

Zetkin on the Women's Struggle

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under the leadership of their Party, have used every opportunity to **awaken the proletarian women** and to lead them into the struggle against the capitalist system.

Such was the case for instance in Germany in the fight **against the so-called Abortion Law**, which was used for a far-reaching and successful campaign **against bourgeois class rule and the bourgeois State**.

This campaign secured for us the sympathy and adherence of large masses of women. It was presented, **not as a women's question, but as a political question of the proletariat**.

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Communist women in each country, in accord with and under the leadership of their party, have, of course, utilized every opportunity and occasion to arouse the proletarian masses of women, to win them, and to lead them into struggle against the capitalist order. So, for example, in Germany the struggle against the so-called abortion paragraph provided the starting point for a very extensive and successful campaign against bourgeois class rule and class justice and against the bourgeois state. This campaign won for us the sympathy and support of broad circles of women. Yet the question was approached not as a women's issue but as a political issue, a cause of the proletariat.

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