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CONFRONTING HEALTH INEQUITIES

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OBJECTIVES

- Differentiate between equality and equity
- Inform participants' understanding of the historical, social, and systemic causes and results of inequities – racism and oppression
- Increase awareness that personal wellbeing is a human right that should be afforded to all
- Participants will explore personal approaches to achieve health equity



America is the melting pot where nothing melted

Tony Kushner, Angels in America





ETHNOCULTURAL SALAD

A mixture in which all the ethnic and cultural ingredients of various groups are tossed together while still retaining their unique "flavor and taste."

It is those unique ethnocultural "flavors" that make working with clients today so fascinating, and yet so challenging.







What does "GOOD HEALTH" look like to YOU?





HEALTH DISPARITY defined

Healthy People 2020 defined health disparity as:

"... a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with economic, social, or environmental disadvantage. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater social or economic obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group, religion, socio economic status, gender, age, or mental health; cognitive, sensory, or physical disability; sexual orientation or gender identity; geographic location; or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion."



HEALTH EQUITY defined

Attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Health Equity means efforts to ensure that all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.





Equality vs. Equity



EQUALITY=SAMENESS

GIVING EVERYONE THE SAME THING → It only works if everyone starts from the same place



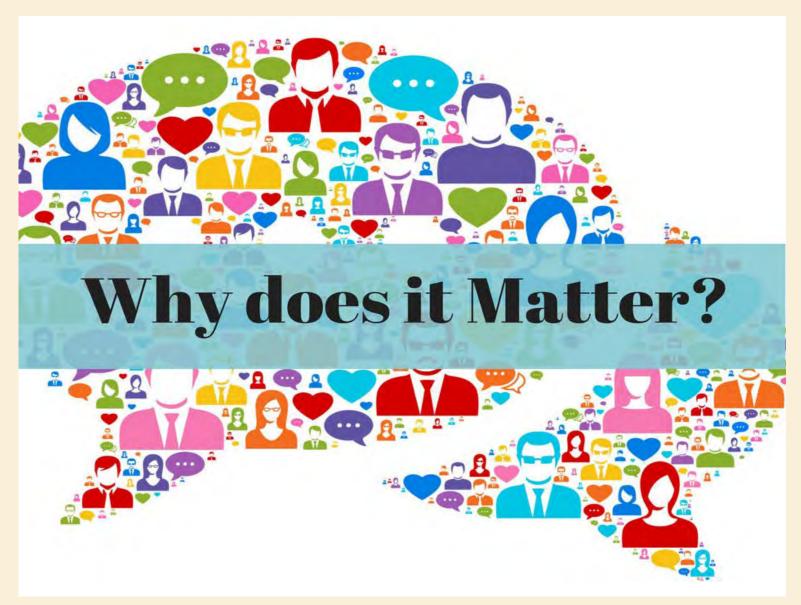
EQUITY=FAIRNESS

ACCESS to SAME
OPPORTUNITIES → We must first
ensure equity before we can
enjoy equality









BECAUSE....

WE ALL WANT TO FEEL LIKE WE MATTER. WE CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING, AND ARE APPRECIATED & VALUED BY THOSE WE ENCOUNTER.





WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Everyone deserves a fair chance to lead healthy and meaningful lives!

 No one should be denied this chance because of their cultural group affiliation, personal beliefs and values, socioeconomic opportunities, where they live or are from, etc.

> POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES ARE OFTEN MADE WORSE BY THE INTERACTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT





What MATTERS YOU?





RACISM

Racism can be defined as, organized systems within societies that cause avoidable and unfair inequalities in power, resources, capacities an opportunities across racial or ethnic groups...

(Camara Phyllis Jones)

Racism can occurs at multiple levels:

- Internalized the incorporation of racist attitudes, beliefs, or ideologies into ones worldviews
- Interpersonal interactions between individuals
- Systemic the racist control of and access to labor, material and symbolic resources within a society





OPPRESSION

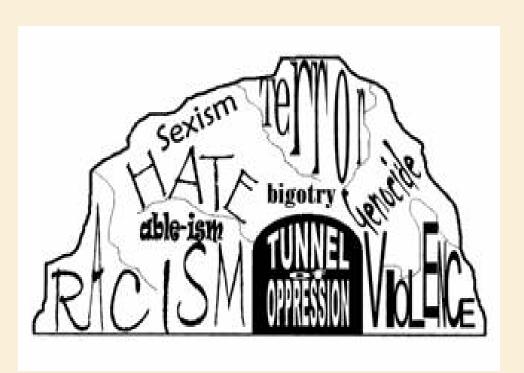
- Systemic and institutional abuse of power by one group at the expense of others and the use of force to maintain this dynamic.
- An oppressive system is built around the ideology of superiority of some groups and inferiority of others.
 - Makes those designated as inferior feel confined, 'less than', and hinders the realization of their full well-being and potential.
 - They are portrayed as "others" and are marginalized which prevents their full inclusion in the community.







FIVE FACES OF OPPRESSION



- 1. EXPLOITATION
- 2. MARGINALIZATION
- 3. POWERLESSNESS
- 4. "CULTURE OF SILENCE"
- 5. CULTURAL IMPERIALISM

(Iris Young)



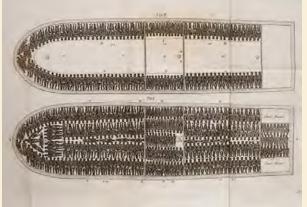








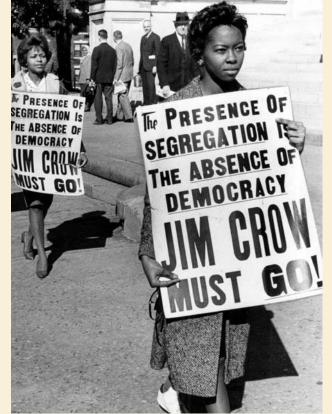






AMERICAN SLAVERY











JIM CROW LAWS









It underscores the notion that we've rid Jim Crow of much of our society, ... But Jim Crow still lives in the criminal justice system, and we've got to root it out.

