



Marxism & Identity Politics



Part 1: Divide & Conquer

SOME HISTORY OF GROUPS



IDENTITY POLITICS & THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Kulaks: former peasants and good farmers in the Russian Empire who became wealthier during 1906 to 1914.

According to this Marxist–Leninist ideology, the **KULAC GROUP** were designated class oppressors of the poorer peasants.

STALIN ATTACKS KULAK GROUP

Joseph Stalin decided that "peasants with a couple of cows or five or six acres more than their neighbors" or who had "hired farm hands" were *kulaks*.

Under dekulakization, government officials seized farms and killed 20,000 kulaks and deported others to labor camps.

ENEMY GROUPS are hurt or killed.

Once people in a society determine that a group of people are the enemy, then you can jail them, starve them and kill them.

STARVATION RESULTED

Then, with Kulacs 'taken out', farms stopped working properly and 10,000,000 Ukrainians starved to death.

Accident?

CHINA and CHAIRMAN MAO

Maoism (Mao Zedong) started around 1960, and began the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

It's also a Marxist–Leninist ideology (like Stalin)

The IDEOLOGY: It launched an industrial agrarian economy and communist society by targeting the OPPRESSORS.

MAO'S OPPRESSOR GROUPS:

Mao singled out **nine categories of OPPRESSOR GROUPS**: *landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements, rightists, traitors, foreign agents, capitalist roaders and — the Stinking Ninth — intellectuals.*

Intellectuals (The 'Stinking Ninth' Oppressors)

GROUPS OF teachers, former landlords and intellectuals were being humiliated, beaten and murdered. They were hounded by neighbours, colleagues and pupils moved by misguided revolutionary fervour, personal grudges or little more than whim. Friends, children and spouses turned on them.

It's not just the government...

It's the citizens who get fired up into a frenzy, thinking they are doing the right thing!

Ex. German citizens (80%) went along with the persecution of the Jews.

People FOLLOW Ideologies:

Thinking they are doing the right thing.

The masses feel they need to FOLLOW
ALONG.

Remain **socially acceptable.**

MAO'S PROPAGANDA

- **"Serve the People"**
- **"Great Leap Forward"**

<https://chineseposters.net/themes/mao-slogans>

MAO'S RESULTS

From 1958 to 1962, his Great Leap Forward policy led to the **deaths of up to 45 million people in the WRONG GROUPS** – easily making it the biggest episode of mass murder ever recorded.

<https://factsanddetails.com/china/cat2/sub6/item67.html>

Cambodia - Marxist Communism

- The Khmer Rouge's interpretation of **Maoist communism** drove them to create a classless society, simply by eliminating all social classes except for the 'old people' – poor peasants who worked the land.
- Classless is: EQUALITY FOR ALL.
- (see the movie: The Killing Fields)
- **4,000,000 people were killed.**



Part 2: CURRENT SOCIETY

CULTURE

2300 years ago, Plato said:

Culture is not an accident.

It is by design.

WESTERN CULTURE

Following countries are generally accepted as Western:

United States, Canada; European Union, UK, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand.

IDEOLOGY

A system of ideas.

- **Epistemological ideologies** are ideas about the philosophy, the Universe, and decision making.
- **Political ideologies** are sets of ideas about how a country should be run.

Examples of ideologies

- **Political ideologies**

- Libertarianism
- Liberalism
- Conservatism
- Anarchism
- Socialism
- Fascism
- Communism
- Communitarianism
- Statism

- **Economic ideologies**

- capitalism
- communism
- globalism
- protectionism
- Keynesianism
- monetarism
- Market fundamentalism

- **Social ideologies**

- Tribalism
- Ethnocentrism
- Nationalism
- Feminism
- Multiculturalism
- Supremacism

RELIGION IS NOT AN IDEOLOGY

RELIGION IS THE CORE OF SOCIETAL LAWS & CULTURE (developed over 1000's of years).

IDEOLOGIES ARE LIKE INADEQUATE RELIGIONS OR CULTS (Religions with with an arm or leg cut off).

Political Correctness

Conforming to current ideology by carefully **avoiding forms of expression or action** that are *perceived* to insult groups of people who are *potentially* discriminated against.

SOCIAL JUSTICE definition

Social justice is the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities.

We have a *fairness gene* (it seems).

WOKE: meaning (it's slang)

Aware of and **actively attentive** to issues of racial and social justice.

Nobel Prize Winner says...



To discover the meaning of what is called "social justice" has been one of my chief preoccupations for more than 10 years. I have failed in this endeavour or rather, have reached the conclusion that, with reference to society of free men, the phrase has no meaning whatever.

— *Friedrich August von Hayek* —

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

The CONSTITUTION is the supreme law of the land. It takes precedence over all other laws in the country.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS

- (b) the right of the individual to equality before the law and the protection of the law;**
- (d) freedom of speech;**
- (e) freedom of assembly and association;**

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-12.3/page-1.html#h-61447>

FREE SPEECH definition:

Freedom of speech is; the right of a person to articulate opinions and ideas without interference or retaliation from the government.

FREE SPEECH?

- Canada has made restrictions (ex. Bill C-4, C-11) on freedom of speech.
- “Speech” may now include more than just words, but also what a person wears, reads, performs, **protests** and more.

Should the Constitution be affected by ideologies?


See active cases: <https://www.jccf.ca/our-cases/current-active-cases/>

ABOUT FREE SPEECH

- When you **speak** your mind, everybody hears and can make a judgment.
- **You're held in check by others.**
- **Silence** buries thoughts.

Remember, and GOD said; *'Let there be light'*.

This is the origin of free speech.



Part 3:
**CURRENT GROUPS &
IDEOLOGIES?**

IDENTITY POLITICS

When **identifying factors** such as:

race

gender

nationality

sexual orientation

religion

social class

are used, it can help **develop political agendas.**

IDENTITY POLITICS makes GROUPS of:

race

gender

nationality

sexual orientation

religion

social class

If GROUP rights overcome INDIVIDUAL rights then you submit your individual rights to the group. *Many* can be overruled.

