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## Undermining Assumptions

Most of my work is about undermining assumptions about gender, or how communities are formed, or what, you know, what the hierarchy of meaning is, or who should hold power... how... how the world should be organized, and who has a right to make the decisions. To suggest that, you know, I mean Foucault, of course, was important with this, suggesting that there's this, I mean, relationship between power, knowledge, and right... the right to rule, and that we are subjects that are very often... you know, controlled or manipulated by the... those in power, or those who believe they have a right to control what knowledge is, and what knowledge isn't, I mean... There's a lot of what's left out of knowledge that, I think, frequently, I mean I'd say feminist practice has had a large part in trying to... to make... clear, to make appear. And...so yes, I would say that much of my work is about undermining the sense of... of comfort and for very many the sense of discomfort that exists within status quo values. To suggest that those values are simply so constructed, that you may as well take them right apart and construct your own, because yours would likely be better, and have a greater validity. You know, we can improve upon this.

