

# A World of Difference



Foundational  
Questions  
About Life

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Part 5  
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# Why?

Is our culture going in that direction

The problem of man, his  
essence, his existence and the  
problem of man's relations  
with society and the world.

How do you solve this  
problem of man?

Happiness

How does one attain true  
sustaining happiness  
without God?

➤ Happiness can only come about when you have external and internal meaning, peace, security, safety, stability, freedom, fulfillment, purpose, satisfaction, and joy

The true problem of man.

He is in a frantic search

happiness

What is stopping man?

Power

Is possible to learn this  
power” – Anakin Skywalker  
Not from a Jedi (Christian)...”all  
those who gain power are afraid to  
lose it“... ”even the Jedi” (Christians)  
– Palpatine/Darth Sidius

The Western Culture holds this power  
and they have used their power to  
blindly influence individuals and  
society with their Judeo-Christian  
values

The Western culture has not help  
man,  
it has only oppressed man

If you can remove the so-called  
oppressor, you can go about  
bringing about true happiness to  
society and individuals?

What would this world look like  
if you could remove Western  
ideology?

# WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Today and Tomorrow

2021-FUTURE?



Postmodernism



Critical Theory

Cultural Marxism

Critical Race Theory

Identity Politics

Wokeness

LGBTQ+

Equity & Social Justice

Neo-feudalism

Cancel Culture

Totalitarianism

Intersectionality



# Frankfurt School



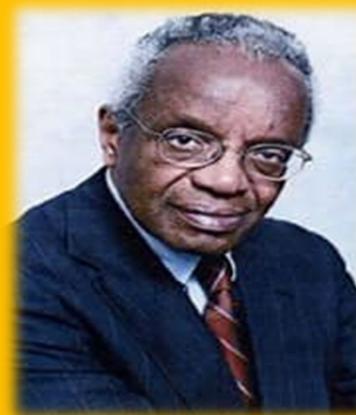
Critical Theory originated in the institute of social research at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany in 1923. it was developed as a Marxist studies program. Karl Marx believed that society consisted “of different social classes all competing for a limited pool of resources such as food, housing, employment, education, and leisure time.” Pitting the wealthy against the poor, a binary conflict of oppressed vs. oppressors, victims vs. victimizers. In Karl Marx day, the wealthy were the oppressors, and the poor were the oppressed. Which led to many of the communist revolutions in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

# Marxism



In Marxist philosophy, cultural hegemony is the dominance of a culturally diverse society by the ruling class who manipulate the culture of that society—the beliefs and explanations, perceptions, values, and more—so that the worldview of the ruling class becomes the accepted cultural norm. Today the ruling class are the oppressors, and they have created a systemic racist and bias society.

# Critical Theory



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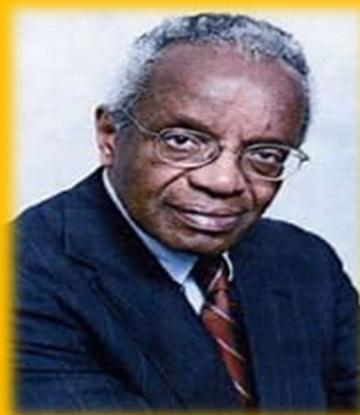


In 1933, Hitler shut down the Frankfurt School, and remnants of it moved to the United States, finding a safe haven at Columbia University in the 1930's and 1940's. After World War II, a man named Richard Bernstein spread Critical Theory to many elite Universities throughout the United States. And in the 1970's, a black professor at Harvard University named Derrick Bell morphed Critical Theory into Critical Race Theory to further push the Marxist ideology under a different framework. Bell simply replaced economic status with race to determine who are the oppressors and who are the oppressed. Therefore, race would be put first and foremost at the front any political and cultural debate. Cultural awareness which led to wokeness.

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Critical Theory believes the individuals' value is not determined by who they are, or what they do, but by what group they belong to. There are no objective standards of right and wrong, good and bad, that transcend these group identities.

