

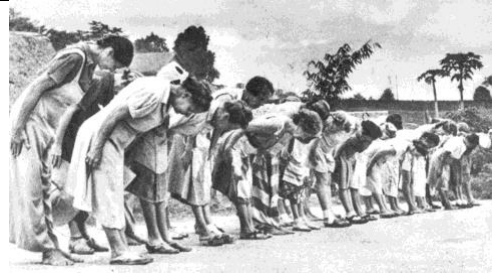
# Women in danger in World War II

(Warning, explicit material)

Women suffered grievously in World War II. The popular icons of the period might reflect the cheerful yes-we-can spirit of Rosie the Riveter, but the truth was much, much uglier: women forced into prostitution; women in hideous prison camps, women forced into hard labor.



Enslaved 'comfort women'



Women prisoners bow to their guards



Women in concentration camps



Women as pack animals



After the liberation of France in 1944, women who were accused of *collaboration horizontale*—of being ‘horizontal collaborators’—had their heads shaved by the Resistance and were then paraded and shamed in public.



Civilian victim of Allied bombing, Dresden, 1945  
Perhaps it was just as well: an estimated 2 million German women were raped in 1945.

It remains true that war has always hurt the helpless worse of all, and always will.