

## Behalfism

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**Pratap:** You just remind me of a word that sums this up for me which is “behalfism”. “Behalfism”, that people speak on other people's behalf. And there's a definition of poverty which is not being able to tell your own story, and I think wherever possible if these, in this storytelling, the narratives, the experience can be led by those people that's that a prize working towards. And I've been told for a long time and through what I'd seen the absence of, what I seen, there was a sense that if someone couldn't talk they couldn't, as it were, tell their story. I think Justine tells us a lot, by the gift of allowing a certain kind of presence and by enabling and observation.

**Anna:** The very fact that her family learned something from your film enabled her to communicate with them, enabled her to communicate with them in, it in a different way and for them to actually ask questions of their own responses.