

# You're Always Speaking Up (Even When You're Silent)

At all times, you're taking a stand for or against something.

There's no such thing as a neutral place in ideological space. No matter what you choose to do or refuse to do, your underlying worldview will bleed through.

When you choose to opt out of a debate, you're taking a stance against the assertion that you're obligated to participate in the debate.

When you choose to offer no comment on an issue, you're taking a stance against the assertion that it would be more appropriate for you to speak up.

Apathy is never without impact. And silence has just as many enemies or victims as speech.

You're still free to be uninvolved, uninterested, and uncommitted when it comes to any discussion. You're just not free to be neutral.

True neutrality is impossible.

Everything you say or don't say is a vote you're casting for a specific philosophy of life.