

Extra Credit Week 15 – 2

RESEARCHING GENDER ACTIVISM

Purpose: This exercise is designed to increase your awareness of social groups that are engaged in gender activism.

Instructions: Research one social activist group organized around gender issues. This might include a feminist women's group, a faction of the men's movement, or a gay/lesbian/bisexual rights organization. Good sources would be newspapers, news magazines, or the Internet and World Wide Web.

1. Describe the organization you researched. Where is it located? Is it a formal or informal group? Approximately how many members does it have?

2. What is the organization's stated purpose? What are its goals?

3. Does the organization lobby for political change? If so, how successful has it been?

4. Does the organization take the approach that “the personal is political”? If so, how?

5. Is diversity in race, ethnicity, class, and/or sexual orientation embraced? If so, how?

6. How does someone become involved with this agency?