

## 08/23 Class Notes

### "Untangling the Tangling of the F-Word"

- Gendered Lives
- Tracy Bone's "The F Word"
- tie in bell hooks.

At its core, feminism:

- addresses oppression
- recognizes there is a gender binary that needs deconstruction and/or transformation.
- remembers, understands women's and feminist histories and frameworks.
  - historic figures, waves, frameworks, & students + subjects of feminism.
- emergence & evolution of women's and gender studies.
- collective action for a sustainable future.
  - "Matrix of Oppression" → multidimensional interplay of privilege & oppression.
  - turning thoughts & feelings into actions.

### Dr. Tracy Bone

- social work professor / faculty @ Uni. of Manitoba (Canada)
- research focuses on human rights & social justice.
- mental health in marginalized groups:
  - deaf identity
  - eating disorders
  - criminal justice

### TB - Fed. Talk

- "women are sexually involved not for sexual satisfaction, but to not hurt male partner's ego."
- "young women 16-24 experience dating violence at a rate 6x that of men."

Magnifying specific contexts: hooks' visionary feminism & Bone's talk

- "the public" needs to reverse effects of patriarchy with the patriarchy.
- Bone discusses relationship abuse in the context of "dating violence":
  - encompasses abuse in non-marriage relationships.
  - encompasses verbal, sexual, physical, emotional, psychological, financial violence
- ↳ modern weaponization of 'therapy speak'.

incl. gaslighting.  
• accumulative manipulation that fosters helplessness + dependence.

} walks away from narrow 1960s idea/rhetoric of abuse.

→ EDUCATION of the general public. (similar to need to educate with feminism).

→ extra emotional labor invested primarily by women → women are the primary sympathizers of abusers, because:

- to address the problem of abuse, we need to empathize and sympathize.
- this can be practiced while still holding accountability.

→ contrasting perspectives toward rape:

- we can educate without sympathy,
- rape is maybe the only crime that is perpetrated solely for personal benefit.

→ accountability should not be on victims to avoid sexual assault (and all forms of assault!)

- education doesn't fix everything — rape on college campuses!
- rapists have less to fear: reduced prison sentences.
- why are things we (women) do messages for men? why are they not things we want to do for ourselves?  
↳ society for men!