work and become politically active. However, all are demanding to express their views and agreeing that women have a significant role to play. By speaking up and working to define their own roles, these bigoted women have appropriated feminism's struggle for women to be heard for the despicable purpose of spreading intolerance.

This report illustrates the contents of several women-generated hate sites. Many of these sites feature the writings of a variety of women, who promote a wide array of extremist viewpoints.



Women for Aryan Unity

ECHOING MALE COUNTERPARTS

Some hateful women on the Web echo the positions promoted by their male counterparts: opposition to non-whites, hatred of miscegenation and anger at "anti-White" control of the media.

Her Race

From the *Her Race* Web site comes "Gaia: Everyone's Mother" by Inga Niteau. Niteau declares, "Whites are facing extinction as more non-Whites reproduce and invade our lands." She believes "only whites have succeeded in inhibiting their animal instincts by reproducing at a rate that is balanced by the mortality rate." Niteau also asserts that "Whites have a right to have many more children than non-Caucasians."

"Lights, Camera, Action," by Lisa Turner, declares that "White people are subjected to anti-White images via television and motion pictures" because "the enemy forces have total control of the film world and movie-making business." Turner dreams of a "White people's 'Oscars'" at which whites "all sit together in a dazzling hall and applaud as our enemies do now for their lackeys."

World Church of the Creator

Women's Frontier

The World Church of the Creator (WCOTC) *Women's Frontier* Web site contains some of the same articles as the male-oriented World Church sites (WCOTC is a pseudo-theological extremist group that attacks Christianity, Judaism, Blacks and immigrants with equal vehemence). These documents point to Jews as Satan's children and deem Blacks and other minorities subhuman "mud" people. "We believe it is vitally important for White people -- especially our White Sisters -- to fully understand the bizarre, disgusting and criminal behavior of the inferior mud races," explains the site in introducing "The Mud Chronicles," accounts of Black and Asian mishaps.

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Characterizing advocates of tolerance as "credulous, dependent, and conformist creatures," "The Aryan Struggle," an article at the *Women for Aryan Unity* Web site, claims that "nature has revolted against race mixing," resulting in a "sickly population." The article also asserts that those who "don't believe there is a race problem all over the world" have been cowed by "psychological conditioning and institutional dictates."

Though many of these sites bear some resemblance to those created by racist men, most women's hate sites focus on discussions about proper roles for extremist females. Interestingly, the positions voiced at these sites mirror those expressed in conventional discussions about women's roles in mainstream society, contrasting "stay-at-home" mothers with working women.

CALLING FOR "EQUALITY" TO PROMOTE WHITE SUPREMACY

While denying that Blacks, Jews and other minorities are equal to whites, many extremist women argue that they should be given the same consideration as white men in the workplace. By joining the workforce, these women believe they can better aid the white supremacist "movement."

Her Race

At the *Her Race* Web site, Nancy Jensen, who claims to be "a staunch National-socialist female majoring in pre-medicine at an Ivy League institution," explains that she does not "intend to solely raise children and be a house-wife." Describing staying at home in an extremely denigrating and anti-Semitic way, she states: Nature intended that women use their brains to advance their race...For comrades to suggest that women squelch this natural instinct by solely being a house-wife, they are acting unAryan and clearly violating laws of Nature. I mean look at the Talmud -- the Jews are the ones who advocate treating women as breeding tools and property. How dare NS comrades stoop to the level of the Jews in such a manner.

Also at the *Her Race* Web site, Jane Burton presents an article about appropriate "Careers for White Women," such as "Lawyer," "Human Resources Worker," "Advertising Writer" and "Real Estate Agent." Telling women "the White race needs" their help, Burton writes, "You need to work; so work in the right direction!" She asks, "what well-paying, interesting jobs could you choose that would most advance your race?"

Many other racist women suggest that females should be equal partners in the extremists' struggle, even when that struggle involves violent action. Nancy Jensen believes that women who choose to lead the "movement" on the battlefield should be given the opportunity to do so. "As for the issue of women physically defending their race or country," she writes, "if they possess that desire and ability, then they should go for it."

Other sections of the *Her Race* Web site also promote female extremist political activism. "Diana, Love of a Princess" by Lisa Turner recognizes "the unique power a woman can have in the political world." Writing without any apparent sense of irony, Turner states that more women are "desperately needed by the white supremacist movement" because "women can represent nurturing, love, reaching out, touching, bridging a gap, and bringing a gentle, diplomatic approach to the problems at hand." She writes, "the power of love -- not just data, facts, statistics, debate and political maneuvering -- will put this movement squarely where it ought to be." The site's "White Women Hall of Fame" features information on numerous female right-wing politicians around the world, such as Pauline Hanson (Australia), Pia Kjaersgaard (Denmark), Alessandra Mussolini (Italy), and Catherine Megret (France), with whom the site's promoters identify.