- Judd Garrett is a former NFL player, coach, author and executive. Objectivity is the Objective

# ➤ Critical Theory

## **Deconstruct**

Americans are unconsciousness to reality of the world. Judeo-Christian values are blinding them.

## **Shock and AWE**

Perspective truth vs Objective truth

Make Americans conscious of the injustice, the oppression that is going on around them.

## **Political Correctness**

Controlling correlation of oppression with Western ideals - Use different mediums –movies, advertisement, newspaper, news, art, music, education, and laws.

# ➤ Cultural Marxism



Max Horkheimer  
Feb. 14, 1895 –  
Jul 07, 1973  
(age 78)  
Critical and  
Traditional Theory



Walter Benjamin  
Jul 15, 1892–  
Sep 26, 1940  
(age 48)  
The Work of Art  
in the Age of  
Mechanical Reproduction



Theodor W. Adorno  
Sep 11, 1903 –  
Aug 06, 1969  
(age 65)  
Dialectic of the  
Enlightenment



Jürgen Habermas  
Jun 18, 1929 –  
present day  
(age 92)  
The Structural  
Transformation of the  
Public Sphere

Karl Marx historical view of government is that the inevitable stage of socialism would be consequently better than the capitalist stage that preceded it, on the sole merit that it came later. History will be on their side.

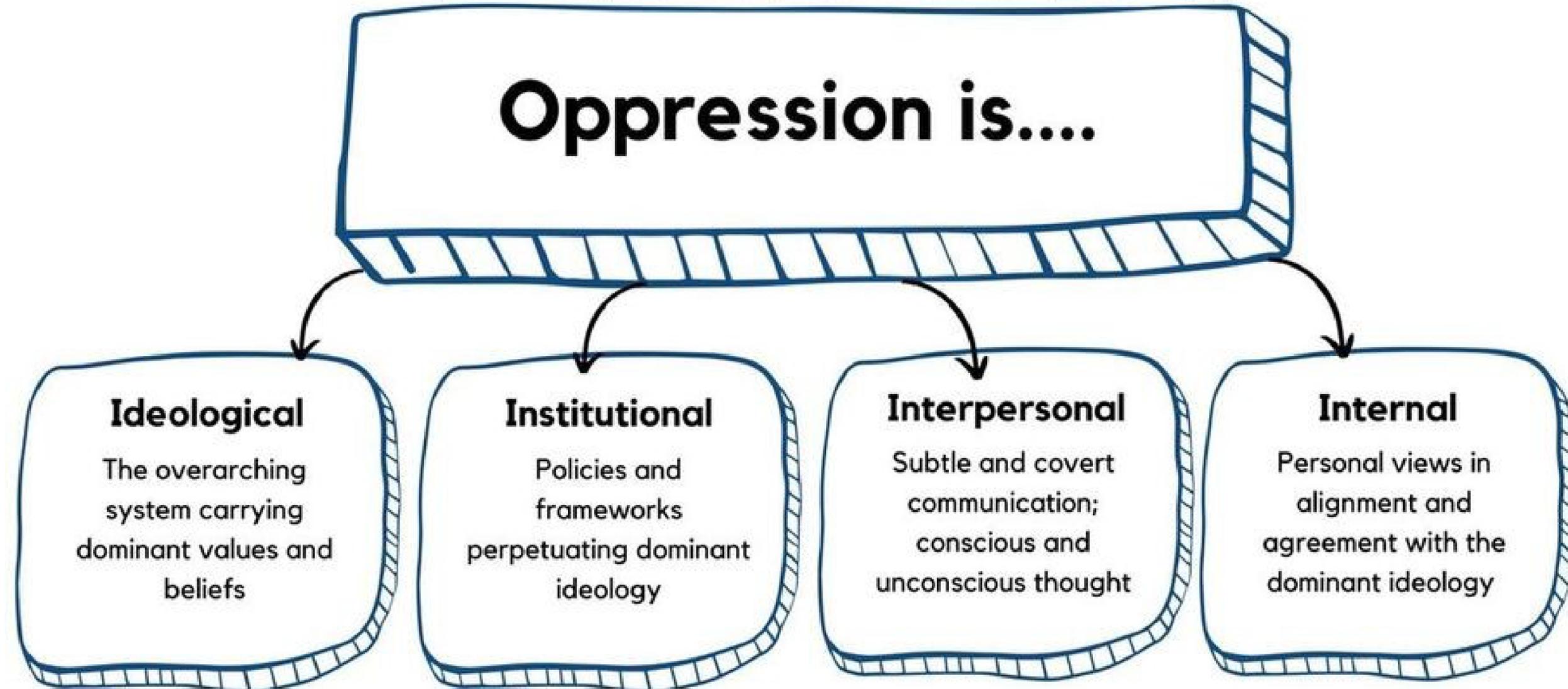
The Frankfurt School of Critical Theory (Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, Walter Benjamin, Jürgen Habermas, etc.) who often mingled Marxism with the theories of Sigmund Freud (psychology). This group of sociologist formed much of the foundation for political correctness we now see today. When Cultural Marxist talk about Western culture, they mean “white male Judeo-Christian culture.” And when they talk about cultural Marxism, they mean “non-white,” “non-Judeo-Christian,” “non-male,” and “non-heteronormative.”