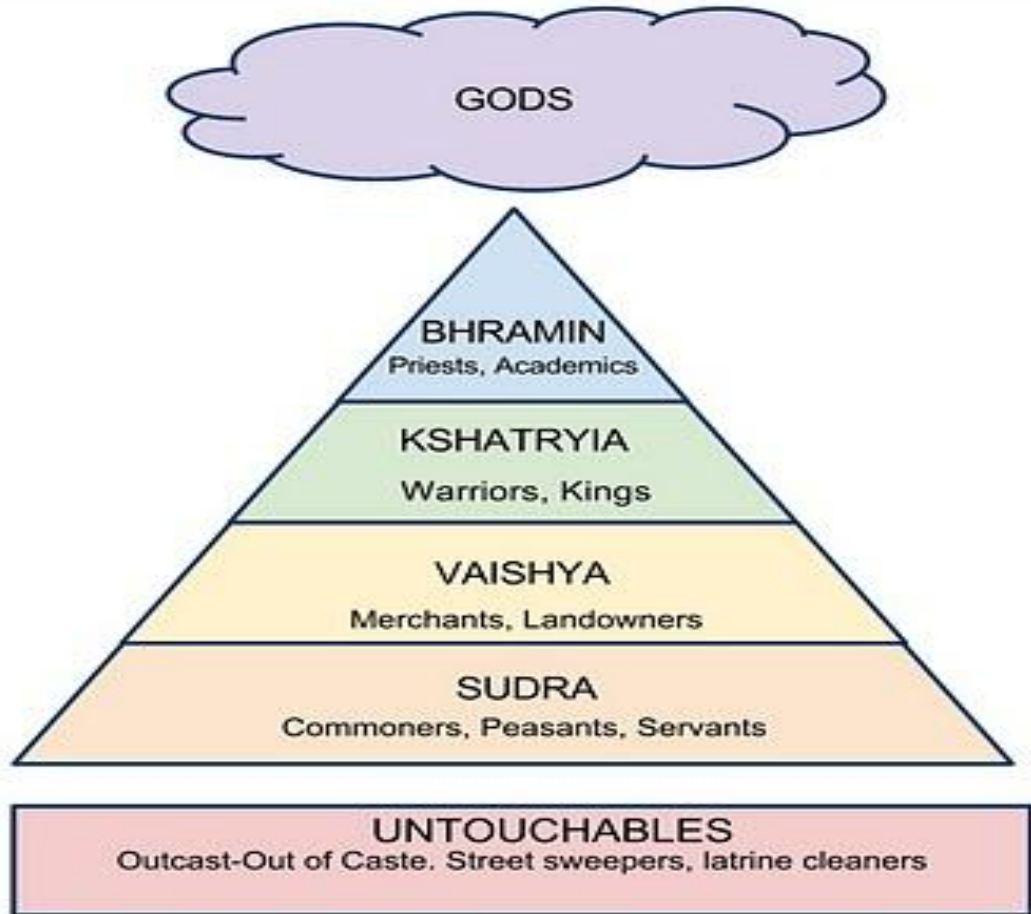
Existing Social Hierarchies (& Groups)

Consider these classes:

- **upper class**
- **higher middle class**
- **lower middle class**
- **working class.**

Other divisions: bureaucracy, division of labor, hierarchy of authority etc.

Hinduism Hierarchies



Disparity definition:

A difference in level or treatment, especially one that is seen as unfair.

There is always DISPARITY

There is always DISPARITY amongst peoples in every nation on earth.

Disparity can be USED by government.

It can be USED to place people in groups who fight one another.

This can lead to mass killings and war.

Christianity & Biology

We are all, already **equal under god and the law.**

BUT we still have hierarchies in society.

Biological hierarchies exist and are *built in biological systems* that date back 300 Million years. (Our antidepressants work on lobsters!)

You cannot just erase hierarchies and disparity.

Using Disparity,
Oppressor Groups (privileged) might make
Victims (the oppressed) out of ordinary society.

VICTIMHOOD: *The condition of having been hurt, damaged, or made to suffer, especially when you want people to feel sorry for you because of this or use it as an excuse for something.*

Everyone is a victim of some sort of oppression. It's part of the fall of all mankind under GOD, and it's not new.

