

# Bella Abzug Quotes

*Women, Men, Country, Government, Years, Justice, Race, Struggle,  
Memorable, Movement, He Man, Class, Suffering, Real, Heartless, Law,  
Believe, Views, Equality, Lasts*

The test for whether or not you can hold a job should not be the arrangement of your chromosomes.

~Bella Abzug

I prefer the word 'homemaker' because 'housewife' always implies that there may be a wife someplace else.

~Bella Abzug

I began wearing hats as a young lawyer because it helped me to establish my professional identity. Before that, whenever I was at a meeting, someone would ask me to get coffee.

~Bella Abzug

Never go back, never apologize, and never forget we're half the human race.

~Bella Abzug

Women have been trained to speak softly and carry a lipstick. Those days are over.

~Bella Abzug

Women will change the nature of power, rather than power changing the nature of women.

~Bella Abzug

Congress is a middle-aged, middle-class, white male power structure ... no wonder it's been so totally unresponsive to the needs of this country.

~Bella Abzug

Our struggle today is not to have a female Einstein get appointed as an assistant professor. It is for a woman schlemiel to get as quickly promoted as a male schlemiel.

~Bella Abzug

In Britain the government has to come down in front of Parliament every day to explain its actions, but here the President never answers directly to Congress.

~Bella Abzug

They are a very extensive minority who have suffered discrimination and who have the same right to participation in the promise and fruits of society as every other individual.

~Bella Abzug

We are coming down from our pedestal and up from the laundry room.

~Bella Abzug

Maybe we weren't at the Last Supper, but we're certainly going to be at the next one.

~Bella Abzug

She (a woman politician) will be challenging a system that is still wedded to militarism and that saves billions of dollars a year by underpaying women and using them as a reserve cheap labor supply

~Bella Abzug

If we get a government that reflects more of what this country is really about, we can turn the century - and the economy - around.

~Bella Abzug

We need laws that protect everyone - men and women, straights and gays, regardless of sexual perversion...ah, persuasion.

~Bella Abzug

All the men on my staff can type.

~Bella Abzug

Abortion doesn't belong in the political arena. It's a private right, like

many other rights concerning the family.

~Bella Abzug

The establishment is made up of little men, very frightened.

~Bella Abzug

We have done almost everything in pairs since Noah, except govern. And the world has suffered for it.

~Bella Abzug

I am not elevating women to sainthood, nor am I suggesting that all women share the same views, or that all women are good and all men bad.

~Bella Abzug

I am not being facetious when I say that the real enemies in this country are the Pentagon and its pals in big business.

~Bella Abzug

I always had a decent sense of outrage.

~Bella Abzug

Nixon impeached himself. He gave us Ford as his revenge.

~Bella Abzug

This woman's place is in the House - the House of Representatives.

~Bella Abzug

When I was a young lawyer, working women wore hats. It was the only way they would take you seriously.

~Bella Abzug

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