

PROFILE OF RESISTANCE

Angela Davis

professor, writer, activist

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept"



Background

Born: January 26, 1944

Angela Davis was born in Birmingham, Alabama. Her mother was a civil rights activist. As a child, she saw bombings in her neighborhood. White people were bombing the houses of Black people. They wanted to scare them and make them move away.

Davis studied at Brandeis University, where she was one of three Black students. She also studied at the University of Frankfurt in Germany, and the University of California. She earned many college degrees.¹

Davis's Resistance

After college, Davis became an activist. She worked with the Black Panther Party to fight for Black civil rights. She also fought for women to be treated equally. In the 1960s, Davis was known as a "radical feminist" because she would say things about women's rights that other people were afraid to say. Being outspoken meant that many people liked her, and many people hated her.²

Achievements

Angela Davis continues to teach, advocate, and inspire new generations of activists. Davis was a leader and speaker at the 2017 Women's March in Washington, D.C.. Davis's legacy lives on through her own writings. Many books, songs, television shows, and documentaries have been created to tell her life story.

