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My deepest impulses are optimistic; an attitude that seems to me as spiritually necessary and proper as it is intellectually suspect.

~Ellen Willis

Individuals bearing witness cannot do the work of social movements, but they can break a corrosive and demoralizing silence.

~Ellen Willis

On one level the sixties revolt was an impressive illustration of Lenin's remark that the capitalist will sell you the rope to hang him with.

~Ellen Willis

Take back the night? How can women take back the night when they've never had it?

~Ellen Willis

Mass consumption, advertising, and mass art are a corporate Frankenstein; while they reinforce the system, they also undermine it.

~Ellen Willis

What turns me on is erotica; what turns you on is pornographic.

~Ellen Willis

I believe that we are all, openly or secretly, struggling against one or another kind of nihilism.

~Ellen Willis

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