



WINONA LADUKE

Winona LaDuke is a native American activist, economist, and novelist dedicated to promoting Indigenous control over their ancestral lands, natural resources, and cultural practices. She combines economic and environmental strategies in her efforts to build a healthy and sustainable community for the Indigenous communities in the United States as well as her own White Earth reservation. She ran for vice president of the United States in 1996 and 2000 as a member of the Ralph Nader-led Green Party of the United States platform. She was given an electoral vote for vice president in 2016. In doing so, she became the first Green Party member to receive an electoral vote.



Selected Quotations

- “Spirituality is the foundation of all my political work.”
- “Power is not brute force and money; power is in your spirit. Power is in your soul. It is what your ancestors, your old people gave you. Power is in the earth; it is in your relationship to the earth.”
- “Someone needs to explain to me why wanting clean drinking water makes you an activist, and why proposing to destroy water with chemical warfare doesn't make a corporation a terrorist”



Online Materials

- [TEDxTC - Winona LaDuke - Seeds of Our Ancestors, Seeds of Life \(2012\)](#)
- [Just Out of Jail, Winona LaDuke Decries Militarized Crackdown on Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Protests \(2021\)](#)
- [The Kitchen Sisters Present - Podcast with Winona LaDuke \(2020\)](#)
- [Stop Line 3! with Winona LaDuke \(2021\)](#)

Further Readings

- [To Be A Water Protector: The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers \(2020\)](#)
- [The Most Radical Thing You Can Do \(2020\)](#)