

# Andrea Dworkin

## Quotes

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Genocide begins, however improbably, in the conviction that classes of biological distinction indisputably sanction social and political discrimination.

~Andrea Dworkin

Feminism is hated because women are hated. Anti-feminism is a direct expression of misogyny; it is the political defense of women hating.

~Andrea Dworkin

Pornography incarnates male supremacy. It is the DNA of male dominance. Every rule of sexual abuse, every nuance of sexual sadism, every highway and byway of sexual exploitation, is encoded in it.

~Andrea Dworkin

While gossip among women is universally ridiculed as low and trivial, gossip among men, especially if it is about women, is called theory, or idea, or fact.

~Andrea Dworkin

Feminism requires precisely what patriarchy destroys in women: unimpeachable bravery in confronting male power

~Andrea Dworkin

If you want a definition of what a coward is, it's needing to push a whole class of people down so that you can walk on top of them.

~Andrea Dworkin

Heterosexual intercourse is the pure, formalized expression of contempt for women's bodies.

~Andrea Dworkin

The genius of any slave system is found in the dynamics which isolate slaves from each other, obscure the reality of a common condition, and

make united rebellion against the oppressor inconceivable.

~Andrea Dworkin

Any violation of a woman's body can become sex for men; this is the essential truth of pornography.

~Andrea Dworkin

Pornography is the essential sexuality of male power: of hate, of ownership, of hierarchy; of sadism, of dominance.

~Andrea Dworkin

Seduction is often difficult to distinguish from rape. In seduction, the rapist often bothers to buy a bottle of wine.

~Andrea Dworkin

Only when manhood is dead - and it will perish when ravaged femininity no longer sustains it - only then will we know what it is to be free.

~Andrea Dworkin

Sexism is the foundation on which all tyranny is built. Every social form of hierarchy and abuse is modeled on male-over-female domination.

~Andrea Dworkin

One of the differences between marriage and prostitution is that in marriage you only have to make a deal with one man.

~Andrea Dworkin

Women's fashion is a euphemism for fashion created by men for women.

~Andrea Dworkin

I never met a man who wasn't stupider than me.

~Andrea Dworkin

Male supremacy is fused into the language, so that every sentence both heralds and affirms it.

~Andrea Dworkin

Under patriarchy, every woman's son is her potential betrayer and also the inevitable rapist or exploiter of another woman.

~Andrea Dworkin

Violation is a synonym for intercourse.

~Andrea Dworkin

I have to ask you to resist, not to comply, to destroy the power men have over women, to refuse to accept it, to abhor it and to do whatever is necessary despite its cost to you to change it.

~Andrea Dworkin

Men know everything - all of them - all the time - no matter how stupid or inexperienced or arrogant or ignorant they are.

~Andrea Dworkin

Feminist art... will take the great human themes - love, death, heroism, suffering, history itself - and render them fully human.

~Andrea Dworkin

If pornography releases sexual tension, why don't we send recipe books to the starving?

~Andrea Dworkin

A commitment to sexual equality with males is a commitment to becoming the rich instead of the poor, the rapist instead of the raped, the murderer instead of the murdered.

~Andrea Dworkin

The essence of oppression is that one is defined from the outside by

those who define themselves as superior by criteria of their own choice.

~Andrea Dworkin

Can women make use of men's vulnerability not to marry but instead to destroy male power?

~Andrea Dworkin

Childbearing is glorified in part because women die from it.

~Andrea Dworkin

Surely the freedom of women must mean more to us than the freedom of pimps.

~Andrea Dworkin

One of the reasons that women are kept in a state of economic degradation- because that's what it is for most women- is because that is the best way to keep women sexually available.

~Andrea Dworkin

The annihilation of a woman's personality, individuality, will, character, is prerequisite to male sexuality.

~Andrea Dworkin

Men are distinguished from women by their commitment to do violence rather than to be victimized by it.

~Andrea Dworkin

I'm a radical feminist, not the fun kind.

~Andrea Dworkin

We must refuse to submit to those institutions which are by definition sexist - marriage, the nuclear family, religions built on the myth of feminine evil.

~Andrea Dworkin

Feminist art may... though perhaps our imaginations are so mutilated now that we are incapable even of the ambition, introduce a new theme... should we call it 'joy'?

~Andrea Dworkin

Undernourished, intelligence becomes like the bloated belly of a starving child: swollen, filled with nothing the body can use.

~Andrea Dworkin

Money speaks, but it speaks with a male voice.

