

International Women's Day

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The fabric of women's oppression is carved deeply into the calloused hands of women in the sweatshops of China and Honduras. It is draped over the faces of young women in Saudi Arabia and Indonesia. It is stripped off the bodies of girls of Moldova and Bangkok who are put up for sale in brothels worldwide, and it is worn like a prize by pre-teens in the U.S. and Europe who are taught to dress and move like sex objects *long* before they understand what sex even is. This fabric ropes back into history, it winds its way around the globe, braided into all the dominant religions and "moral

codes" and woven into every aspect of human societies. It is a heavy veil that casts the darkness of humanity's first oppressive divisions over the lives, the dreams, and the prospects of every corner of humanity in the 21st century.

To live like this on this planet in the 21st century cannot be justified and should not be accepted. None of this can be tolerated or excused away with counsel of patience.

WE DECLARE: NO MORE!



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Woman and her children haul garbage in India. Forty percent of India's 1.1 billion people live on \$1 U.S. a day.

"Did You Know..."

- Criminalization or stigmatization of abortion forces women to seek abortions under dangerous conditions—creating a situation where 47,000 women worldwide die each year from unsafe abortions.
- A girl born in South Africa is more likely to be raped during her lifetime than to learn how to read.
- More than a third of all women in prison in the world are imprisoned in the United States.
- In just the last three years in the U.S., 203 new restrictions to abortion were passed in different states and there are no abortion clinics in 97 percent of rural counties.
- One in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime—that is one billion women.
- In recent decades pornography has become increasingly violent and degrading towards women, even as it has become more mainstream.
- The average age when females enter into prostitution or pornography in the U.S. is 12.



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Former school teacher in Abu Ghraib prison, Iraq, 2004.



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Two hundred people confront the anti-abortion march in San Francisco, January 25, 2014.