

## **DISCUSSION PROMPT- Week 2**

With these readings, we need to spend some time with definitions and speak about stages in human development. They help us to identify some of the factors that allowed for the development of capitalism, and that gave rise to the oppression of women.

Discussion questions:

\*What do you (and/or your organization) think is the current state of capitalism?(i.e. economically, socially and politically) How does the current state of capitalism reflect on the reality of the working class, particularly, in the conditions of working class women?

\*Provide examples of ruling class interests, and how they are upheld and promoted by different sectors of society.

\*Identify ways in which the ruling class currently creates division amongst the working class in order to advance ruling class interests. How do these divisions impact working class women? (i.e. socially, economically, politically, ideologically)

\*Thinking about, and naming some of the contradictions of capitalism in its current state, can you identify opportunities that these contradictions offer for advancing the struggles of working class women?