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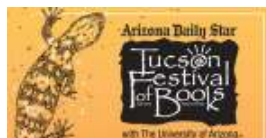
Chicago, Cleveland, Controversy, Civility

No I'm not describing these two fine cities. I'm taking **No Excuses** to awesome venues there: a reading at the wonderful **Women and Children First** bookstore on 3/16, 7:30pm in Chicago and a leadership keynote and panel at **Elite Women Around the World's** "Women Empowering Women" global convo on 3/18, 9am-1pm in Cleveland.



I hope you will come if you live in the area. Wherever you live, would you kindly **forward this event information** to people you know in Cleveland or Chicago? I'll be *very* grateful for your help.

Read how the *No Excuses* power tools have inspired women like **Elin** and **Manisha** to **embrace their power-to**. I love sharing them and meeting new people who can benefit from their message.



Oh, and if you happen to be going to the Tucson Book Festival, I look forward to seeing you there on **March 12**. Former White House Dr. Connie Mariano and I will speak on "Women of National Influence" at 1pm.

Why Controversy Can Outperform Civility

I poured out my feelings about the **Tucson tragedy here**. Since then, understandably, we've heard many pleas for civility in public discourse. A civility institute has even been established. These are needed and important. But for democracy to survive and thrive, we must learn to practice nonviolent means of engagement that are vigorous and intellectually rigorous rather than merely "nice." That includes embracing controversy constructively as a leadership and social skill.

I teach and **speak** about the **7 C's of Controversy**, lessons I learned on the frontlines of movement leadership. **Contact me** any time if you'd like to explore the topic in greater detail and consider bringing me to talk to your group. From Tahrir Square to the U. S. Congress, when people have the courage to engage controversy for just reasons, **good things happen**.

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Phoenix, AZ
02/24 @ 11:30 am
Keynote to **Central Phoenix Women**
The Ritz Carlton Hotel

Tucson, AZ
3/12 @ 1 pm
Panel discussion:
"Women of National Influence" with Dr. Connie Mariano at **Tucson Festival of Books**
University of Arizona
Room: Chemistry 111

Chicago, IL
3/16 @ 7:30 pm
Book signing
Women & Children First Bookstore

Cleveland, OH
3/18 @ 9 am
Scaling Up . . . Can I Dream Big?
Part of the Women Empowering Women Series by **Elite Women Around the World**
Crown Plaza Cleveland South

New York, NY
3/21 @ 6 pm

And if you're incensed as I am about right-wing assaults on family planning services, [here are some ways you can combat them effectively](#). This is a battle we've fought and won many times since Title X began in 1970 with bipartisan sponsorship. We can prevail again--not by allowing our desire for civility to shun the conflict, but by riding into the leadership wave of controversy and using its energy to enlighten the debate in positive, civil, and creative ways.



Power to you!



Gloria

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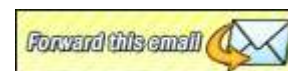
Brooklyn, NY
Sat. 4/9 @ 10:15 am
Social Media Panel
[Women Moving Millions Global Conference](#)
Marriott Brooklyn Bridge

New York, NY
Sun. 4/10 @ 3:40 pm
Panel Discussion on Going National: Health and Sexuality, with Paula Doress, Susan Brownmiller, and Ros Baxandall
[The Goren-Goldstein Center for American Jewish History](#)
New York University

Austin, TX
4/21 @ 7 pm
Reading and book signing
[BookWoman Bookstore](#)

Houston, TX
4/26 (time TBD)
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