Cultural Marxism view of the oppressors and oppressed, is to include any group that they believe to be oppressed such as **women, minorities, or any group that is opposed by expressing their sexuality**, and any adherents of non-Western ideologies such as **Islam**. Cultural Marxism has been described as "the cultural branch of globalism.



# The Four Is of Oppression

Adapted from Cheyenne E. Batiste, "Does Your Content Perpetuate Inequity?"





# OPPRESSION MATRIX

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# Oppressed vs Oppressors

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.” - Isaiah 1:17

# ➤ Equity and Social Justice

**Equity** aims to understand the needs of each individual and distribute the resources fairly to meet the need.

**Equality** involves ensuring that every individual gets the same amount of resources regardless the differences between them. This is the main difference between equity and equality.

**Equity** takes into consideration the natural differences between individuals such as height, weight, gender, physical disabilities, etc. Equity is the quality of being fair and impartial. In the field of social sciences and education, equity refers to understanding the individual needs of people and treating them accordingly. Equity recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.



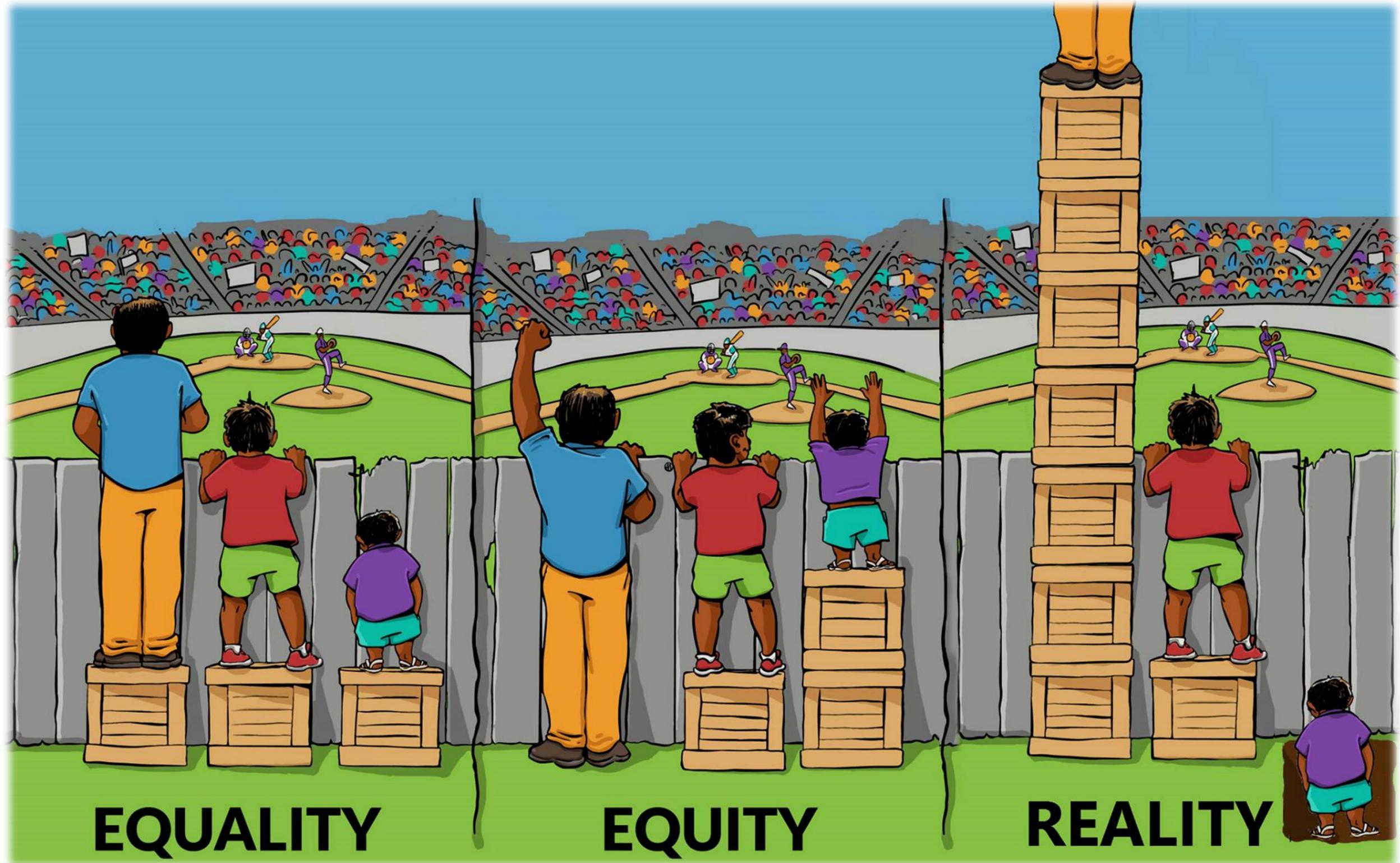
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**Social Justice** as a concept arose in the early 19th century during the Industrial Revolution and subsequent civil revolutions throughout Europe, which aimed to create more egalitarian societies and remedy capitalistic exploitation of human labor. Early social justice advocates focused primarily on capital, property, and the distribution of wealth.

By the mid-20th century, social justice had expanded from being primarily concerned with economics to include other spheres of social life to include the environment, race, gender, and other causes and manifestations of inequality. Social justice properly implemented will be when full and equal participation of all groups in a society that is mutually shaped to meet their needs. A vision of society in which the distribution of resources is equitable and all members of a space, community, or institution, or society are physically and psychologically safe and secure.

