

Zapatista Women's Revolutionary Laws

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In their just fight for the liberation of our people, the EZLN incorporates women in the revolutionary struggle regardless of their race, creed, color or political affiliation, requiring only that they meet the demands of the exploited people and that they commit to the laws and regulations of the revolution. As well as, taking account of the situation of the woman worker in Mexico, the revolution incorporates their just demands of equality and justice in the following Women's Revolutionary Law.

First--Women, regardless of their race, creed, color or political affiliation, have the right to participate in the revolutionary struggle in any way that their desire and capacity determine.

Second--Women have the right to work and receive a just salary.

Third--Women have the right to decide the number of children they have and care for.

Fourth--Women have the right to participate in the matters of the community and have charge if they are free and democratically elected.

Fifth--Women and their children have the right to Primary Attention in their health and nutrition.

Sixth--Women have the right to education.

Seventh--Women have the right to choose their partner and are not obliged to enter into marriage.

Eighth--Women have the right to be free of violence from both relatives and strangers. Rape and attempted rape will be severely punished.

Ninth--Women will be able to occupy positions of leadership in the organization and hold military ranks in the revolutionary armed forces.

Tenth--Women will have all the rights and obligations which the revolutionary laws and regulations give.
