History 4468/5468 (Twentieth Century U.S. Women)
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Assignment Sheet 8: WOMEN IN THE TWENTIES

READING
Woloch: 352-357; 380-426
Ware: 117-142
Handouts: “Interracial Work,” “In Voluntary Conflict”
Graduate students only: Sklar and Dublin: 154-161; “Women in the Ku Klux Klan”

NECESSARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION
1. The main economic, political, social, and cultural developments in the United States in the 1920s.

STUDY QUESTIONS
1. What were the main concerns, actions, and results of the actions of different groups of female reformers of the 1920s, particularly those concerned with politics, working women, women’s health, and peace?
2. What were the main developments in the 1920s in the lives of women in general, young women, poor and working women, immigrant women, and black women? How, in particular, were they affected by developments in the media and advertising?
3. Who (what key groups and individuals) supported the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1920s, who opposed it, and what were the main arguments used by people on each side?
4. What were the main concerns and actions of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan?
5. What were the main actions taken to try to unify black and white female reformers and what were the results of these actions?
6. What were the main concerns, opinions, and actions of American women and their varying organizations concerning peace and disarmament in the 1920s? How did some of them disagree about these issues and what women should do about them? How and why did some government officials attack some of the women and their groups?

IDENTIFICATIONS
Women’s Joint Congressional Committee (WJCC)
League of Women Voters (LWV)
National Woman’s Party (NWP)
Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
Adkins v. Children’s Hospital
Sheppard-Towner Act
summer school for industrial workers
Zora Neale Hurston
the New Morality
Katherine Bement Davis
flappers
campus coeds
sororities
companionate marriage
Freudianism
Alice Paul (1920s)
Doris Stevens
Children’s Bureau
Women of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKK)
Harlem Renaissance
Nella Larsen
Women’s Council of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation
Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching (ASWPL)
Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA)
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
Spider Web Chart
National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War (NCCCW)