<https://www.pachamama.org/social-justice/what-is-social-justice>





**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

**REALITY**



## EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



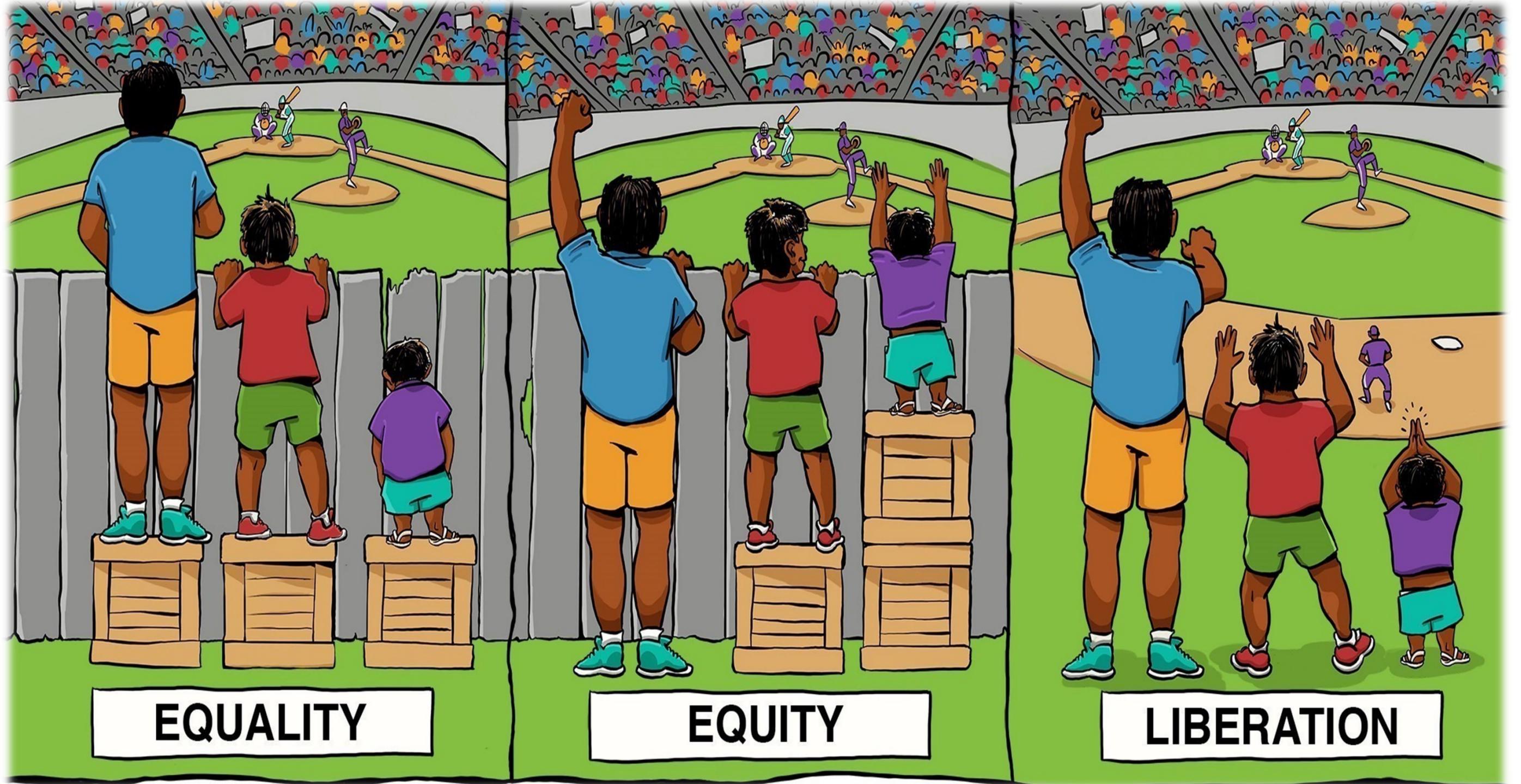
In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.



**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

**LIBERATION**

# ➤ Identity Politics

When members of a specific subgroup like race, gender, or religion form alliances and organize politically to defend their group's interests; unite to affect political or social change. The feminist movement, the civil rights movement, and the gay liberation movement are all examples of this kind of political organizing. This is not limited to the major racial, gender or religious divisions of our time, but extends into sexual orientation, ethnicity, citizenship status and other instances where a specific group feels marginalized or oppressed.



## ➤ Identity Politics

Under the concept of identity politics, women could unite in order to promote the passage of an Equal Rights Amendment. LBGTQ+ could organize political rallies or start grassroots campaigns to have stronger hate crime laws created and have same-sex partners allowed to marry under the law. Other groups such as legal Hispanic immigrants or Native Americans were also empowered through identity politics. The idea was for marginalized or oppressed groups to be recognized for their differences, not in spite of them. By identifying himself or herself as an African-American or a LBGTQ+ or a feminist, a person could focus all of his or her energies on a specific political cause. This singularity of purpose appears to be the most positive aspect of this phenomenon

The problem with I.P. is that by focusing so much energy on a specific political agenda, organizers may appear to be just as closed minded or exclusionary as those they claim are oppressing or marginalizing their group.



