

Jalna Hanmer discusses libertarianism and feminism: “Sexual liberation vs women’s liberation” (November 2010), British Library Collection items

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In this talk, Jalna Hanmer discusses the sexualization of women’s bodies today that may be a direct result of sexual liberation in the 1960s

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There’s all that sexual liberation _____ as well: all the libertarians, very big libertarian movement, mainly led by men. And of course the **downside** of all that sexual liberation is **spun off** into _____ and other forms of violence against women.

So, what actually happened with sexual liberation is quite _____ really.

And then that whole **commodification** of women and women’s bodies: one has to ask “where did that come from?”. Because when things were more **tight-laced**, that didn’t _____. Or it happened with a few Soho “**dirty postcards**”, which you could get in Soho in various places. But it was pretty limited. And of course there was always _____. But it was all relatively limited, compared with what is going on right now.

So, there is a downside in some of the things that happened. The Movement wasn’t all totally successful.

But it wasn’t women who were really... particularly... they weren’t struggling for libertarianism. Although some women participated in that, no question. But it wasn’t really their struggle.

What they wanted was to be free of _____ control within the family.

And they wanted to have casual _____ with men. They wanted to live with men, without getting married to them. They wanted children that were their own. They wanted their own money. You know, they just wanted some _____ really... which they got. They got a lot of that.

Downside=disadvantage, drawback; spin off= to derive, to create something else (often a company); commodification=turning thing into commodities, products to be sold in the market; tight-laced= prudish, puritanical, tightly dressed in lace; dirty postcards=photos of naked women mainly.

Answers: going on; pornography, problematic, happen, prostitution, male, relationships, freedom