

Who's Telling Her Story

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Let me tell you how amazing this woman is.

Victoria Woodhull The first to do it. Overcoming empty cabinets, empty stomachs, emptiness. To become the one who rises from rags to riches, come on sis. The First woman ever to run for President. Setting precedent for the Hillarys, Shirleys and all the other girlies. This woman was a writer and human rights fighter in 1872. She helped rewrite the fables about women. Now tell me what you can't do.

But who's telling her story

This Woman-**Patricia Schroeder** has already told ya/ how she was quite capable of being a mother and a member of Congress. She said, "I have a brain and a uterus and I use both." She stood on business and that's all she wrote. Us women are worthy contenders/ equal right defenders. We resist like the **Feminist 5** who were arrested because they contested in a campaign to tackle sexual harassment wearing wedding dresses stained in red or shaving their heads.

But who's going to tell her story

When I was 7, **my grandmother** used to take me fishing. Before we would leave, we would always dig for bait. I couldn't wait. With grounded feet, sweat on brow she would crack open the earth. When I was 10, she taught me gardening. I watched a seed feed a family. I watched my grandmother get her hands dirty time and time again. It was not always what she pulled out but sometimes what she put in. She buried 4 children and still endured with no

education. My grandmother raised a nation with 13 kids and 26 grandkids. My grandmother fought cancer. Despite the pain, I watched her make miracles out of the mundane. True picture of turning lemons into lemonade.

But who's telling her story

- Ann Smith Franklin
- Katharine Graham
- Junko Tabai,
- Jennifer Boysko
- Abigail Spainberger
- Sandra Bland
- Claudette Colvin

No more sitting on the sidelines hoping to be remembered, resembled, rewarded, revived, reassured, represented. Rise. Be Her. Be the woman you wish someone was for you. Zora Neale Hurston said: that If you are silent about your pain they will kill you and say that you enjoy it. So women, let's write our own story: Fashion and Fabric, Facts and Fiction, Dialogue and Diction, Screens and Plays through every medium and modality do it our way.

In this room are women who are renowned and remarkable. Who have marched for rights, who fights voted and never folded, called to disrupt the system/Who deserve to be recognized and remembered! NetworkNOVA stand and assemble: Now tell me:

Who's going to tell OUR story? We Are!