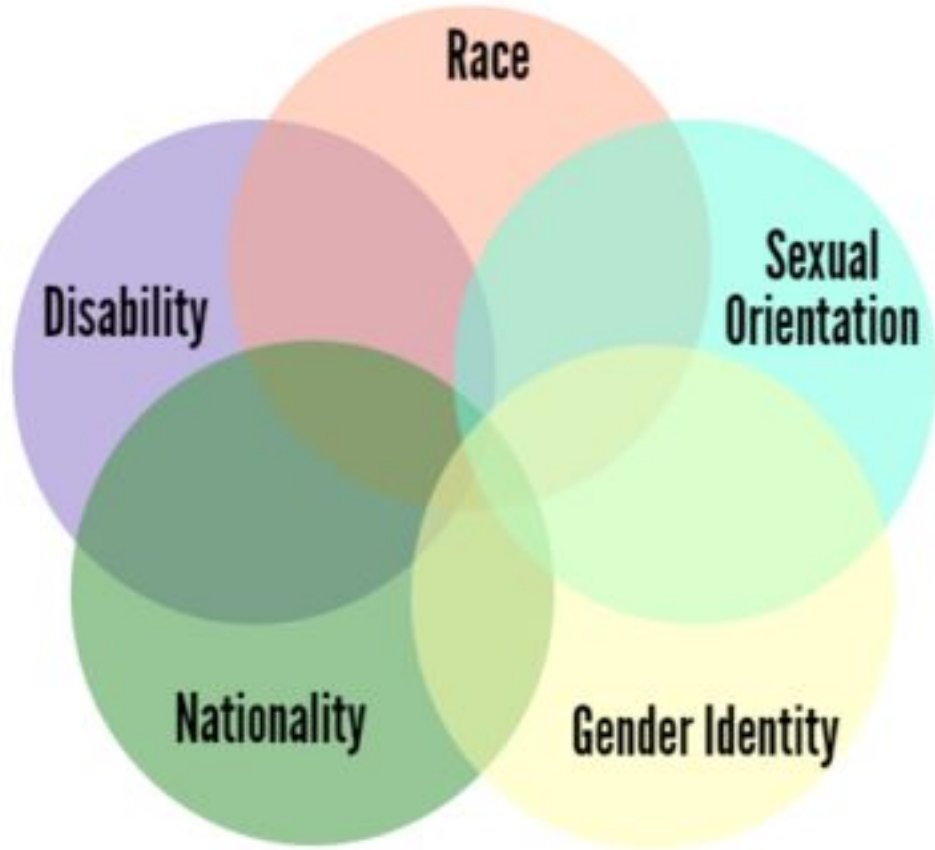


Part 4:
MEDIA & GROUPS
IDENTITY POLITICS &
SOCIETAL ORGANIZATION





GROUPS



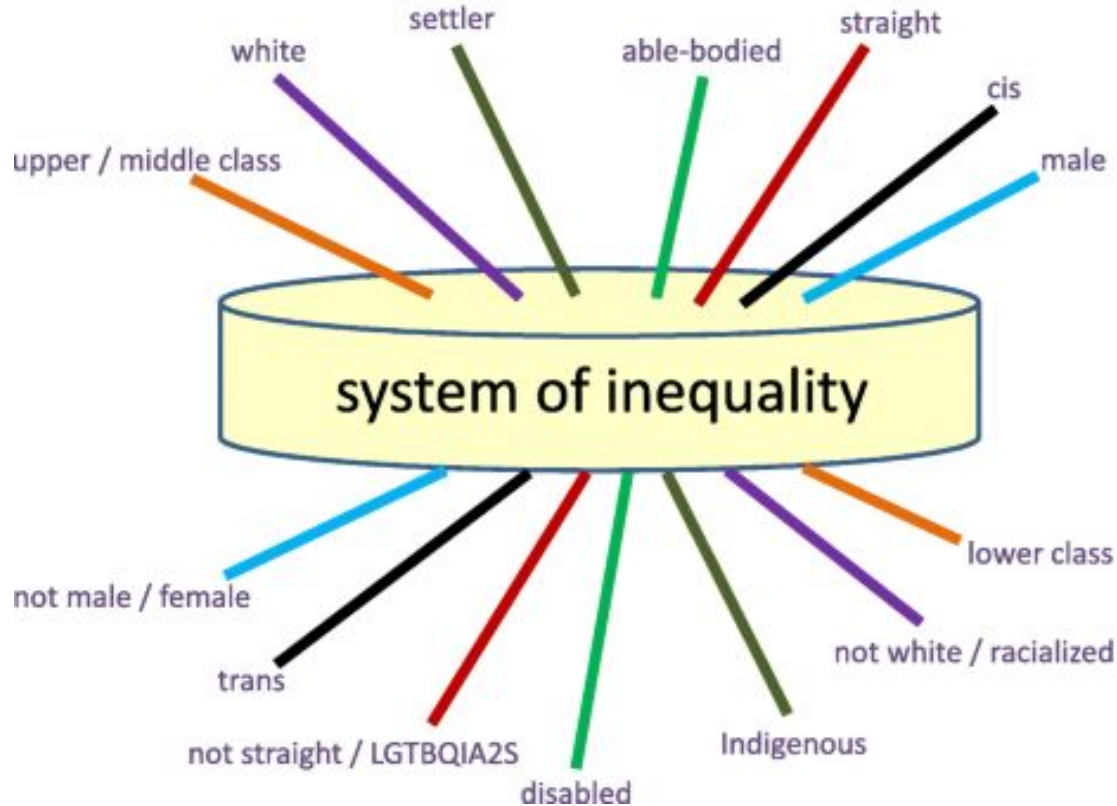
More Groups










And More Groups



MEDIA: From Groups to A "SYSTEM OF INEQUALITY"



Each of the following systems of inequality* (or coins) intersects with the others to co-constitute inequalities:

-  classism
-  racism
-  settler colonialism
-  ableism
-  heterosexism
-  cisgenderism
-  sexism

*These examples do not represent all systems of inequality; e.g., other coins not presented here include systems of inequality related to age, religion, accent, or shade of skin.

**MEDIA:
From GROUPS
to a**

**'MATRIX OF
OPPRESSION'**

Matrix of Oppression

Social Identity	Privileged Social Group	Border Social Group	Oppressed Social Group	Ism
Race	White People	Biracial People (White/Latino, Black, Asian)	Asian, Black, Latino, Native People	Racism
Sex	Bio Men	Transsexual Intersex People	Bio Women	Sexism
Gender	Gender Conforming Bio Men and Women	Gender Ambiguous Bio Men and Women	Transgender, Genderqueer, Intersex People	Transgender Oppression
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual People	Bisexual People	Lesbians, Gay Men	Heterosexism
Class	Rich, Upper Class People	Middle Class People	Working Class, Poor People	Classism
Ability/Disability	Temporarily Abled-Bodied	People with Temporary Disabilities	People with Disabilities	Ableism
Religion	Protestants	Roman Catholic (historically)	Jews, Muslims, Hindus	Religious Oppression
Age	Adults	Young People	Elders, Young People	Ageism/Adultism

WHEEL OF POWER/PRIVILEGE

WITH
POWER
AT THE CENTER
OF THE
GROUPS?



Adapted from ccrweb.ca

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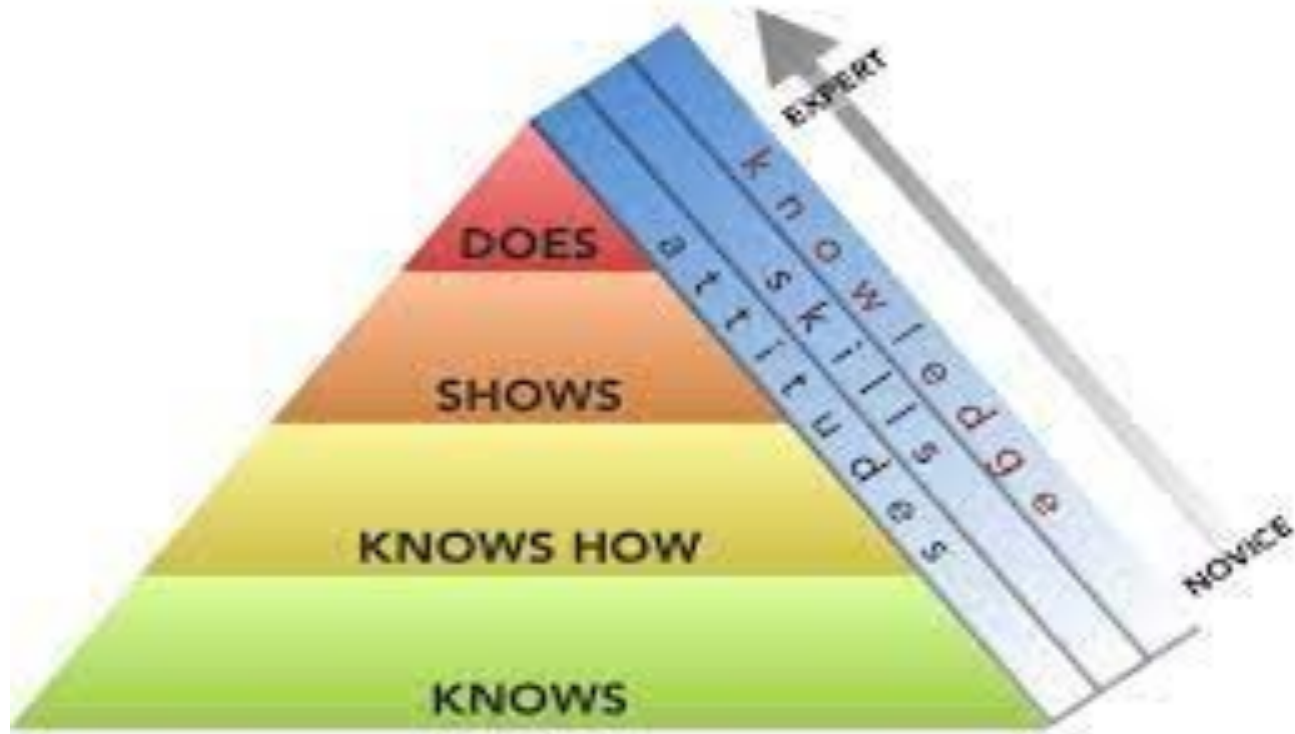
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COMPETENCY,

