

# ANGELA DAVIS



Angela Davis is an African American scholar, writer and civil rights activist who advocates for the oppressed. Her main focus has been on gender equity, prison reform and racial reform. She is now an icon for her work as a civil rights campaigner, having been at the forefront of the fight against oppression, driven by her own first-hand experiences of racial prejudice. This involved taking part in protests, demonstrations and speaking out against the ill-treatment of minority ethnic groups.

An article from *The Guardian* earlier this year reads: "She has spent five decades as an intellectual campaigning for racial justice, yet the causes she has pursued – prison reform, defunding the police, restructuring the bail system – had, until recently, been considered too radical for mainstream political thinking." She has spent her life promoting feminist thinking that contradicts "hypermasculine political leadership and forms of resistance". She feels feminist organisation promotes the use of collective leadership as can be seen in the unanimous Black Lives Matter protests, which haven't had a male figurehead emerge.

scholar

campaigner

philosophical thinker

collective leadership

advocate

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"Angela Davis is as important for her contribution to understanding the relationships between gender, race and class as she is for her commitment to liberation. A brilliant philosophical thinker who works tirelessly to understand and to transform the world, she's an inspiring model for social-justice oriented academia."