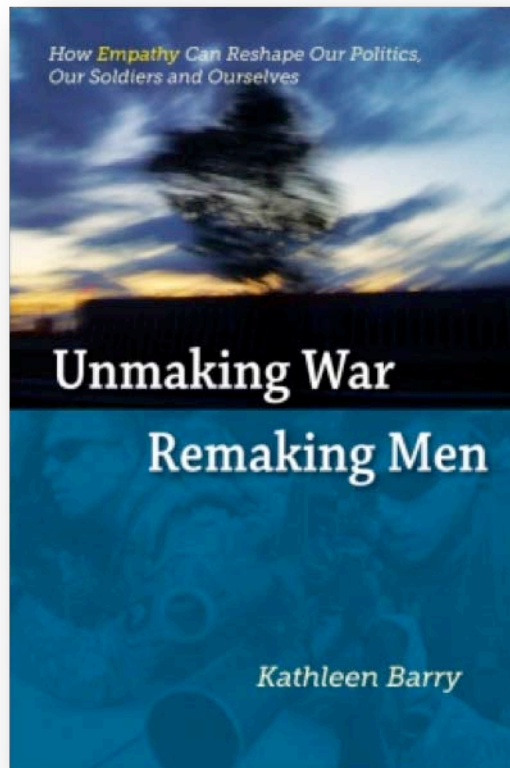


making change!

A new program inspired by



Is war inevitable? Is change possible?

Is masculine violence driven by biology? Can empathy remake men?

Join Kathleen Barry to discover and reflect, question and challenge the inevitability of war, sexual exploitation and violence. We will discuss these and other questions that can discourage us from believing we can make change.

Exploring how humans interact we will uncover the sources of our empathy and build our interconnections with others both at home and globally. Together we begin to envision and frame a new future that we can make . . .

Our focus will be on:

- Claiming our optimism and vision, shaping our future
- Identifying what it takes to be a change agent, or to become a more effective one
- Exposing power relations that perpetuate wars and exploitation
- Acting from empathy as a change agent
- Looking at the world through our “shared human consciousness”
- Finding that “Aha” moment in the experience of consciousness raising
- Discovering how we can look into issues that may have seemed beyond us and our ability to change

WHAT’S FEMINISM GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Feminism, in Kathleen Barry’s approach, uncovers the invisible dimensions of domination and exploitation. It gets to the roots of power and engages feminists in challenging domination and exploitation. In the new solidarity of women it has created, feminism originates support for survivors of patriarchal domination and imagines a liberated future as the first step toward achieving it.

In launching a global movement against trafficking in human beings, in exposing what is done to human beings so they will kill in combat, Kathleen Barry, feminist sociologist and Professor Emerita has been doing something every one of us can do—grabbing hold of optimism and belief in the human spirit to insistently pursue making change.

Programs:

Our **making change!** workshop is designed to create discussion, sharing, envisioning and planning or organizing around the central themes of:

- 1) experiential empathy as a force for change,
- 2) consciousness from the personal to the political
- 3) organizing: creating our own action plans—as individual or global as you want to make them

For those groups who want this program tailored to your particular questions and needs, send your specific questions, issues and concerns to Kathleen in advance. She will develop the program to your interests and needs.

To hold a program:

- Gather several of your friends, neighbors, concerned community people, your organization, coworkers...
- Find a location, living room large enough for us and announce a potluck for lunch

The program fee is based on a minimum of 15 participants at \$100 per person for one day in addition to travelling expenses, if applicable. Two day programs can also be arranged. To book call 707-328-4290 or email: unmakingwar@gmail.com. See www.kathleenbarry.net.



Kathleen Barry - Personal Statement

My feminist activism began in 1968, was fed by the spirit of change and deepened by the new solidarity of women on issues of equality and rights. In the following decade, we made sexual violence a national and international issue, and showed how it is not confined to any class, ethnicity, race or state. But, I asked, what about prostitution and men's right to buy and sex on the bodies of women and children? Is that not a severe but accepted form of sexual exploitation?

Those questions led me to my first book, **Female Sexual Slavery**, published in 1979. That book launched a global movement against trafficking in women. It became a kind of handbook for women escaping from prostitution and it generated voices in support for new United Nations action from multitudes of women in different world regions. That led me to a UNESCO project and to organize the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women which I directed at its inception.

Feminist activism has been the cornerstone of my work and for decades. I believe in asking for the impossible and engendering activism to make it a reality. I knew that Susan B. Anthony's life story could provide feminists with an important legacy rich in activism, deep in commitment. In 1988 my biography of **Susan B. Anthony** was published.

Fifteen years later prostitution had become normalized, treated as sex work and women's choice in the US and Europe especially. Again the invisibility of sexual exploitation in prostitution was cloaked in its social acceptance as a choice. In my next book, **Prostitution of Sexuality**, I challenged the question from whether women had a right to prostitute themselves shifting it to whether men should have the right to buy sex off of a human body. In this book, I introduced new human rights law to criminalize customers, an approach which has, since then, been adopted in several countries. Today, this abolitionist approach is pursued by feminist groups throughout the world.

My latest book, **Unmaking War, Remaking Men**, (2011) digs deeply into and questions the masculinity of war and asks how both society and the military can set aside an expendable class of human beings, soldiers in combat, for war. What happens to the basic integrity of the human being who is required to kill without remorse?

As in my previous work, I open to the possibility that we must create our own future. I look to a future without war believing and showing that both global demilitarization and remaking men are possible. Re-igniting our human empathy which has in it the urge to save and protect human lives is one starting point. Exploring where engaged empathy can take us opens to a world of unlimited possibilities.

Find me at **www.kathleenbarry.net**.