NOT POWER.
COMPETENCY

over

POWER

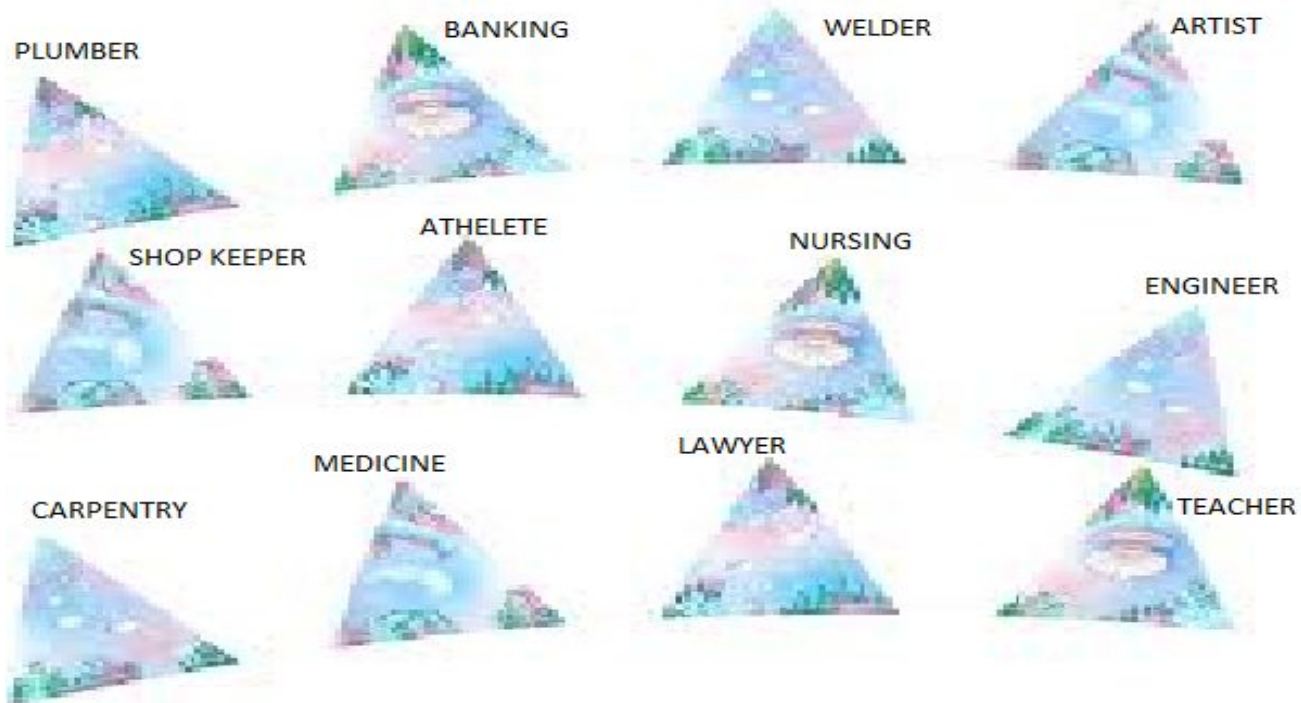
A COMPETENCY HIERARCHY



A COMPETENCY HIERARCHY



Our society is really a sea of COMPETENCY HIERARCHIES.



ALWAYS REMEMBER...

Three ways to solve disparity problems:

1. Conflict (war)
2. Capitulation (giving in)
3. Dialogue (talking it out-**free speech!**)

SELECTED MEDIA FRENZY?

IDENTITY POLITICS:

ARE PEOPLE BEING FIRED UP?



A graphic with a dark blue background featuring silhouettes of people with their hands raised. The text "social justice warrior" is written in white, lowercase, serif font, centered on the image. The entire graphic is framed by a white border.

