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The Trump Administration's Words Against Women

WASHINGTON—Since Inauguration Day, the Trump administration hasn't just enacted harmful policies; it has launched a verbal assault on the dignity and autonomy of women. The progress of the last century is being dismantled not only through executive orders but through a persistent stream of rhetoric that is openly misogynistic and dismissive of women's rights.

Each month, the National Organization for Women (NOW) will catalog the administration's public statements and official rhetoric to show how their words directly harm women. We will specifically focus on the misogynistic undertones and anti-woman sentiment found in the administration's commentary. **NOW has chosen to highlight the most egregious and harmful quotes below (although every day, the Trump administration is harming women):**

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(as of June 9, 2026 – in reverse chronological order)

"I've known you for 10 years. I don't think I've ever seen a smile on your face. You know why you're not smiling? Because you know you're not telling the truth." - Donald J. Trump to CNN reporter Kaitlan Collins in the Oval Office (02/03/2026)

"I must tell you, we're going to have to bring the women's team. You do know that. I do believe I probably would be impeached, OK?" - Donald J. Trump on the phone with the USA men's hockey team after they won gold. (02/22/2026)

"That's what I heard, that the women, the victims or whatever, they refused to go under oath, which was a little surprising,' he added."- Donald J. Trump told PBS News' Liz Landers during a media availability outside the White House (04/16/2026)

"They're crooked just like you're crooked, your press is crooked. And Meet the Press is crooked. You're either crooked or you're stupid. You play right into their hands with this stuff. You know that these elections are rigged. Your network knows that

they're rigged... Your elections are crooked and you're crooked, and Meet the Press is crooked. You're a one-sided crooked network. Sorry. Let's call it quits because I've had enough. Thank you, darling. Have a good time. On and off in the rain, and I've given you enough time. You ought to straighten out your press, because you know what? A country can never be great with a dishonest press." -Donald J. Trump speaking to Kristen Welker on Meet the Press (June 6, 2026)

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