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Often women’s caregiving skills are dismissed as essential traits that do not require compensation. While mothers tend to be the caregivers of others, who cares about mothers and the work that they do? Do people (including ourselves as mothers), communities, businesses, governments, and other entities empower – or fail to empower – mothers? What are the harms of essentialism in this framework? Are there any benefits? How does feminism shape the ways we talk about motherhood? What might the impact of change look like and how might this be important? Who would be affected? How do race, class, gender, sexuality, single motherhood, religious beliefs, citizenship, and ableism (among other factors and markers) shape this analysis?

Moreover, as more women have entered paid work and as Baby Boomers require more care, outsourced care and paid carework have become integral in many families. How does outsourced care and paid carework alter the ways that we think about caregiving? How might trickle-down feminism come into play when women outsource childcare and what might the alternatives be? In what ways might capitalism and the changes therein (e.g., austerity measures, proposals for a universal income, the gig economy, national childcare, etc.) help or hinder women individually or as a group? How can we better advocate for mothers and support the work that all caregivers do?

The journal welcomes articles from researchers, writers, mothers, artists, health professionals, and political activists.

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