social justice
warrior



WOMEN

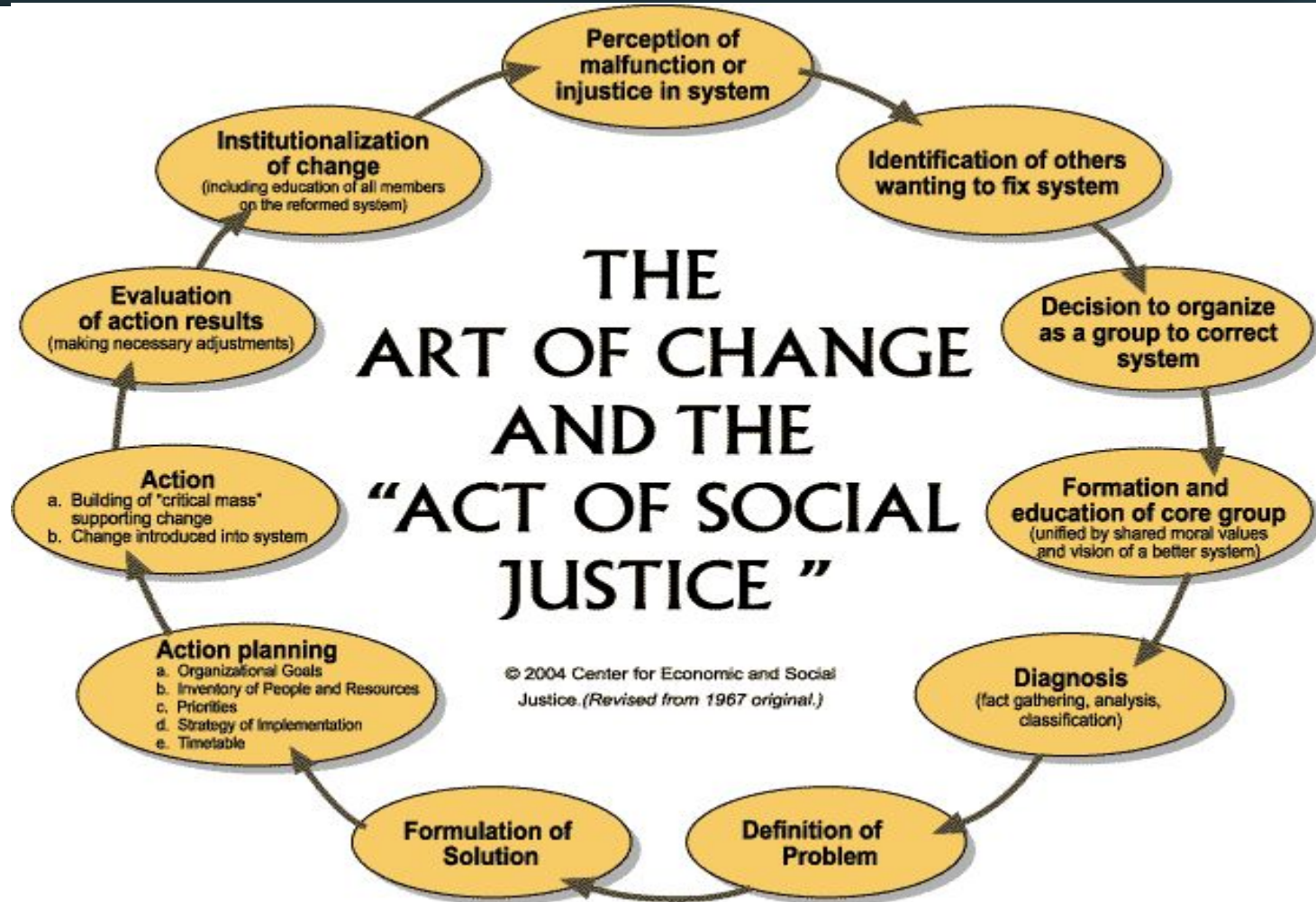
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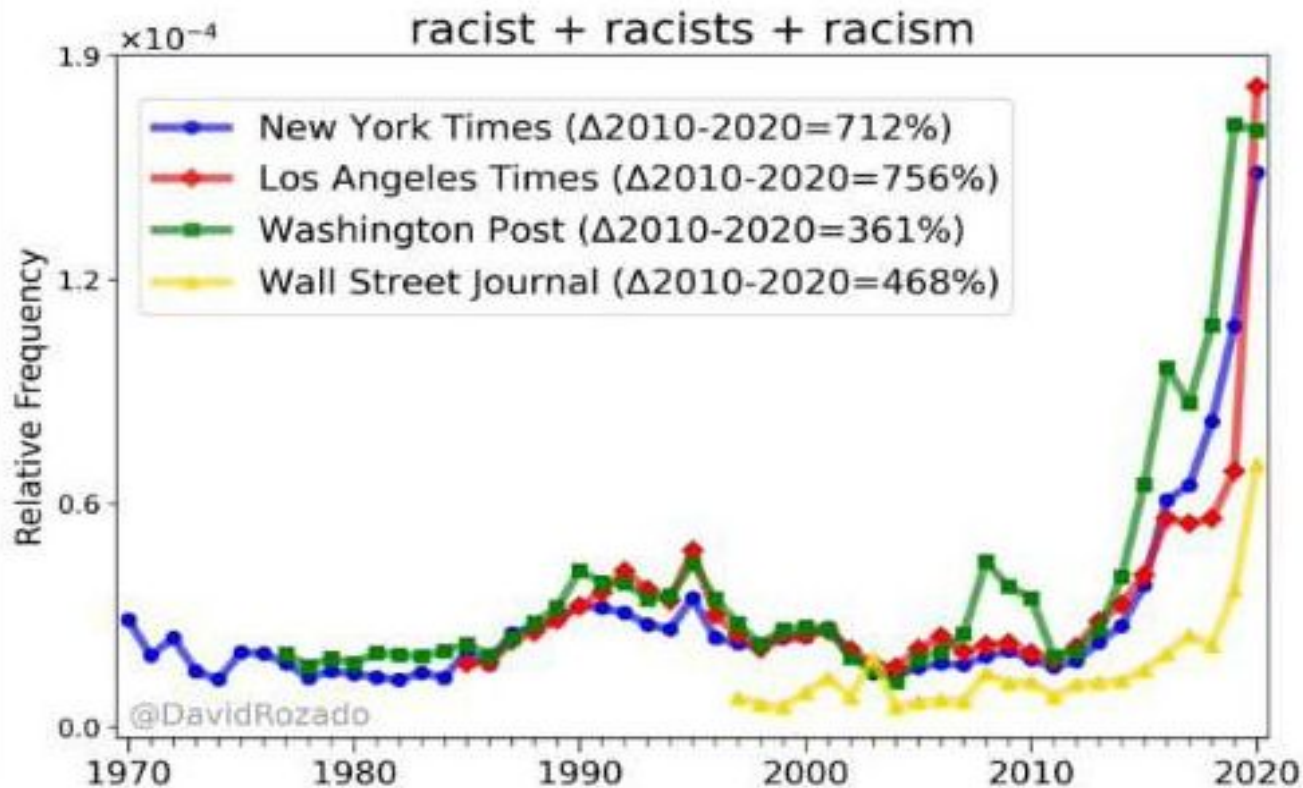
PROMOTING CONFLICT?

Ex. From Perception to Action.