PRISON PIPELINE AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX









Presidio of San Francisco, Culifornia May 15, 1942

JAPANESE ANCESTRY

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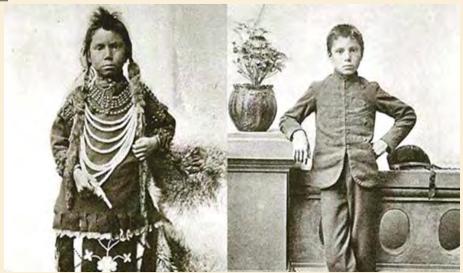
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NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

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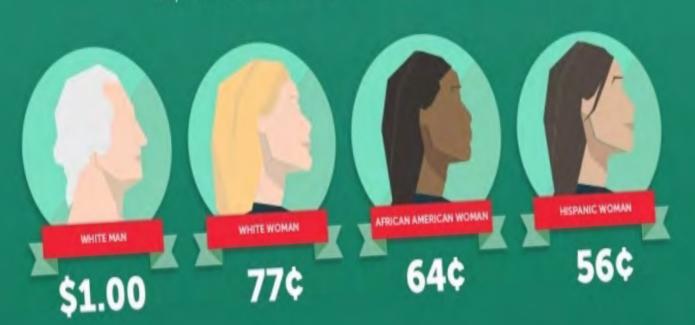






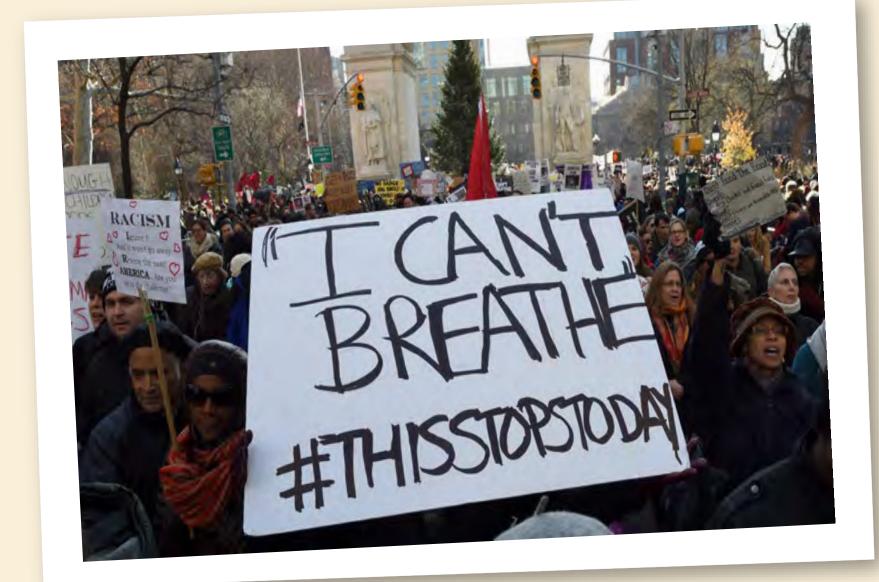


Compared with white men, African American and Hispanic women make even less than white women:



EQUAL PAYBACK PROJECT











Asthma is the top cause for children missing school.

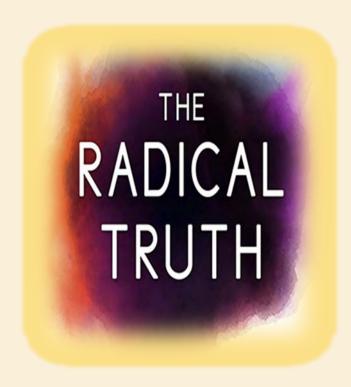


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AFTER BEING **EXPOSED TO THE** RADICAL TRUTH, HOW CAN YOU REMAIN SILENT...



ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF RACISM & OPRESSION:

Dealing with Historical & Continuing Racial Trauma

- 1. Accept that the feelings expressed by people of color are real and warranted.
- 2. Associate that those feelings have emerged out of centuries of American systemic racial oppression rooted in the lie that people of color are inferior to White people.
- 3. This effort to overcome oppression cannot happen overnight.
- 4. Understand how system of racial oppression has affect people of color, then *strategically* and *collectively* take the necessary steps to dismantle and rebuild the system
- Acknowledge that the system isn't "broken", it was designed to do exactly what it is doing.





HOW DO WE WORK TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY?

To achieve health equity, we must eliminate avoidable health inequities and health disparities requiring short-and long-term actions, including:

- Attention to the root causes of health inequities and health disparities, specifically, health determinants.
- Particular attention to groups that have experienced major obstacles to health associated with socio-economic disadvantages and historical and contemporary injustices.
- Promotion of equal opportunities for all people to be healthy and to seek the highest level of health possible.
- Distribution of socio-economic resources needed to be healthy in a manner that progressively reduces health disparities and improves health for all.
- Continuous efforts to maintain a desired state of equity after avoidable health inequities and health disparities are eliminated.





"of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhuman"

~ Martin Luther King Jr.



OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER

Martin Luther King Jr.



It is much more important to know what sort of a patient has a disease, than what sort of disease a patient has

-William Osler



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