



One million men. One million promises.

Breakthrough president and CEO Mallika Dutt

Recent commentary on violence against women

“Any hope we have of a peaceful and sustainable planet that allows us to live up our full potential can be realized only if we stop the violence that women face from the home to the streets to the workplace to situations of conflict everywhere. It is tragic to say that *home* is the most dangerous place for women and children. Home is supposed to be where the family rests, plays, gathers and grows. So I invite all of you to join the Ring the Bell campaign and say no more violence against women and girls.” — [Commission on the Status of Women, 3/3/13](#)

“What happened in India has raised the issue of violence against women globally. It isn’t just that things are terrible for women in India; patriarchy and misogyny are global problems. So it’s actually a really exciting moment, and possibly a tipping point moment for us to challenge violence against women globally. The Delhi gang rape created for us an opportunity for men and women to come together to fight against violence against women, shoulder to shoulder.” — [BBC, 2/19/2013](#)

“The public keeps calling on men to protest rape because women are their ‘daughters, sisters, mothers and wives.’ We should call on men as ‘fathers, husbands, brothers and sons’ to take responsibility for the ways in which they practice or excuse discrimination and violence against women.” — [New York Times, 1/9/2013](#)

“Our work is about making human rights an organic part of popular and public culture. But in order for a campaign like Ring the Bell to be successful, it’s about empowering individuals, making them realize their contribution. A single act goes a long way, in and of itself and to motivate others.” — [Ad Council, 2/22/2013](#)

“What I’m seeing for the first time is American feminists and women’s organizations seeing the moment in India as an opening for us to be talking about what’s going on in the United States.” — [WNYC, 1/10/2013](#)

“I refuse to believe we cannot change this issue of violence against women because it affects all of us. All of our well being, all of our human rights, depend on that.” — [SVT1, Swedish Television, 1/31/2013](#)

“What if every man did one small act? One eventually adds up to one million; one million acts add up to change: to immediate prevention, to shifts in societal norms, to a culture of equality and respect.” — [The South Asian Times, 2/9/2013](#)