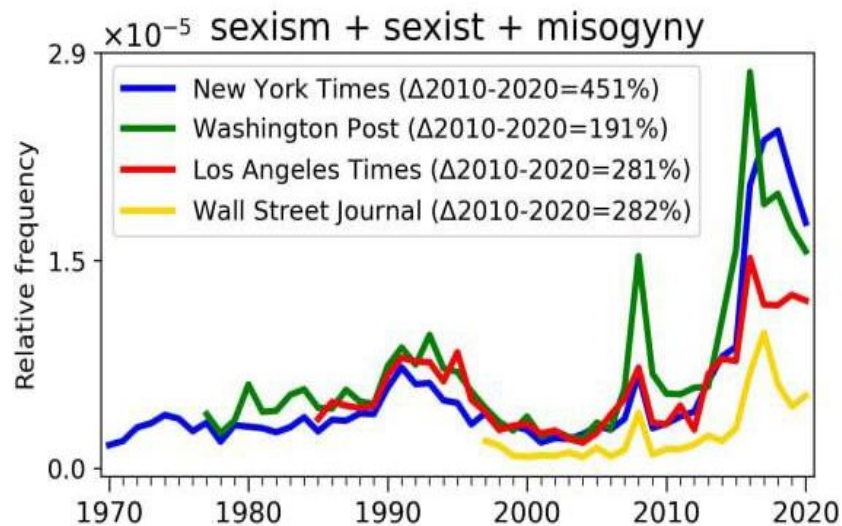
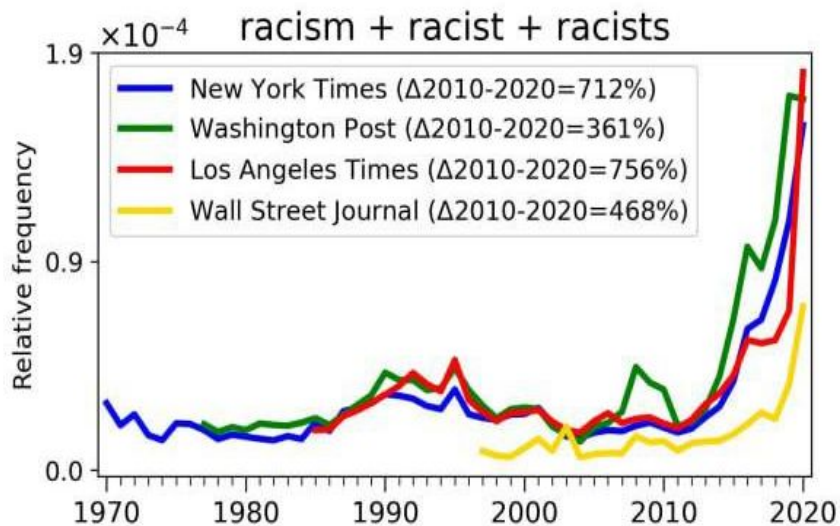
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Term Frequency in Popular U.S. Newspapers

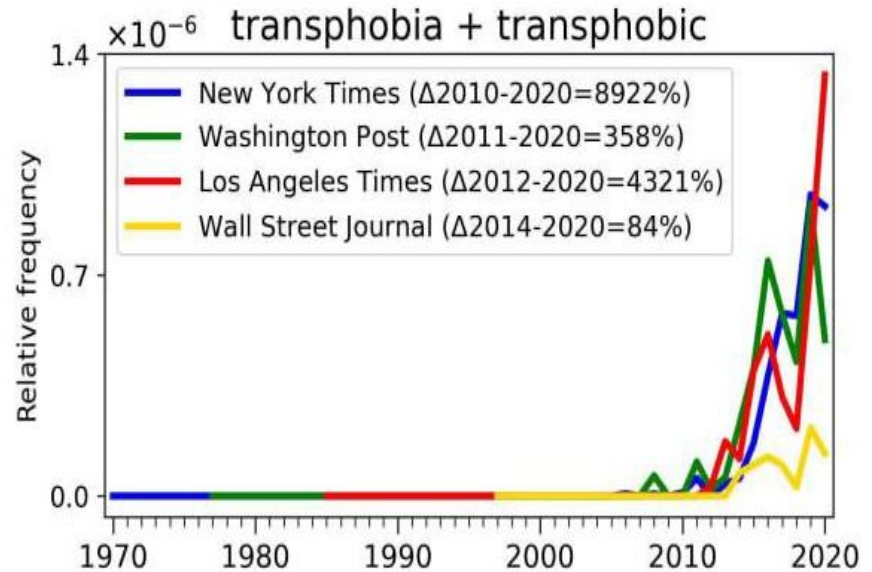
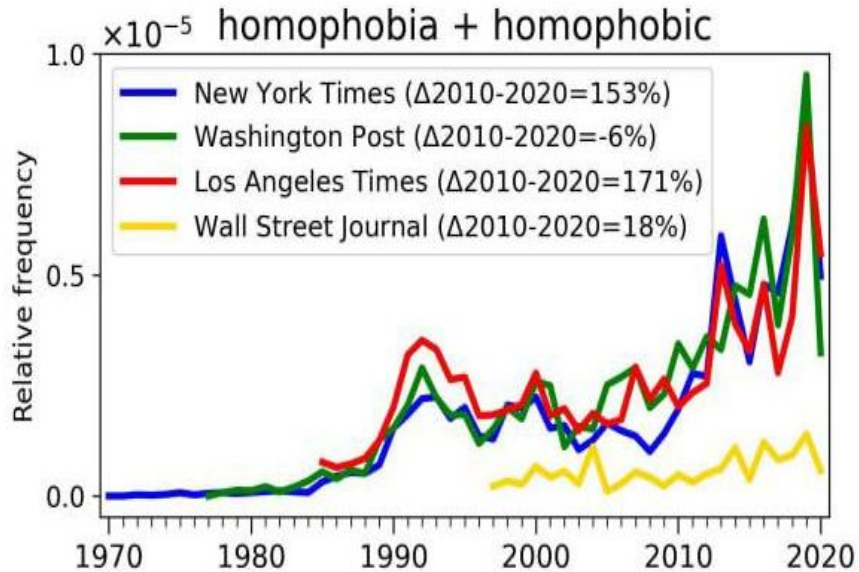


