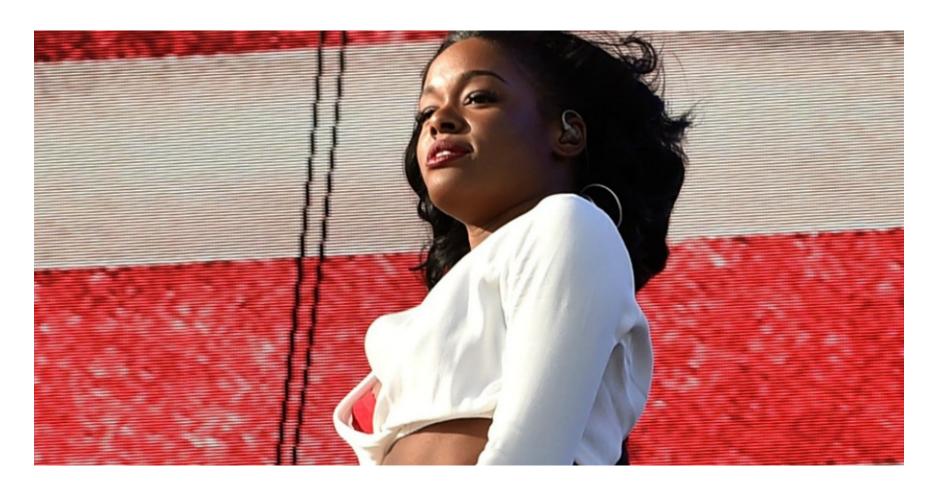
## Azealia Banks, Back At It Again With A Nonsensical Rant



Azealia Banks is at it again with one of her crazy rants, while shamelessly plugging her new music – as if we care?

The controversial rapper took to Instagram Sunday (Jan. 22), criticizing the Women's Marches around the world Saturday (Jan. 21), and the purpose of mainstream feminism. Maybe she was angry because she didn't perform at the inauguration.

#### She posted,

"Why do women fall for these white feminist tricks all the time? Now that some white dude has taken office who simply said something silly about grabbing a pussy, they want to march in the street under the guise of standing up for human freedoms But where the fu\*k were they when Black folk were getting shot down every day last year?? Why weren't they standing up for human freedoms then?"

The women's march is the beginning (or reminder) of an era, showcasing the strength of women worldwide. In a Donal Trump America, it is crucial for women across the globe to show support for one another.

In my 25 years of living, other than seeing a Black woman as the First Lady, this was the second time I felt proud to be a woman, a Black woman.

Banks has had strong feelings opposing feminism for awhile now. On one of her many rants on <u>Twitter</u>, her account has since been suspended, she attacked black women for "hopping on the feminist train."

"I'm also really tired of the trend of black women hopping on this feminist train. Like...For F\*cks sake...Feminism never supported black women. We fell for that shit in the early 1920's helping white women gain the right to vote. Black Women helped the 'feminist' gain the right to vote and they turned around the shitted on us. Leaving us in the dark. With nothing. I don't trust any woman who says she's a feminist. No matter what color she is. I am a womanist. Please leave me out of your feminist articles and feminist discussions. Thanks Xx-AB."—azealiabanks (@AZEALIABANKS) November 22, 2015

Congratulations, Azealia Banks your failed attempt to dilute the overall purpose of the Women's March has failed. Hundreds of thousands of women joined together in opposition of Donald Trump, his misogynistic views against women, as well as his comments towards Mexican immigrants, Muslims, the disabled, environmentalists, and the list goes on.

# But perhaps you are blinded to the significance of the Women's March due to your support of the Darth Cheeto.

This march has inspired me to become more involved in ensuring that I receive every extent of my rights as a woman, as any other human would. Sidebar, why we are still fighting for these same rights, rights afforded to us at birth?

Let Banks tell it, feminism is a system that only benefits white women, thus her belief in womanism. I do agree that in some ways feminism focuses on the views more beneficial for white women.

"Womanist is to feminist as purple is to lavender" - Alice Walker.

Womanism is a component of feminism geared towards women of color, focusing on building women's relationships with men and the families who are, as Alice Walker said, "committed to the survival and wholeness of entire people, male and female."

Womanism campaigns for the lack of gender equality and racial oppression African American men and women have endured for decades. Being afforded the same opportunities as any white female or male is what womanism is about. Emphasizing our contributions to society, as the March showed.

This is the same woman that <u>encouraged</u> Perez Hilton and Iggyy Azalea to kill themselves, suggested Sarah Palin should be gang raped, and the list of unsavory statements goes on.

As a huge supporter of Trump, someone who likes to grab women by the pussy, she has a rather optimistic outlook of what the future holds for women – particularly black women. According to her, we should chill and wait for her new music.

Be careful, Azealia Banks. You've already been <u>suspended from Facebook</u> for comments about Brazilians at the top of the year, and Twitter for racist remarks towards Zayn Malik last year. You're not exempt from Instagram either.

Ignore Azealia's warped world view and check out these powerful quotes from Black women who are supposedly being tricked into protesting for white women.



"I want to thank you so much for your courage. Thank you so much for womanliness thank you so much for your strength thank you so much let us continue to honor all that is beautiful about being feminine."

"We will not allow our bodies to be owned and controlled by men in government or any men anywhere for that matter. We will not allow our compassionate souls to get stepped on. We want the best for all Americans. No hate. No bigotry. No Muslim registry. We value education, healthcare and equality."

#### -Alicia Keys



"<u>Women have intersecting identities</u> and are therefore impacted by a multitude of social justice and human rights issues,"

- The Women's March on Washington's Policy Platform.



"We can't receive justice if we are not able to collaborate with other

races, people from different backgrounds, to stand in solidarity," Tamika D. Mallory told the Huffington Post. "We're working around the clock to pull together what we believe will be one of the most historic moments of women from different races coming together to make our voices heard on issues pertaining to marginalized communities."

### -Tamika D. Mallory, National Co-Chair



"Women are intersectional human beings who live multi-issued lives," Women's March on Washington national co-chair Linda Sarsour wrote in an op-ed for Women's Media Center. "When we are protected, when we are respected, when we are able to thrive and given the same opportunities as our male counterparts, when we are given space to lead and rise — our nation will rise."

#### -Linda Sarsour, National Co-Chair



"We recognize that we are collective agents of history and that history cannot be deleted like web pages... This women's march represents the promise of feminism as against the pernicious powers of state violence. An inclusive and intersectional feminism that calls upon all of us to join the resistance to racism, to Islamophobia, to anti-Semitism, to misogyny, to capitalist exploitation... The next 1,459 days of the Trump administration will be 1,459 days of resistance."

-Angela Davis, author and civil rights activist



"It was woman that gave you Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It was woman that gave you Malcolm X. And according to the Bible, it was a woman that gave you Jesus. Don't you ever forget it."

"Women will be hidden no more. We will not remain hidden figures. We have name."

#### -Janelle Monáe

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