

The background is a solid teal color. It features several large, organic, abstract shapes in a burnt orange or terracotta hue. One large shape is in the upper right, another is in the lower left, and a third is partially visible at the bottom center. The overall aesthetic is modern and minimalist.

A CRASH COURSE ON INTERSECTIONALITY

LET'S BREAK IT DOWN:

DIFFERENT IDENTITIES (I.E. BEING A WOMAN, PERSON OF COLOR, LGBTQ+, LOW-INCOME) COMPOUND TO CREATE AN OPPRESSION THAT IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.

(SWIPE FOR AN ANALOGY)

IMAGINE EVERY OPPRESSED PERSON IS IN A BASEMENT UNDER A TRAPDOOR, STACKED ATOP EACH OTHER. **THE MOST OPPRESSED ARE AT THE BOTTOM AND THE LEAST OPPRESSED ARE AT THE TOP.**

THOSE AT THE TOP WOULD BE LET THROUGH THE TRAPDOOR "BUT FOR" ONE THING: BEING A WOMAN OR BEING GAY, ETC.

FOR EXAMPLE, A **BLACK TRANSGENDER WOMAN WOULD HAVE MORE "BUT FOR'S" OR OBSTACLES TO REACH THE TRAP DOOR.**

(ALL CREDIT GOES TO KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW)

HOW DOES THIS ANALOGY WORK?

OPPRESSION EXISTS AS A MULTI-AXIS FRAMEWORK, AND WE CAN'T FIGHT IT BY LOOKING AT THE MARGINALIZED ASPECTS OF OUR IDENTITIES IN ISOLATION.

HERE, RACE, CLASS, SEX, GENDER AND ABILITY ARE SIMULTANEOUS FACTORS OF OPPRESSION.



WHERE DID INTERSECTIONALITY COME FROM?

ALTHOUGH IT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN PRACTICE, IT WAS INTRODUCED AS A THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK BY BLACK LEGAL SCHOLAR KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW.

REALLY, IT HAS NO SINGLE ORIGIN. RATHER, IT'S A GENEALOGY OF BIPOC FEMINIST HISTORIES FROM THOSE WHOSE MULTIPLE IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY OPPRESSED.

HOW DOES INTERSECTIONALITY APPLY TO THE FIGHT FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM?

**REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM LOOKS DIFFERENT
DEPENDING ON RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL
IDENTITY, AND CLASS.** FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN
OF COLOR'S BODIES ARE TARGETED IN WAYS
THAT REVEAL THE INTERSECTION OF RACISM
AND SEXISM. THE HISTORY OF REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTHCARE ATTESTS TO THIS.

THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION IS A CLASS ISSUE
—NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD IT.

**COALITION-BUILDING MAKES US
STRONGER** WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THAT
ACHIEVING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IS
INHERENTLY LINKED TO OTHER MOVEMENTS'
STRUGGLES FOR JUSTICE. DISCRIMINATION,
MARGINALIZATION AND PRIVILEGE ARE
SHARED EXPERIENCES.

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