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## Feminist movement in 'big sleep'

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 her new book, *The Second Stage*, is also worried about the impotency of the feminist movement. She said the movement isn't dead, but dying and in grave danger. The feminist movement's obsession with pornography and its internal power struggles makes it irrelevant to the majority of women.

Friedan compared the paralysis of the women's movement today to a similar "big sleep" after the women won the right to vote at the beginning of the century. "We fought for 100 years to get the vote," she said, "but after we won it we went off on tangents of women

having mystical purity and women fighting in the temperance movement." "Get off pornography," she said, "and face the real obscenity of economic poverty."

"The real shameful secret today is not sexual at all. It's poverty and increasing proportions of the truly poor are women and children of single mothers."

The older feminists have to listen to young women and find out how the problems and concerns of women have changed, she said, if we are going to get anywhere.

Young women are living with the illusion of being a wife with children and an exciting career just

as these dreams are being pulled out from under them. "We are having to try and save the rights we won ten years ago; never mind move ahead," she said.

"Hey you yuppies, or daughters of yuppies who are dressing for success. You can't have it all unless you begin to seriously restructure the home and work."

Unless jobs are restructured from the rat race of frantically climbing the ladder all day, six days a week, no one can raise a child and have a career too, she said. When it is considered normal to spend part of the week child-rearing, then women might be able to make careers and men can get some experience at nurturing, "so they can have contact with more concrete values of life," she said.

Women should also be working to get a housewife's labour to be valued like any other job and to have it calculated in the gross national product.

Most importantly though, women need to get into office to do all this, Friedan said, — women with women's values. "They have to run for elections, lose and run again." Because women don't have influence with corporations, nor old boys' networks to raise campaign money, they must work on building new funding networks.

"Woman won't rule the world. We'll settle for 50 per cent, but we must have that," she said.

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