

PROPOSAL FOR DESTROYING THE OLD AND SETTING UP THE NEW IN THE CITY'S STREETS
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We must enthusiastically and most resolutely respond to the proposal put to the city's revolutionary women by the revolutionary women among workers, peasants and soldiers. We must resolutely break down the "four old" and establish the "four new" in a big way, daring to make, and good at making, revolution, destroying the old world and building a completely new proletarian world. We will turn neighborhood committees and women's congresses into great schools of Mao Tse-tung's thought; forever read Chairman Mao's works, listen to his instruction, interest ourselves in the big affairs of the state, and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution to the end. Here we put to the city's neighborhood committees, women's councils and the masses of the city's residents the following proposal:

1. Resolutely do the "five big":

--Study Chairman Mao's works in a big way, study the 16 points in a big way, and organize one and all to study them, to destroy selfishness and establish public spirit, and realize ideological revolutionization;

--Learn from the PLA in a big way, forever be loyal to the party, to Chairman Mao, to the thought of Mao Tse-tung, and to the revolutionary cause of the people;

--Learn from advanced characters in a big way and, like them, study and apply Chairman Mao's works creatively;

--Give big support to the revolutionary action of the revolutionary little soldiers;

--Sing revolutionary songs and write and stage revolutionary plays in a big way.

2. Every family should "have three things and do away with four things":

"To have three things" means: a portrait of Chairman Mao on the wall, quotations from Chairman Mao's works on the wall, and Chairman Mao's books on the desk.

"To do away with four things" means: First, no altars for worships of gods, no ancestral tablets, no 'feng-shui' basins, and no Eight Diagrams. Secondly, no couplets and tables propagating feudal superstitions and bourgeois ideas. Thirdly, no pictures and clay models of kings, emperors, generals, prime ministers, scholars and beauties. And fourthly, no pictures of oneself dressed in bizarre clothes or posed in a low-taste and vulgar fashion.

3. Resolutely observe the "ten-don'ts":

(1) Don't befriend landlords, rich peasants, counterrevolutionaries, and bad elements, and resolutely draw a line of distinction with all class enemies;

(2) Don't form brotherhood alliances or other private ties;

(3) Don't indulge in waste and extravagance, don't invite guests or present gifts, don't hold birthday parties for oneself or a party for one's child on reaching one month after birth, don't hold parties for the "birthday" and the "day of death" of one's ancestors, and don't observe feudal festivals;

(4) Don't hold wedding parties or carry out burials in the traditional manner;

(5) Don't wear necklaces, bracelets, rings, and earrings;

(6) Don't put on bizarre clothes, cowboy trousers, and pointed shoes;

(7) Don't call persons by such titles as "Mrs.," "Mr.," "Madam," "Miss," and "Aunty";

(8) Don't listen to yellow music, don't see bad films, and don't read yellow and black books;

(9) Don't use filthy language and don't talk behind others' backs; and

(10) Don't use rude methods to educate children and don't use feudal and bourgeois ideas to educate and influence the younger generation.

Revolutionary masses of residents in the whole city, let us hold high the great red banner of the thought of Mao Tse-tung and march ahead valiantly!