

~~QL of individuals is~~

Men + women have a right to improve their QL. But have also a responsibility to ~~use~~ contribute to their own QL + to the QL of those for whom they care. This is particularly true in

~~These statements are also the security~~ of children.

Men + women ^{must be} ~~are~~ the ~~sole~~ unique decision-makers in the process of bearing a child. Each one and the two together ~~are~~ ^{must} ~~can~~ decide if + when they will bear a child.

Reciprocally that ^{maker power} ~~decision~~ implies their individual + communal responsibility for the children to be born.

No other power — state, internal agency, any kind of social force in the civil-society — should compel a couple to have or not to have a child.

~~The~~ The dogmatic assertion that \bar{w} must bear children + its counterfactual of dogmatic assertion that \bar{w} should have only one child.



Rights + responsibilities ~~in this field~~ have to be guided by the ~~imperative~~ ^{+ concrete project} of QL for the newly born.

In this context, man + women have specific rights + responsibilities.

~~By~~ ^{went to} ~~The "empowerment of women" is not dissolving her responsibilities~~

~~By~~ ^{obversive}

The rights of women in relation to the reproductive process are just a part of their own process of self-determination. It is the last sector of a century long struggle.

Indeed, once political + econ. rights acquired (at least in most countries),

self-determination has to reach the core of the emancipatory process - the specific cultural identity of the group it concerns.

Full citizenship ^{of women} ~~takes roots~~ in full personhood - ~~in women~~ it implies the acknowledgement of a potential motherhood.

To affirm the reproductive rights of women has severe political consequences: ^{to} ~~conduct~~ make of women full subjects of law, to recognize women's full citizenship in political, econ., social fields. - and there are countries for whom this is still far away; others where fundamental rights

like paid maternity leave are still ~~inexistent~~ ^{inexistent}.
All where practice is still far from the law.

~~Women's rights are not a one-sided~~

Women are bearing already ~~most~~ ^{alone} of
society's respons.: they are heading ^{up} to 30%
of households; they are carrying the double
task of family + professional responsibilities,
from child bearing to care for old age parents,
they are income providers in many countries,
the only ones having the initiative to create
jobs + micro-enterprises. ~~The~~

They are aware however that their
"empowerment" - the process by which
they assert themselves + contribute to
society - means ~~to~~ very little if other
"powers" are exercised over them.

Indeed one can wonder about the use

of getting women aware of their rights +
capable to exercise them if the web of
family + society relationships in
which they are caught prevent them
from exercising their r+r. As one ♀ from
Tali said:

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It is the discharge of personal specific responsibilities of its members that can enable a society to care for its members. ~~And to care with~~ so that all ~~members~~ may live with equal opportunities for an enhanced Q.L.

~~Two threats are interwoven and~~
it would be irresponsible to
Today we cannot anymore think that poverty can be absorbed by the dev. process, however integrated this may be.

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