

- 1) My name is Winnie Mandela. I am — yrs. old, ^{since} living in exile in South Africa. I have been banned for working with the African National Congress. I live under virtual house arrest and may not speak at public gatherings or with more than one person at a time. ~~I have not seen my husband Nelson Mandela~~ I have been forcibly separated for 23 years from my husband, Nelson Mandela, the man most South Africans consider their true leader. When they banished me to Brandfort, they thought they would also silence the political ideas..... I couldn't think of a greater honor.
- 2) My name is Katherine Smith. I live on the Navajo reservation near Big Mountain. I am 60 years old. The federal government is trying to remove my people from our sacred lands. They tried to build a barbed wire fence within 14 feet of a ceremonial hogan on my land. I shot my gun at the fencing crew so they would stop. I told the corrupt tribal police they could not arrest me because they are my sons and my blood. When the white federal officers arrested me I told them that the Diné people have had sacred laws since the beginning of time. I told them I don't recognize their laws. ~~I was acquitted~~ I am not afraid. I would shoot at them again. I was acquitted of all charges in a courtroom filled with supporters. Arizona 1979.
- 3) My name is Catherine Ventour. I am a 72 year old great-grandmother and gardener in Birchgrove, Grenada. My daughter, Scotilda Noel, was a pioneer activist in the National Women's Organization. She was killed in 1979, so now I am trying to carry on her work. The Revolution makes me young again! I like something forward, not something backward. Women are real, real out now, you know!

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- 4) My name is Karen Silkwood. I worked at the Kerr-McGee nuclear power plant in Oklahoma. The first time I was irradiated was an accident. I started asking questions and organizing workers at the plant. I found evidence that the plant was operating in violation of safety codes. The second and third times I was irradiated were not accidents. In 1974 my car was forced off the road and I was killed. The plant was closed, and the Supreme Court just upheld a \$10.5 million award to my children.
- 5) My name is Gladys Baez. I was born in Juigalpa, Nicaragua. My mother was 42 when I was born. She raised me alone. I was one of the first women guerillas to fight in the mountains with the FSLN. When I was released from prison, I had been tortured so badly that the doctors expected me to die. But I knew I had more to give. I had a baby, and knew then that if I could give birth to a child, I could do anything to keep the revolution alive. Nicaragua 1978.
- 6) My name is Karen Thompson. I am a lesbian. My lover of 6 years, Sharon, recently became quadriplegic in a car accident. Her father refuses to let me see her. ~~But~~ I've read reports that say Sharon is sleeping in a fetal position, doing nothing. Our case is in the courts to allow me to visit Sharon and take an active role in her rehabilitation. The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union has taken on our case. Our case is strong. 1986
- 7) My name is Nelia Sancho-Lia. I am a 35 year old ^{Filipina} mother living in Manila. In 1971 I was crowned 'Queen of the Pacific' while studying at the university. A year later I wanted to be valued more as a woman and a person than as an object of beauty. I began going to demonstrations and doing community organizing. I was arrested ~~four years~~ in 1976 as a subversive. In prison I saw how outspoken and strong women could be. "Why are you so hard? they ask. Why do you not bend a little? I would prefer to be a rock, smoothened by the years but unswaying."

RR: We need to fill her mind with small ideas (adds women's magazines)
(All nodding.) She should live in a small, small world where her
greatest concern is the ring around her husband's collar!

JF: And the only thing she has any control over is her children. (Fist
in hand -- tough)

HK: (A little concerned) Wait, this may be a little too traditional.
It's the 1980's, you know. We have to make sure they'll buy it.
What about adding a splash of the new "liberated" woman who can
be "free" as long as she works for America.

RR: Sure, she can have a small job, even in the army (ha ha) (They
all break into song) "Be all that you can be, in the army" (voice
over:) "Learn to fix jet plane engines, be tough, wear a uniform.
You can do everything a man does -- kill, maim, bomb!"
(They put an army cap on her -- she resists. All along she has small
subtle resistance facial expressions.)

WW: I won't be part of your game anymore!!! (Women enter to help her to
get rid of the garbage.) I want to destroy this war machine! In fact,
I support those people fighting daily on the battlefields against your
sick death machines.

1st ♀: (little tango) Yeah! Like in Nicaragua where the Sandinistas outlawed
the use of women's bodies for advertising.

HK, RR & JF: Stop ladies, this isn't nice! Behave yourselves!

2nd ♀: Where they've reduced illiteracy from 53% to 13% in just 4 years!

WW: Where women and men and children are building a society free of all
this garbage (point to stuff she had on)

Men: Ladies! (Trying to back off -- women won't move.)

It isn't nice to block the doorway,

It isn't nice to go to jail.

It isn't nice to go past the barricades,

(But the nice ways always fail -- heh, heh)

It isn't nice, it isn't nice,

We told you once, we told you twice.

Three times should suffice (very patronizingly, wagging finger)

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JF: Be proud of the red, white blue (pledge).

HK: If you know what's good for you (threaten).

RR: Young ladies, Uncle Sam wants you (points to Uncle Sam poster).

WW: When you stop invading other countries.

1st ♀: When you stop the death squad lists.

2nd ♀: When you stop raping women and children.

All three ♀♀: When you no longer exist! (men are horrified)

Then we'll be nice, cause we'll be free

And all the world could have liberty.

So take some advice from us -- hands off! (?)

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QUESTIONS:

-- We want them to have personalities -- is Reagan too whiney?

-- How much resistance from Wonder Woman?

-- FMLN?

-- Men have slightly different slants to woman idea -- is it correct?

-- Back and forth between men -- is it dynamic?

-- Facts about liberated Nicaragua -- ideas?

-- Stuff about family convention -- lesbian/gay -- ideas?

-- Women in general.