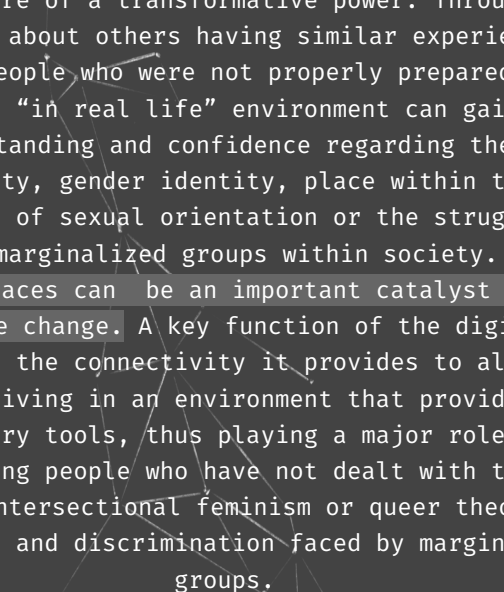# Technological

The recent advances in technology rarely had a net
positive impact on promoting tolerance and equality
within our society. To promote a more positive
change there have been different approaches to
utilizing the technology available. QueerOS argues
that, if the frame for a digital experience is
already within a neoliberal, white, straight, and
cis perspective, then that translates directly into
the experience itself. The manual for a yet to be
designed operating system attempts to change that.
Even so, as of now this is more of an intellectual
thought experiment. In comparison, the use of the
internet as a safe space to share experiences for
the queer community as described by Legacy Russell
has more of a transformative power. Through
learning about others having similar experiences
young people who were not properly prepared by
their "in real life" environment can gain
understanding and confidence regarding their
identity, gender identity, place within the
spectrum of sexual orientation or the struggles
faced by marginalized groups within society. These
safe spaces can be an important catalyst for
positive change. A key function of the digital
space is the connectivity it provides to almost
everyone living in an environment that provides the
necessary tools, thus playing a major role in
sensitizing people who have not dealt with topics
such as intersectional feminism or queer theory to
the issues and discrimination faced by marginalized
groups.

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One interesting example on how these people might be reached could be made by looking at the development of memes, as the author of GlitchFemenism recognizes by including them in her publication. Platforms promoting short content like Instagram or TicTok have become a staple in most people's online experience. By recognizing, using and encouraging the shortening of people's attention spans they have made sure to stay one of the most relevant means of online communication for years now. Memes for example have become a digital artform of the younger generations, a subculture with billions of eyes on it, the prevalent form of online humor. Sadly, once somebody finds something funny, they are much more likely to agree with any point made. Even politically conservative people are more likely than usual to recognize any issue highlighted by a well-made meme.
Is it frustrating that very serious issues of discrimination on a societal level have to be highlighted by something as informal as memes to gain higher recognition among younger generations? Yes, but that fact should not deter from the opportunity to create a society more conscious of these issues.
Meaning that if the people advocating inclusiveness confine themselves to well-reasoned, but comparatively long and difficult to read texts, they are forfeiting the political identity, vital parts of digital culture for younger generations to those who wish to perpetuate and enhance cycles of discrimination.