

- **Forced ultrasounds and attacks on family planning.** Forcing a woman to undergo humiliation in order to exert control over her own body is a freedom issue. For example, forcing a woman, as in Texas, to have a mostly male-administered ultrasound twenty-four hours before an abortion, or allowing anti-abortion advocates to hound her on her way to a clinic, is a freedom issue for women. Passing laws that make it impossible to keep family planning clinics open is also a violation of women's freedom.
- **Humiliating victims of sex crimes.** A free woman has control over her own body. Sex that violates that control includes rape, drugging a woman in order to have sex, exerting physical or psychological force to have sex, and so on. Police and courts who humiliate a woman who has been raped are violating her freedom.

These are all freedom issues. They are rooted in circumstances that apply to women, but they are special cases of the freedom of all human beings to control their own bodies.

There are also circumstances where women are not being treated like other human beings on an institutional level—in significant ways:

- **Equal pay for equal work.** This is not just an equality issue. It is an issue of whether women are being treated like any other human being would, or should, be treated.
- **Equality in the rating of ability for a position in an institution.** In a free society, gender should make no difference in whether or not a person gets a job, a promotion, admission to an academic program, nomination for political office, and so on.

These, too, are freedom issues. You are not free when you are not treated like other human beings with respect to how you function in an institution.

Equality and freedom are not separate issues. Discrimination is a denial of freedom. Freedom is more general. It has to do with a clear path (no one standing in your way or placing obstacles) or with possessions you have a