# WOKENESS, CANCEL CULTURE AND TOTALITARIANISM

“Wokeness” “a state of being aware, especially of social problems such as racism and inequality” - Cambridge English Dictionary

“Woke” - Some of the goals of the woke culture are: dissolve the nuclear family, abolish capitalism, eliminate religion, re-write our constitution and raise children gender neutral. Other actions by the woke culture, such as canceling movies, cartoon characters, defunding law enforcement, while refusing to prosecute certain crimes all while under the banner of “tolerance” and “social justice”, the woke culture attacks anyone, that holds differing views.

They see everything through the lens of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia and hurt feelings. This is an effective smokescreen, because they can conveniently apply those labels to anyone, who challenges their ideology. In fact, “Woke” culture is deeply intolerant and authoritarian as well as being transparently globalist and Marxist. There is no room for dissent or free speech in the world of “woke” culture



## What are the bedrock beliefs of “wokeness?”

First, you must unconditionally support a hyper liberal prospective. No discussion, no argument.

Second, you must accept that United States (Western Culture) is ‘systemically racist’ and has to be overturned.

You must believe in ‘white privilege’ and all that it means (Whatever it means. It’s not entirely clear at times).

You must believe that “love is love” no matter how that is defined.

You must believe in globalism, despise patriotism, hate the western world and detest “The Man”, “The Privileged White Systemic System”, If you are western and white you must hate your skin, and history, “White Guilt.”



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**“Cancel Culture”** - the practice of engaging in mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting social pressure. When a person is canceled, they are no longer supported publicly.

Gina Carano — The “Mandalorian” actress was fired by Disney after posting on social media that being a Republican in 2021 was similar to being Jewish during Nazi Germany. Her Hollywood agent dropped her, and Hasbro scrapped her “Star Wars” action figures. Cancel culture cuts one way. If you say something too religious, too conservative and mildly offensive, the “woke” hall monitors on social media will find you. Like so many other totalitarian ideas “wokeness” does not allow dissent. There are things you must believe in. If you don’t believe in them, as countless thousands have discovered, you can and will be “cancelled” often times you will lose your job, family, friends and future.



# WOKENESS, CANCEL CULTURE AND TOTALITARIANISM

## Totalitarianism - Hating on Western Culture

The way totalitarianism is introduced to a society is usually a way to meet an internal longing for harmony and happiness, which is more powerful than fear or misery (think totalitarianism versus communist manifesto). This hunger leads to a desire for a just society, one that vindicates and liberates the historical victims of oppression. Who wouldn't want to live in such a society? But the leaders of these causes often fake kindness and explain their truth in very calm tones as they demonize any with opposing views, all to protect the feelings of "victims" in order to bring about social justice.

The decrease in traditional religious traditions and related spirituality has given rise to replacing it with social justice. The "isms" of our day (i.e. relativism, secularism) pave the way toward totalitarianism. "It's all good," they say, while trampling on anyone not in line with their thinking. Enter the "cancel culture." In this culture where everyone is a winner, and no one should suffer, and spiritual or religious practices are not particularly in vogue, standing up for a cause to the point of suffering doesn't seem worth it or even right (or so is the thinking conditioned).





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## Totalitarianism - Hating on Western Culture

These newly fashioned tribes begin to gather in their culture, where everyone can enjoy their personal pleasures and celebrate their wokeness while those with opposing views are pushed aside (canceled) as racists or similar.

