

Judy Rebick (born in Reno, Nevada), arrived in Toronto at age 9,^[1] and is an American immigrant journalist, political activist, and feminist.^[2]

In 1983, a man attacked Henry Morgentaler with garden shears outside of his Toronto abortion clinic. Rebick blocked the attack, and Morgentaler remained unharmed.

^[3] Augusto Dantas was charged with assault and with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public good.

Rebick first gained national prominence as president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women from 1990 to 1993. She was the co-host of a prime time debate show called *Face Off* on CBC Newsworld from 1994–1998 and then a women's discussion show *Straight From the Hip*, until 2000. She was a regular commentator on CBC TV's *Sunday Report* and CBC Radio. She was during that time also a columnist with *Elm Street*, the *London Free Press*, and on CBC Online.^[4]

In 2001 she helped launch *rabble.ca*,^[5] a multi-media independent news and discussion site, with Mark Surman and Judy MacDonald, and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. Rebick was publisher of *rabble.ca* from 2001 until 2005.

With Jim Stanford, Svend Robinson and Libby Davies, she helped lead the New Politics Initiative, a movement that worked both inside and outside the New Democratic Party to refocus it as an activist party. The NPI's platform was rejected at the 2001 NDP convention in Winnipeg. She initiated the wind down the NPI in 2003, claiming that many of its ideals had been embraced by new party leader Jack Layton.

She first became active with the Ontario New Democratic Party in the mid-1980s, in an internal group called the "Campaign for an Activist Party". Though the CAP generated a significant degree of grassroots support, it was opposed by the party establishment, including party leader Bob Rae, and failed. Rebick lost her bid to become party president, losing to Gillian Sandeman, 818 votes to 361. Rebick also worked for The Canadian Hearing Society during the 1970s and 1980s as special projects director.

In 2005, she published *Ten Thousand Roses: The Making of a Feminist Revolution*, which covers feminists movements in Canada from the 1960s through the 1990s. She also published *Transforming Power: From the Personal to the Political* (2009). She is currently the Canadian Auto Workers–Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Rebick, who is Jewish, took part in protests against the State of Israel's military actions in the 2009 Gaza conflict.^[6]

After the conclusion of the G20 summit in Toronto in June 2010, Rebick suggested that police did not adequately address the problem of Black Bloc protestors, who caused property damage: "What they could have done is arrest the Black Bloc at the beginning before they had a chance to be part of the bigger crowd, and that's what they didn't do."^[7]

Rebick began visiting Occupy camps starting with Zuccotti Park in New York on October 16, after the movement had exploded in growth overnight and camps had been established in cities throughout the US and Canada. She began promoting the Occupy

movement extensively on Rabble.ca and elsewhere, and in March 2012 her book *Occupy This* was released by Penguin Canada.^{[8][9]}