

JACQUELINE NOVOGRATZ ON DIGNITY

INTERVIEW QUOTES

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“Dignity for me is the ability to have choice and opportunity”

“As human beings we want to be seen; we yearn to be seen and known by each other”

“Rather than stay within one’s own group, extend and do what it takes to learn about other groups, both in one’s own neighborhood, as well as all around the world.”

“The revolution doesn’t come from ‘like’ ‘don’t like’. Like, you’ve got to get out there and do something”

“I feel like that this idea of dignity [. . .] has never been more important than today”

“300 individuals on the planet own more in assets than the bottom 3 billion. And in that 3 billion, 2 ½ billion have no access to sanitation and 1 ½ billion have no access to electricity or clean water. And that situation is unstable, it is unsustainable, it is dangerous, and it is immoral”

“The fact that so many lack and that so few have is a real opportunity for all of us.”

“I really believe it is the interconnection of all of us that holds the seed to our shared sense of dignity, and quite frankly, the opportunity to end material and spiritual impoverishment.”

“It is through creating an ecosystem that includes the wealthiest, the poorest, government, the private sector, civil society that is based on these fundamental values and beliefs of the worth of every human being that we really have a chance to take the world into a better future for everyone.”

Jacqueline Novogratz’s dignity story about the Kenyan grandmother and the Regional Director of Africa.

“In this interaction [in the dignity story], they are dealing with each other as equals. It is in that interaction that you see a sense of human dignity. That they have something to offer each other. That they have an ability to transform each other.