World Church of the Creator *Women's Frontier* Newsletter

In its first E-mail newsletter, the WCOTC Women's Frontier (which is currently led by Lisa Turner) asserts that the current paucity of active white supremacist women "pleases the JOG [Jewish Occupational Government] enemy greatly." The Frontier wants to force its enemies "to contend with a true PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION -- a revolution composed equally of fighting, bonded, White Men and Women who are committed to the same goals, the same ideals." Asserting that they will "no longer play the JOG game of pretending that this is an 'all male' movement," the Frontier explains, "we are a fighting force to be reckoned with."

British National Party

Sharron Edwards, writing at the Web site of the fascist *British National Party*, encourages "less faint-hearted women to stand as candidates" for public office. Though she claims not to be "just another passenger on the feminist bandwagon," she believes it "only right that women join our men in the battle to alleviate the perils of the present age" and sees "the contesting of elections" as "inevitably an important part of the struggle."

Even some bigoted sites created by men promote active female participation in the "movement." Thom Robb's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Web site features an "Aryan Women's Page" that boasts, "the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan under the leadership of David Duke was the first Klan organization to include women in its general membership." Racist Alex Curtis of San Diego wrote admiringly in his *Nationalist Observer* E-mail mailing about "the Countess of Martel," a violently anti-Semitic propagandist active in turn-of-the-century France. The Australian Revolutionary Movement (ARM) Web site declares, "If a woman has the desire to serve her nation in an active service role, she should be encouraged, if she desires to work

alongside her male comrades, she should be commended." ARM also suggests that "if a woman can defeat a man in combat, then the woman should be revered."

MORE TRADITIONAL ROLES

In contrast, other Internet documents composed by women promote child rearing and other "domestic" tasks as women's greatest contribution to the "movement."

"Knews" Klan E-mail Newsletter

Writing in the "Knews" Klan E-mail newsletter (which is distributed by the North Carolina-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan), Jo Kinder announced that "nothing can be more important to our cause" than taking time to teach white children "pride in their heritage." She urges women to "return to the old ways of our people" by becoming "the nurturing, caring, and bringers of life and knowledge necessary for our future." Claiming women "do not need organizations to defend" them, Kinder describes a female "birthright to inspire our men and children in the hope of a glorious future."

Women for Aryan Unity

Echoing Hitler's view that women should focus on "Kirche, Küche, Kinder" (church, kitchen, children), the *Women for Aryan Unity* Web site urges racist women to "stand by" their husbands by keeping their home, providing for their "comfort," and indoctrinating their children with hate. Encouraging women to focus on "midwifery," "survival cooking," and "education," the site instructs racist women to take up weapons and sound the "battle cry" only if their husbands "fall." These women are upset that they have been taught they "are no longer needed in the home as wives and mothers" and angered that they "have been forced to compete with men for the males' jobs."

World Church of the Creator *Women's Frontier*

The WCOTC *Women's Frontier* site presents an "Interview with Reverend Michelle Wilson." Though Wilson has taken a leadership position in WCOTC, she believes that women should take such positions only to bide the time until they settle down and have children. When asked about the role of women, Wilson asserted, "Women play the very important role of bringing as many White children into the world as they possibly can properly care and provide for."

Her Race

While some articles at the *Her Race* Web site promote extremist women's political activism, others advocate more "traditional" female roles. Kate Bell offers a detailed account of childbirth in "Birth of a White Child," asserting that she's "actually *doing* something that helps our cause" by giving birth to white children. "The Perfect Match" by Lisa Turner offers advice on how to find a good "Aryan" husband, and "Race Mixing" by Zennia urges white women to stay away from non-white males. "The Truth About *Sesame Street*" by Lisa Turner calls on white women to stop their children from watching that television program because it promotes tolerance; the article also characterizes *Sesame Street's* creator as a supporter of "the New World Order."

CONCLUSION

Whatever balance between domestic tasks and political activism bigoted women choose, they have followed feminism's lead by openly and assertively expressing their views. Those views have been heard: today, few extremists express doubt that women have a significant role to play in the "movement," and by all indications at racist women's Web sites, female participation, both on the Internet and off, has been increasing and will likely continue to grow. Sadly, these women have spoken out in service of hatred. While women's fight for the right to set their own course is commendable, the desire of these racist women to deny that right to others can only be condemned.