~Andrea Dworkin

Institutionalised in sports, the military, acculturated sexuality, the history and mythology of heroism, violence is taught to boys until they becomes its advocates.

~Andrea Dworkin

Wild intelligence abhors any narrow world; and the world of women must stay narrow, or the woman is an outlaw. No woman could be Nietzsche or Rimbaud without ending up in a whorehouse or lobotomized.

~Andrea Dworkin

The new pornography is left-wing; and the new pornography is a vast graveyard where the Left has gone to die. The Left cannot have its whores and its politics too.

~Andrea Dworkin

Erotica is simply high-class pornography; better produced, better conceived, better executed, better packaged, designed for a better class of consumer.

~Andrea Dworkin

All personal, psychological, social, and institutionalized domination on this earth can be traced back to its source: the phallic identities of men.

~Andrea Dworkin

The man takes a body that is not his, claims it, sows his so-called seed, reaps a harvest - he colonizes a female body, robs it of its natural resources, controls it.

~Andrea Dworkin

There is no place on earth, no day or night, no hour or minute, when one is not a Jew or a woman.

~Andrea Dworkin

The tragedy is that women so committed to survival cannot recognize that they are committing suicide.

~Andrea Dworkin

No woman needs intercourse; few women escape it.

~Andrea Dworkin

In my own life, I don't have intercourse. That is my choice.

~Andrea Dworkin

Being a Jew, one learns to believe in the reality of cruelty and one learns to recognize indifference to human suffering as a fact.

~Andrea Dworkin

The hurting of women is . . . basic to the sexual pleasure of men.

~Andrea Dworkin

The argument between wives and whores is an old one; each one thinking that whatever she is, at least she is not the other.

~Andrea Dworkin

No phallic hero, no matter what he does to himself or to another to prove his courage, ever matches the solitary, existential courage of the woman who gives birth.

~Andrea Dworkin

To be rapeable, a position that is social, not biological, defines what a woman is.

~Andrea Dworkin

For a mother the project of raising a boy is the most fulfilling project she can hope for.

~Andrea Dworkin

...In every realm of male expression and action, violence is experienced and articulated as love and freedom.

~Andrea Dworkin

Men use the night to erase us.

~Andrea Dworkin

I have been asked, politely and not so politely, why I am myself. This is an accounting any woman will be called on to give if she asserts her will.

~Andrea Dworkin

When two individuals come together and leave their gender outside the bedroom door, then they make love.

~Andrea Dworkin

Male dominance in society always means that out of public sight, in the private, ahistorical world of men with women, men are sexually dominating women.

~Andrea Dworkin



How can anyone love someone who is less than a full person, unless love itself is domination per se?

~Andrea Dworkin

Every three minutes a woman is being raped. Every eighteen seconds a woman is being beaten. There is nothing abstract about it. It is happening right now as I am speaking.

~Andrea Dworkin

Feminism exists so that no woman ever has to face her abuser in isolation, alone.

~Andrea Dworkin

The universal religion - contempt for women.

~Andrea Dworkin

By the time we are women, fear is as familiar to us as air. It is our element. We live in it, we inhale it, we exhale it, and most of the time we do not even notice it.

~Andrea Dworkin

I have spent 20 years writing these books. Had I wanted to say men are beasts and scream, that takes 30 seconds.

~Andrea Dworkin

One needs either equality or political and economic superiority.

~Andrea Dworkin

It is a tragedy beyond the power of language to convey when what has been imposed on women by force becomes a standard of freedom for women: and all the women say it is so.

~Andrea Dworkin

There is nothing as dangerous as an unembodied principle: no matter

what blood flows, the principle comes first. The First Amendment absolutists operate precisely on unembodied principle.

~Andrea Dworkin

Could women's liberation ever be a revolutionary movement, not rhetorically but on the ground?

~Andrea Dworkin

Being stigmatized by sex is being marked by its meaning in a human life of loneliness and imperfection, where some pain is indelible.

~Andrea Dworkin

I also had nightmares. Somehow all the feelings I didn't feel when each thing had actually happened to me I did feel when I slept.

~Andrea Dworkin

The creative mind is intelligence in action in the world.

~Andrea Dworkin

Touch is the meaning of being human.

~Andrea Dworkin

I dream that love without tyranny is possible

~Andrea Dworkin

Remember: Resist do not comply.

~Andrea Dworkin

Families make possible the super-exploitation of women by training them to look upon their work outside the home as peripheral to their 'true' role.

~Andrea Dworkin

Biological Superiority: The World's Most Dangerous and Deadly Idea.

~Andrea Dworkin

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