Marxian Meta-theory

→ Critique of capitalism
→ Theory of knowledge based on ones position in class society
→ Position of proletariat provides a privileged vantage point to see the operation of power
→ Experience provides a critique of the institutions and ideologies that reproduce class domination

Proletarian Standpoint

→ Material life structures understanding of the world
→ Sets limits on understandings of social relations
→ Division of labour produces dual vision
→ Proletariat standpoint vs ruling class vision
→ Ruling class vision imposed on the proletariat
→ Standpoint of the oppressed represents an achievement of analysis

Feminist Marxists/Materialists

→ Women’s lives differ structurally from men’s
→ The lived realities of women’s lives are profoundly different from men’s
→ Duality of reality is gendered
→ Marxian theory of capitalism and historical materialism ignores the woman question

Feminist Standpoint

→ Sexual division of labour forms basis for a gendered understanding of the world
→ Patriarchal ideology sets limits on women’s’ understanding of oppression
→ Women’s lives make available a privileged vantage point on male supremacy
→ A feminist standpoint can allow us to understand and critique phallocentric ideologies and patriarchal institutions

The Sexual Division of labour

→ Rather than beginning with men’s labour focuses on women’s
→ Focuses on women’s bodily and biological aspect of existence