

# Winona LaDuke

## Quotes

*Land, People, Country, Lakes, Mother, Struggle, World, Environmental, Animal,  
Native American, Water, Giving, Fighting, Men, Challenges, Responsibility,  
Mean, Generations, White, Daughter*

Someone needs to explain to me why wanting clean drinking water makes you an activist, and why proposing to destroy water with chemical warfare doesn't make a corporation a terrorist.

~Winona LaDuke

Power is not brute force and money; power is in your spirit. Power is in your soul. It is what your ancestors, your old people gave you. Power is in the earth; it is in your relationship to the earth.

~Winona LaDuke

We are a part of everything that is beneath us, above us, and around us. Our past is our present, our present is our future, and our future is seven generations past and present.

~Winona LaDuke

If we build a society based on honoring the earth, we build a society which is sustainable, and has the capacity to support all life forms.

~Winona LaDuke

Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank.

~Winona LaDuke

There is no social-change fairy. There is only change made by the hands of individuals.

~Winona LaDuke

The difference between a white man and an Indian is this- A white man wants to leave money to his children. An Indian wants to leave forests.

~Winona LaDuke

What we all need to do is find the wellspring that keeps us going, that gives us the strength and patience to keep up this struggle for a long time.

~Winona LaDuke

The only compensation for land is land.

~Winona LaDuke

It's time to transition beyond our fossil fuel addiction to a just economy based on green jobs, renewable energy, and local organic food.

~Winona LaDuke

I see a lot of damage to Mother Earth. I see water being taken from creeks where water belongs to animals, not to oil companies.

~Winona LaDuke

Our forests are not for toilet paper. They are worth more standing than cut. That deserves to be defended, not only by native peoples but also by environmentalists.

~Winona LaDuke

You've got to get people to believe that change is possible... You have to show that you can fight things successfully even if you don't win.

~Winona LaDuke

We must keep these waters for wild rice, these trees for maple syrup, our lakes for fish, and our land and aquifers for all of our relatives - whether they have fins, roots, wings, or paws.

~Winona LaDuke

In the time of the sacred sites and the crashing of ecosystems and worlds, it may be worth not making a commodity out of all that is revered.

~Winona LaDuke

I would like to see as many people patriotic to a land as I have seen patriotic to a flag.

~Winona LaDuke

What our Seventh Generation will have is a consequence of our actions today.

~Winona LaDuke

I'm not a patriot to a flag, I'm a patriot to a land.

~Winona LaDuke

Native communities are focal points for the excrement of industrial society.

~Winona LaDuke

It's time to respect the treaties our ancestors signed and care for our land, water, and cultures so that they remain healthy for our future generations.

~Winona LaDuke

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