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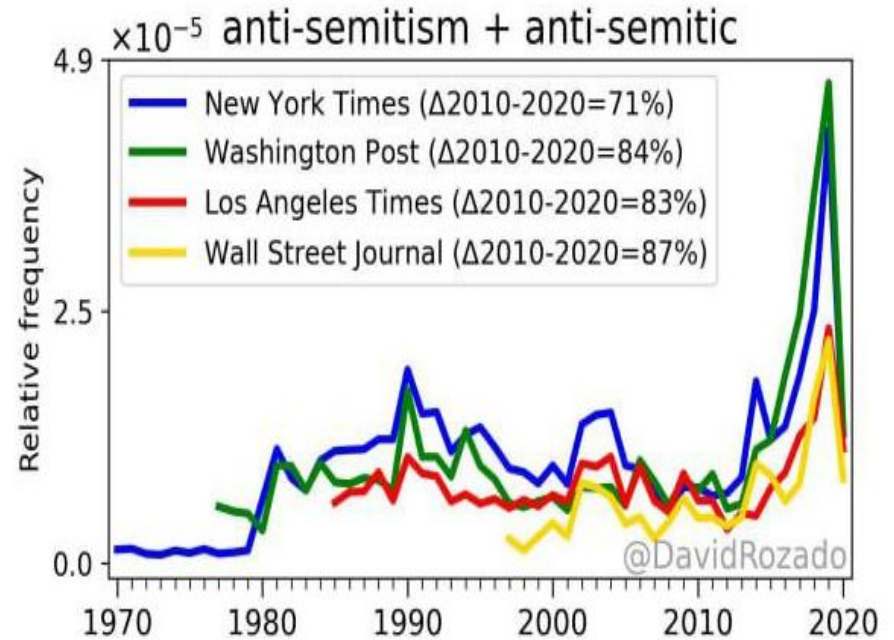
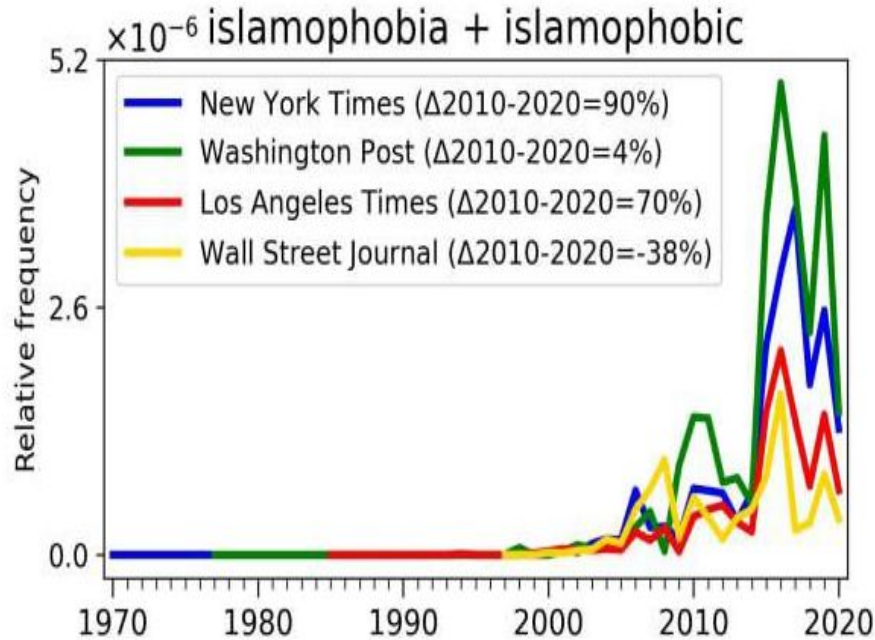
Yearly Mentions of Prejudice in Popular U.S. News Media outlets



AND MORE WORDS...



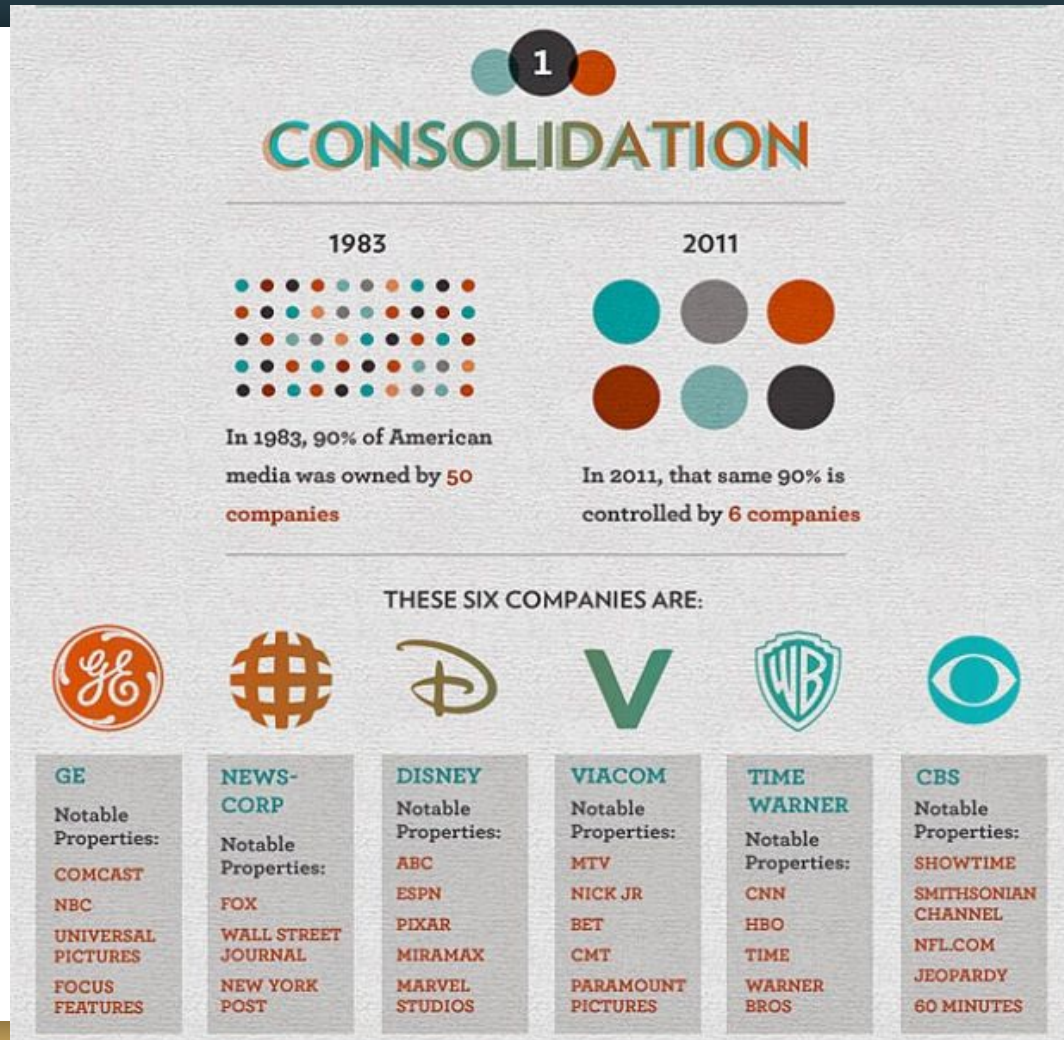
NOW ISLAM & ANTI-SEMITISM TOO?



