

WITTER

DAWN O'PORTER

Comedienne On her underwear, her husband, the riots and harassment



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• **Witter:** What's happening?

DO'P: Have a deadline, so trying not to fall asleep. Ate too much cheese last night. Had mental dreams about hiking up a mountain.

• **A deadline for what? More cheese-scoffing?**

A deadline for an article I'm writing. Have to get it done before I go out tonight when I'll probably eat more cheese. Really into cheese.

• **I've seen, by mistake, various pictures of you in your underwear. Why does your husband [Chris O'Dowd] send them out? Is he showing off?**

They were taken on the day of my wedding. That's the best I will ever look.

• **Do you find it offensive that he seems to regard you as a commodity to be blasted around Twitter?**

Wasn't offended at all, and it was ages ago. Why are you banging on about it?

• **You've written about sexual harassment in the past. Does what's happening in politics and elsewhere surprise you?**

No, it doesn't surprise me at all. I think it's great that light is being shone on how women being groped is so common and overlooked.

• **Do you really wear his'n'hers onesies?**

I bought us both onesies and when it's cold we

might wear them. Not necessarily at the same time.

• **I've read articles suggesting that you are a feminist — but a right-wing one. You called the rioters, for instance, 'looting scumbags'.**

I am a feminist. The riots were terrifying. I disagreed wholeheartedly with the fact that people were burning shops down and stealing stuff.

• **But many people expressed sympathy for the rioters — we live in a world of haves and have-nots. Don't you agree?**

The riots were not a response to capitalism. If rioters hated it, they wouldn't have been so keen to get their hands on Argos products.

• **Where do you stand on Europe — in or out?**

I married a European, an immigrant. So I'm pro-Europe. On Guernsey where I grew up, we bear the fruit of a multi-layered European model.

• **What about UKIP's view about waves of Bulgarians and Romanians queuing up to get in. Have they a point? Or are their motives more sinister?**

It's scaremongering. At least with UKIP, they are consistently sinister ■

Interview: Mark Edmonds

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