



## Quote Quest



### Hannah Arendt - Hanna Arendt's Dangerous Enterprise

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Hannah Arendt (1906-1975) was a political philosopher of Jewish descent, who suffered imprisonment and exile in Nazi Germany. Her works, which are highly influential to this day, mainly deal with power and evil in politics and society, as well as totalitarianism. In the popular mind, she is best remembered for the controversy surrounding the trial of Adolf Eichmann; her attempt to explain how ordinary people become actors in totalitarian systems; and for the phrase “the banality of evil” which she coined in this regard.

“There are no dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ for  
the simple reason that \_\_\_\_\_ itself is  
such a dangerous enterprise”

HANNAH ARENDT

## Questions

1. What words are missing from the quote?
2. Do you agree with the statement in the quote?
3. When is thinking dangerous, and to whom? Could you give an example? Could it be dangerous in a democracy?
4. Can you think of a current event or an event from your own life that corresponds with the quote?  
Does it relate to a tv show, a movie, a game or a book that you like?
5. Make up your own quote or saying. If you had one message to convey to the world, what would it be?