MEDIA CONSOLIDATION

6 COMPANIES
CONTROL 90%

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHfgU8oMSo>





Part 5:
GROUPS vs INDIVIDUALS

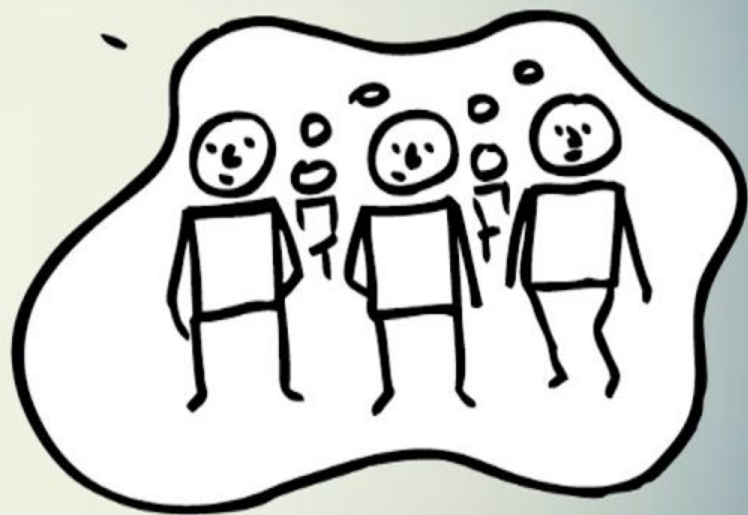


Group decision making



me

VS



the group

Individual decision making

GROUPS VS INDIVIDUALS

- INDIVIDUALS ARE AT THE CORE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND OUR SOCIETY.
- BUT IF YOU JOIN A GROUP, THEN THE *GROUP SPEAKS FOR YOU*.
- **YOU LOSE YOUR INDIVIDUALITY INSIDE OF A GROUP.**

GROUPS OVER INDIVIDUALS...

This is what Stalin and Mao did.

Made individuals subordinate to the group.

Groups can be dangerous if they are *fired up!*

**BUT! THERE'S
A PROBLEM
WITH
GROUPS.**

THEY OVERLAP...

**You're a member of
about 20 groups!**

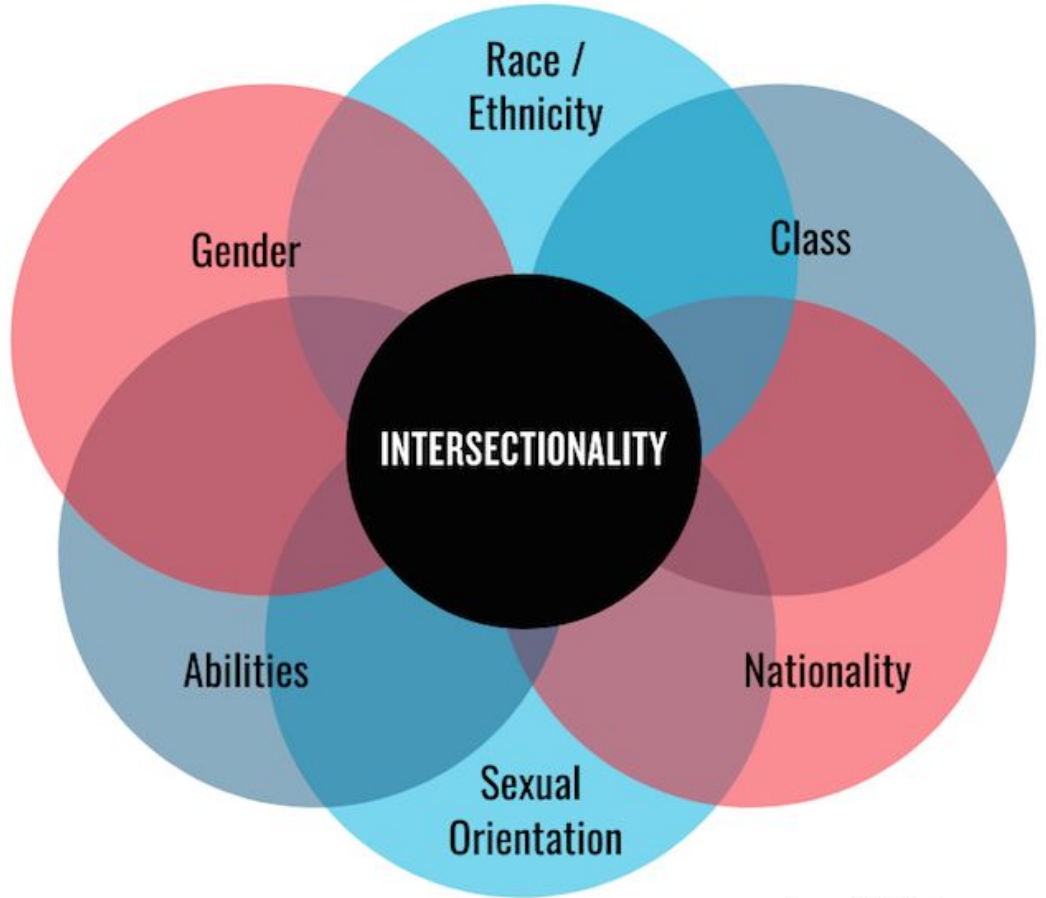


Image: First Book

THIS IS CALLED GROUP INTERSECTIONALITY

You're a member of many groups.

Groups subdivide down to the individual!

The CONSTITUTION

Protects all Individuals

Follow-up questions:

Part 1:

1. Who were the oppressed and oppressors under Stalin? (2 mks)
2. Who were the 'stinking ninth' under Mao? (2 mks)
3. How do regular citizens help with genocide? Give an example. (3 mks)

Part 2:

4. How does ideology differ from a religion? (2 mks)
5. How are we all equal under the law in Canada? (1 mk)

Part 3:

6. Explain 'Identity Politics'. (3 mks)
7. How can disparity create 'victims'. (2 mks)

Follow-up questions:

Part 4:

8. Name 5 Groups that you are currently part of. (2 mks)
9. Are groups equal? Yes or no and why. (3 mks)
10. What do you think is at the center of our society, Power or Competence or both and why? (3 mks)
11. What are the 3 ways to solve disparity problems? (2 mks)
12. What might be the problem with so few media companies? (2 mks)

Part 5:

13. What do you lose when you join a group? (1 mk)
14. How does group intersectionality affect the size of a group? (2 mks)
15. Would you rather be an individual or part of a group? Are you restricted in your choice? Explain. (3 mks)
16. What helps to protect all Canadians from being a victim? (1 mk)