

## 25. Socialist Feminist Collective<sup>1</sup>

*We would like to inform you about a campaign started today in Turkey, in 5 different cities including Istanbul. The campaign will take one year and will be run by Socialist Feminist Collective.<sup>2</sup>*

*The main theme of the campaign is to highlight women's double shift between unpaid and paid labor and clarify our demands from men, capitalists and the state. Below you may find the video of preparations and the public announcement in English.<sup>3</sup>*

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## **Manifesto**

We want back the hours, Days and Years we have spent on housework! We want back our due in the house!

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Let the fathers care for their children: Prepare them for school in the morning, prepare their meal in the evening and help them with their homework. When the kids are ill, let the fathers leave work and run home to look after them.

On the weekend, let the fathers take the kids to their leisure activities, go searching in the markets for cheap, healthy, nourishing food, go back to pick them back with their arms loaded.

Let sons care for their elderly mothers and fathers. Let them look after their parents when they are ill; let them remember to remind them when to take their pills; let them remember to give them baths. . .

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## **We Demand from the Bosses!**

We refuse to work exclusively in low paid, insecure and flexible jobs. Women also have the right to be unionized and to have access to social security.

Are men better in weaving, cutting out, sewing and designing? We want equal pay for equal worth!

We know very well that when parental leaves are transferable and optional, men prefer not to use them. We want non-transferable leaves for fathers.

We want crèches in all work places which hire more than fifty workers irrespective of sex! We want our children to go the crèche in their father's work place.

We also demand neighbourhood crèches. Bosses hiring less than fifty workers should make financial contributions to the neighbourhood crèches in proportion to the number of their workers.

You have been privileging men for centuries. We want positive discrimination when we apply for jobs, while we work and in professional training courses. We demand quotas in "male jobs"!

The streets are not safe for women. We want safe transportation for 24 hours to and from work.

## **We Demand from the State!**

We demand the right to retirement pension at fifty, in return for the domestic labour we have spent on our husbands and companions. Retirement pension for housewives!

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Although we run our households for years on end, when we go out to look for work, we are counted as unqualified labour. We want to be paid unemployment fees once we start looking for a job, until we get one.

We are only offered training courses in “female skills”. We demand quotas for women in technical skill courses.

We refuse to be deprived of social security when we do home-based work, work as care workers or cleaning ladies, or when we work on land for practically nothing.

We don't want to have to count on our fathers or husbands when we are ill; we do not want to live on the street with an empty stomach. The right to individual health security and a decent shelter for all women!

We work both at home and in the work place. We do double shifts. We want early retirement!

When we say “enough is enough” and want to get a divorce, we want unconditional alimony payment: We refuse to be preached on decency, virtue and morals. The state should pay the alimony when the divorced husband fails to do so.

Is it only our responsibility to care for the elderly? We want professional public care for old people if they prefer to go on living in their own homes. We also demand good quality homes for old people.