

OWN Documentary Club

[[Music plays over written quote from Alice Walker]]

[[Pat Mitchell]] The media is the message and the messenger. And increasingly, a powerful one.

[[Jim Steyer]] In a world of a million channels, people try to do more shocking and shocking things to break through the clutter. They resort to violent images or sexually offensive images or demeaning images.

[[Maria]] When is it going to be enough?

[[Ariella]] There is no appreciation for women intellectuals. It's all about the body, not about the brain.

[[Newscaster 1]] You all saw the photo from the weekend of Hillary looking so haggard, and what, looking like 92 years old.

[[Newscaster 2]] Breast Implants. Did you have them or not?

[[Newscaster 3]] If you water-boarded Nancy Pelosi, she wouldn't admit to plastic surgery.

[[Jennifer Pozner]] The fact that media are so derogatory to the most powerful women in the country, then what does it say about media's ability to take any woman in America seriously?

[[Alexis]] I have close friends that will go to the bathroom, and put on like ten pounds of makeup, you know, and you're at school to learn.

[[Lisa Ling]] As a culture, women are brought up to be fundamentally insecure.

[[Jane Foster]] Media creates consciousness, and if what gets put out there that creates our consciousness is determined by men, we're not going to make any progress.

[[Caroline Heldman]] Little boy and little girls, when they're seven years old, an equal number want to be president of the United States when they grow up. But then you ask the same question when they're fifteen and you see this massive gap emerging.

[[Cory Booker]] We're shortchanging voices that are urgently needed in public forums from ever getting to the table.

[[Condoleezza Rice]] As the most powerful country in the world, if you're not standing for the right values, and for the right principles, that's a loss for the world.

[[Newscaster 4]] You get a woman in the oval office, the most powerful person in the world, what's the downside?

[[Men's Rights Activist]] You mean besides the PMS and the mood swings?

[[Margaret Cho]] Well, the media treats women like shit. And it's horrible and it's like, I don't know how we survive it, I don't know how we rise above it.

[[Brief musical interlude]]

[[Marie Wilson]] You can't be what you can't see.

[[Rosario Dawson]] It's extremely important for women to be writing their own stories, and giving them to people to really emotionally be impacted by.

[[Katie Couric]] The media can be an instrument of change. It can awaken people and change minds. It depends on who's piloting the plane.

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