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recognizing and combatting

**ABLEISM IN THE
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**

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ableism – discrimination in favor of able-bodied people – has long been a problem in climate and environmental circles. in fact, there is a name for the specific form of ableism that manifests in climate and environmental policies and rhetoric:

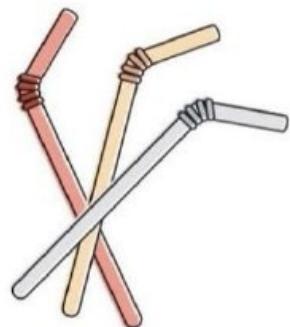
ecoableism



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"CONVENIENCE" ITEMS

one illustration of ecoableism is the push to eliminate (or tendency to shame) the use of items that are convenient for able-bodied persons, but which can be necessities for disabled persons. e.g.:



plastic straw bans that don't include protections for disabled people. some disabled folks can't drink or eat without a straw, and for a variety of disabilities, reusable straws don't present an adequate or safe alternative



indiscriminate removal of precut, prewashed, or prepeeled produce from grocery stores, which makes it difficult for people with limited limb dexterity or amelia, or amputees, to eat fruits and vegetables

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CLIMATE DARWINISM

another manifestation of ecoableism is climate Darwinism, or the implicit or explicit assumption that people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations (e.g., the elderly) are simply not cut out to survive the impacts of the climate crisis



climate Darwinism underlies many of our climate policies, attitudes, and initiatives. it makes disabled people expendable and reduces the climate issue to one of physical survivability, while ignoring the systemic ableism in our policies, programs and institutions. **this systemic ableism, not disability itself, is what makes disabled persons especially vulnerable to the climate crisis**

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



disabled persons are more likely to be left behind or abandoned during evacuation due to inadequate government preparation/planning



emergency transportation systems and evacuation shelters are often inaccessible



disabled people face potential discrimination when there is a shortage of resources



reconstruction efforts often continue to disregard needs of people with disabilities, thus missing another opportunity to ensure accessibility & inclusive resiliency to future disasters

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EXAMPLES OF COMPOUNDED OPPRESSIONS



POVERTY

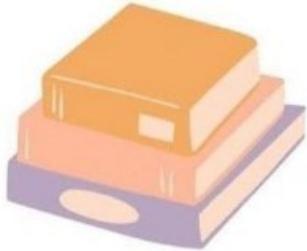
planned power outages (such as those occurring in California to mitigate against wildfire risk) occur without sufficient notice or accommodations to people who depend on life-sustaining equipment, who are also disproportionately low income and less likely to afford a generator or hotel stay

RACE/COLONIALISM

US colonialism and ableism laid the groundwork for the devastation that the disability community in Puerto Rico faced following Hurricane Maria in 2018. economic austerity policies subjected the island to poor infrastructure, an unstable electrical grid, and inadequate medical systems and public services. in Maria's wake, the disabled community was left especially vulnerable, as eligible Puerto Ricans receive a measly \$74 per month in disability benefits - a fraction of the amount provided on the US mainland



WHAT CAN I DO?



EDUCATE

yourself on ableism (accounts tagged). amplify voices of people with disabilities. ensure they have a voice at all stages of disaster management processes, especially planning and preparedness

KEEP PERSPECTIVE

check yourself if you begin judging anyone - whether visibly disabled or not - for what you perceive to be a lack of commitment to sustainability practices. people with disabilities may have less flexibility to, e.g., ride public transport or purchase sustainable alternatives to necessities that able-bodied people see as "conveniences" that can/should be sacrificed



PRACTICE INCLUSIVITY



consider the needs of disabled people in all aspects of your activism. e.g., if you are planning a protest, make sure it's at an accessible location. does a green policy in your community or place of work take into account the experiences of disabled people? if not, change it

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Things we need to stop saying to the disability community...



***“You’re so
brave and
inspiring”***

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Things we need to stop saying to
the disability community



“Are you stupid?”

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Things we need to stop saying to
the disability community



“Stop acting autistic. It isn’t that hard”

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Things we need to stop saying to
the disability community



***“You don’t
look deaf”***

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the disability community



“Can you have sex?”

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the disability community



***“You are way
too open
about your
disability”***

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“What’s wrong with you?”

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“You’re too young to be disabled”

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“What’s your life expectancy?”

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The blatant ableism of

COVID vaccines



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When will the American disability community be eligible for COVID vaccines?

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People with intellectual or developmental disabilities are two to three times more likely to die from COVID, yet many states didn't incorporate them into vaccine prioritizing plans

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The blatant ableism of COVID vaccines

The CDC suggests that residents of long-term care facilities be prioritized for COVID vaccinations, but several states refused to do so and many believe this excludes too many disabled adults

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In 2015, 1.5 million seniors in America lived in a long-term care facility, and 4.5 million disabled adults received home care

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The high-risk disability community often need home care assistance and public transportation, as well as frequent medical centers - yet states are vaccinating these workers before targeting the disability community, who are dying of COVID

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Other than stating those with Down Syndrome and certain health conditions should be prioritized, CDC guidelines exclude all disabled adults who do not live in a long-term care facility, which is about 45 million people including those who live in group homes

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The blatant ableism of COVID vaccines

**While eligibility for
COVID vaccines continue
to widen, including the
request from the federal
government to allow
those 65 and over,
millions of adult disabled
Americans are still left
wondering when it will
be their turn**

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The blatant ableism of COVID vaccines

**Once again, the
COVID pandemic
has exemplified how
ableist the American
society is. Disabled
lives are not
disposable**

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