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Angela Davis's "The Approaching Obsolescence of Housework: A Working Class Perspective"

"The countless chores collectively known as "housework"—cooking, washing dishes, doing laundry, making beds, sweeping, shopping, etc.—apparently consume some three to four thousand house of the average housewife's year. As startling as this statistic may be, it does not even account for the constant and unquantifiable attention mothers must give to their children.

Housework, after all, is virtually invisible. No one notices it until it isn't done—we notice the unmade bed, not the scrubbed and polished floor. Invisible, repetitive, exhausting, unproductive, uncreative—these are the adjectives which most perfectly capture the nature of housework."



Chantal Akerman, Jeanne Dielman, 23 rue du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles, 1975.