Since “Woke” culture despises the West and our traditional Judeo Christian past, it pretty much goes without saying that they admire and promote globalism. For the truly dedicated believer in “woke culture” the modern world, since it was established by the West, is evil. A healthy love for your nation and its history, proper patriotism, liking distinctive aspects of western culture and wanting firm borders enforced to preserve all of this, is “colonialist” “white supremacist” and worthy of a thousand other derogatory terms. According to the “woke” the world must embrace a new globalist perspective and power structure and reject everything the West has to offer. It remains to be seen who will be in charge of this potential new order. - Steve Hitz is a co-founder of “Launching Leaders Worldwide”



# ➤ Intersectionality – Hierarchy of oppression

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Kimberlé Crenshaw, a 2017 NAIS People of Color Conference speaker, civil rights advocate, and professor at UCLA School of Law and Columbia Law School.

The more you are in the oppressed group the more the government and institutions need to recognize your struggle. This is applying more to oppression than just racism.



# Money and Power

## Neo-Feudalism

Following a remarkable period of greater dispersion of wealth and opportunity, we are inescapably returning towards a more

feudal era marked by greater concentration of wealth and property, reduced upward mobility, demographic stagnation, and increased dogmatism. If the last seventy years saw a massive expansion of the middle class, not only in America but in much of the developed world, today that class is declining and a new, more hierarchical society is emerging.

The new class structure resembles that of Medieval times. At the apex of the new order are two classes—a reborn elite, the intelligentsia, which dominates the upper part of the professional ranks, universities, media and culture, and a new nobility led by tech oligarchs such as Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, Larry Paige, and Larry Ellison with their unprecedented wealth and growing control of information.





# Money and Power

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Their power and influence has effect trade law permits, to overturn or sidestep public regulation. Tech platform monopolies have created a proprietary regime where they can crush competitors and invade consumer privacy by means of burdensome terms, often buried in online “terms of service” provisions. In other words, they own your digital life, this includes your job, medical information, credit information, etc. They wield the power to influence Universities, elections, politicians with their wealth. One vote, one person is too slow of a process for progress and change. They hold to a cultural Marxism, like equity and social justice. Example of this, Amazon donated \$10 million to organizations supporting justice and equity.



- Joel Kotkin The Coming of Neo-Feudalism: A Warning to the Global Middle Class

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**Fight  
pseudo  
power  
with real  
power**

**Romans 1:16** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**1 Corinthians 1:18** - For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**1 Corinthians 2:4** - my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

**John 19:11** - Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."



# Jesus

## Equity & Social justice

Stephen Mattson, Red Letter Christians – “The important thing about Jesus is that he acknowledged and actively addressed what he observed: inequality, systemic injustice, and an apathetic society—devoting his life towards abolishing such evils.”

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

Matt. 25:35-40 For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.'... 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

John 6:26-27 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

**Jesus was not into free handouts.**

**Jesus never called on the government to create equality.**

**Jesus never called the people to protest the government.**



# Jesus

# Equity & Social justice

## Critical Theory vs Christianity

You can't solve a spiritual problem with a physical solution.

**WE** are first citizens of the Kingdom of God; USA is where I was born which makes me a citizen.

People care about who's right; Christian care about what's right

**"Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken.**

**The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."** – Prov. 22:8-9

1. **Oppressors are evil, the oppressed are innocent**  
**All are guilty of sin, for all have sinned, we all invent evil.**
2. **People are not born sinners but are a product of their environment**  
**People are born sinners and as a result commit acts of sin and have a sin nature and by nature want their natural desires to be expressed, like rebel against any authority.**
3. **Group Identities will bring about equality, equity or freedom/liberation**  
**Every person is equally valuable in the eyes of God regardless of gender or race or identity.**
4. **The ultimate purpose in life to bring about equality, equity and liberation which allow individuals to experience true peace and happiness**  
**The ultimate purpose in life is to serve and honor our lord and savior Jesus Christ, peace and happiness is not the ultimate goal for Christians, peace and happiness is a result of being content in the Lord.**

**"Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great but judge your neighbor fairly."** – Lev.19:15



**TILL NEXT TIME...**

**Thank You**