

Today we are #LIVEintheHIVE with Karen Hinton, author of the bestselling book, *Penis Politics: A Memoir of Women, Men, and Power* – Karen was a guest on our show in January of 2023, for our episode entitled The Edge of Silence. What is the price of silence in Penis Politics?

You can check out that phenomenal episode at TalkRadio.NYC or on my YouTube channel, Sandra Bargman on the Edge of Everyday. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLzJi3xJRnE>

Her book, *Penis Politics*, is a compelling coming-of-age memoir, set both in small-town Mississippi and big-city New York, with a long layover in the nation's capital.

The Kirkus review had this to say: “A timely, engaging political account about the consequences of saying nothing - and speaking up. Hinton’s prose is sharp and incisive. She is adept at setting a scene and bringing people to life on the page.”

And one of those people was Andrew Cuomo, whom she has known for over 20 years and for whom she has worked for 5 years.

Andrew Cuomo resigned as Governor of New York on August 24, 2021, amidst an overlapping cluster of ethics scandals, including accusations of sexual harassment and misconduct from 11 women.

Penis Politics was released in December of 2021.

Today, June 23, 2025, Andrew Cuomo is running for Mayor of New York City.

This episode was recorded on the eve of the Mayoral primary, and, at that time, Cuomo was leading in first choice ballot polling, however, Zohran Mamdani, the virtual unknown, Democratic Socialist jumped to the lead in ranking polls.

In a shocking victory, Cuomo conceded to Mamdani in the NYC Democratic Primary. Will Cuomo run as an Independent in November? We'll see.

How has someone who resigned in scandal + shame able to lead in the polls? Why do we continue to choose misogynistic, scandal ridden men to be our political leaders?

What has become of the #MeToo movement? With all our patriarchal systems in place, with an adjudicated rapist in the highest office in the US, is it possible to uncouple sex and sexual abuse from power and politics?

In this episode, on the eve of the mayoral primary in New York City, Karen Hinton is uniquely qualified to explore these questions and to weigh in on why Andrew Cuomo is unfit to become the Mayor of NYC.

Full bio: www.KarenHinton.com

We touch on...

- The powerful story behind her decision to #SpeakUpNotShutUp and to write *Penis Politics*.
- What has happened to the #MeToo movement?
- The legal fees of Cuomo for 3 of his accusers are being paid for by NYS taxpayers – \$19.4 million.
- She shares in her 2 op-eds – NY Daily News and on her Substack – the reasons why Cuomo is unfit for office. He doesn't want to be Mayor; he wants to position himself for a presidential run.
- Trump and Cuomo would most likely align.
- Leveraging of donors vs care for the people. The immediacy of being Mayor is not his skill set.
- Weigh in on Zohran Mamdani and his ideas. Time for a new breed of Leaders. The Dem party must evolve.
- Old boy club – endorsements by Clinton + Bloomberg, 2 sexual harassers.
- Her latest project – the completion of her first work of fiction, based on the childhood story she tells in *Penis Politics*.
- All this and SO much more.

Watch video: <https://maximizeu.life/the-edge-of-everyday/>

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