Encouraging women everywhere to support each other on the street by creating a culture of solidarity among women,

Experimenting and passing on the results of our experiments to other women and groups of women so that we can be a "seed project," one that women in other locations might want to model themselves after so that street harassment projects might start up in many cities and countries,

To do the above through actions, graphics, street theatre, outreach, the internet, imaginative propaganda, patrols and any other method we can think up and pull off.

Our Process
We are committed to democratic input from all members.

Membership is achieved by attending two meetings and being in agreement with our Statement of Purpose. A member can participate in consensus or voting and be part of the membership egroup.

Our group is all female but we are willing to work in coalition with pro-feminist male supporters.

We make decisions by attempting consensus but if it is not achieved by the 2nd "go-round" rather than deadlock, we switch to a 2/3-majority vote.

We are committed to inclusiveness across generations, racial and ethnic groups, sexual orientation and are open to inclusion of male to female transgendered people who feel they are being harassed because they are perceived as women.

We have general meetings once weekly and accomplish projects through working groups which meet separately. The larger group must approve the projects and their results. The Statement of Purpose can be amended only by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership.
Their assumption of ownership of public space; these are our streets too!

6) We reject "boys will be boys" and other rationalizations for men's behavior. We do not believe that street harassment represents men's inherent "nature," but is part of a socially constructed "masculinity:" one that is part of a male culture that has been passed on through generations. It is a learned behavior that can be unlearned.

7) While all women are harassed, we are cognizant of the special forms that harassment of some of women may take, for instance, women of color, very young women, perceived lesbians and women deemed "unattractive," to name a few. We wish to explore these differences.

8) We refuse to fight street harassment in ways that reinforce existing systems of oppression such as racism, homophobia, anti-immigrant bias, class privilege, etc. We take this stand because: a) we believe that men do not harass us because they are white, black, immigrants, straight, etc., but because they have male privilege; b) we recognize that women comprise at least half of all oppressed groups, and c) we understand that the fight against sexism is related to all other struggles for human rights.

9) We realize that some women do not consider to be harassment what we consider to be harassment. While we recognize every woman's right to define for herself what she considers "harassment," we are cognizant of the fact that all women are continually being intimidated into "playing along to get along," as well as being constantly pressured to prove—even to ourselves—that we are "attractive." We do not forget that this is a game in which men set the terms and women are punished if we do not comply.

10) We recognize that there are many forms of harassment going on in public spaces. These may be based on race, class, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender expression, homelessness, police targeting—or have other "causes." There are relationships and overlaps between these harassments/abuses and what women experience because we are women—we support all struggles on these issues. We have, however, in this group, chosen to focus on the harassment of women by men:

   a) because there is no other group solely devoted to this important work and

   b) because we believe we must fight as feminists against street harassment—and in the context of a larger struggle against male supremacy and sexism.

Our Intentions
To fight street harassment of women by men in all of its forms with our ultimate goal of having a society where women can go wherever we want, when we want, dress the way we choose and be able to express ourselves, including sexually, in freedom and in safety. We will work toward this goal by:

Creating an atmosphere in which street harassment is completely socially unacceptable,

Educating and raising awareness about what street harassment actually is, the toll it takes and how it shores up the system of male supremacy,

Creating a forum which can be a clearinghouse for our stories and in which we can share our experiences, support each other, strategize, inspire each other and build our courage through the knowledge that we are not alone,

Developing concrete ideas and strategies, particularly group strategies, for handling harassment on the street,

Providing an outlet for our rage, a way to help us stay sane by engaging in creative confrontation that allows us to feel our power,

Engaging in actions that will make the harassment of women a not pleasant and not rewarding experience for the harasser,

Putting street harassment back on the map as an important feminist issue—one we do not have to give up on—and by so doing making a contribution to the development of a strong and growing grassroots feminism,

Challenging the men who claim to support us to actively confront other men on their harassing behavior,
Redstockings 1969 stickers assail 2015 ads

We can't believe we're still protesting this crap! But we are -- Saturday Feb 7, Noon-2 PM, in NYC at the American Apparel, 704 Broadway (and W4 street).

Join Redstockings veterans and fresh troops from last fall's Women's Liberation class in an action that takes on the interlocking tentacles of male chauvinist pig catcallers on the street and the sexist ad makers of big business.

Together the big boys in the suites and little boys in the streets benefit from a culture of female service to male pleasure and an economic system of female sexploitation to make a profit. But the big boys benefit far more - and this cultural bait of sexualizing women in ads divides the little boys from their female allies on the streets. The big boys are ripping off most of us, and men and women have to unite to win justice and real -- equal -- "liberty for all" for the people of the U.S.A.

Last fall's class was called “Building Women's Liberation Now: Gems from the 1960s and Beyond for Radical Feminist Theory & Action Today.” The sticker "this oppresses women" for slapping on sexist ads is one of the "1960's gems" -- from the Redstockings Women's Liberation Archives for Action (www.redstockings.org). Another is Bev Grant's protest song against street harassment, which we'll be singing at the action.

The collage of today's sexist ads with the vintage sticker (created by Adrielle Munger, with feedback from many other women taking and giving the class) is already generating heated debate on the Occupy Wall St. Facebook page. To weigh in on the side of female liberation, click here: https://www.facebook.com/OccupyWallSt/posts/835952356472530.

And because we are still having to protest this, help us continue the struggle for as long as it takes -- generations learning from each other.

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this oppresses women
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Men harass women - at work, at home, on the street. Creators of sexist advertising — in addition to oppressing women by using sexualized and objectifying images of us to sell their products — encourage men to harass women by making it appear that we invite and enjoy harassment. Corporate interests give men a false feeling of superiority over women and amplify men's belief that they are entitled to harass women. Men are being bought off — bribed — and distracted from working with women to fight the 1%.

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