

"Weighing reform in terms of their impact on collective and individual self-determination is essential but not sufficient. Reforms that can be turned against women or other groups without power also need to be carefully discussed and possibly opposed. ...

A series of questions might help guide an analysis of reforms.

1. How are social relationships of domination by sex, class, and race challenged or reinforced by each proposed reform?
2. How does this reform effect the male right to beat?
3. Does the suggested change further empower women or make them more dependent?
4. Which women of which class or race benefit or are harmed by this activity?
5. If there are racist consequences to specific work, can they be minimized, avoided or fought against?
6. Do women gain control by proposed changes? If not, who gains control or legitimacy, and in what way might this harm the movement?
7. How do specific institutions reinforce the subordination of women-through policies, practices, structures, lack of community control? Can the movement effect these different areas and is it worth the energy?
8. Does the fight help build the movement and organize women?"

*Susan Schechter, Women and Male Violence (1982)(pg. 181).*