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

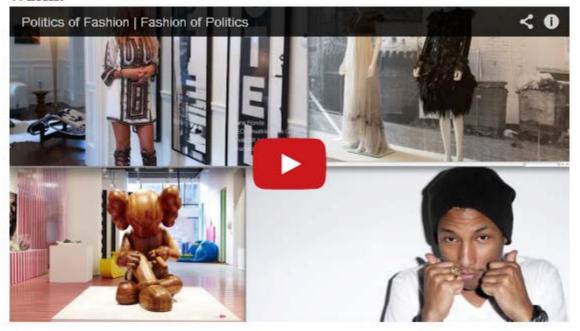
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Fashion and politics may be strange bedfellows, but they definitely go together. "Design," observes <u>Shauna Levy</u>, the President of the <u>Design Exchange</u>, "is a view-finder, if you will. It's a way in which to look at political events, it's 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 <u>Jeanne Beker</u> and Sara Nickelson, "<u>The Politics of Fashion</u>, The Fashion of Politics."

I also speak to <u>Frank Toskan</u>, co-founder of MAC Cosmetics, who will be honored at the <u>DX's upcoming fundraiser</u>, and who has lived out the marriage of fashion and politics in his own life and career. <u>Toskan</u> didn't just break the mold as an entrepreneur--he changed the world. "My partner <u>Frank Angelo</u> 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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