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The Politics of Fashion | The Fashion of Politics (VIDEO)

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Fashion and politics may be strange bedfellows, but they definitely go together. "Design," observes [Shauna Levy](#), the President of the [Design Exchange](#), "is a view-finder, if you will. It's a way in which to look at political events, it's a way to look at what's happening in society, and a way in which to look at history." In this video post, I talk to her about the Design Exchange's provocative new show, co-curated by [Jeanne Beker](#) and Sara Nickelson, "[The Politics of Fashion, The Fashion of Politics.](#)"

I also speak to [Frank Toskan](#), co-founder of MAC Cosmetics, who will be honored at the [DX's upcoming fundraiser](#), and who has lived out the marriage of fashion and politics in his own life and career. [Toskan](#) didn't just break the mold as an entrepreneur--he changed the world. "My partner [Frank Angelo](#) and I were rebellious kids and we grew up to be rebellious adults," he tells me. "We fought for the things we believed in. We fought for our community and I think it came back to us."

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The Design Exchange [annual party](#) celebrating all things creative is on November 7, 2014.



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