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**The Combination between Marx and Intersectionality**

Intersectionality and Marx’s theory about class are completely compatible. When the two ideologies are combined into one, we can find a solution to eliminate oppression in our society.

Marx mentions that class oppression might be followed back to clashes between economic classes, in which the ruling class tries to exploit the lower class in any way they can to maximize their economic profit. Marx classified two different kinds of classes in society: the bourgeoisie, who own the means of production, and the working class, who must offer their own labor power. At some point, the members of the working class will unite together against the bourgeoisie class to equalize the society. Marx’s theory about class also provides us with a solution for ending class oppression. If we can eliminate economic inequality, we can eliminate class oppression.

According to Gidden, we can explain inequality by using “intersectionality.” Inequality may be viewed as the intersection between racism, patriarchy, class oppression, and other discrimination. He believes that each set of different discriminations intersect with each other. In other words, oppression is a big set which contains different subsets such as gender oppression, racial oppression, and class oppression. Each subset relates to each other in an intersecting relationship.

Combining Marx’s theories about class and “intersectionality”, I believe that if class oppression can be eliminated by economic inequality, and if we can prove that each subset of oppression set could be eliminated by economic inequality, we can eliminate oppression in our society.

1. Gender oppression is caused by economic inequality. In many countries, a man’s salary is often greater than a woman’s salary. The result is that the majority of women in that country choose to stay home to do housework and take care of children, while men earn more than enough money to cover for the family. If there is no gap between men’s income and women’s income, then there will be more women in the workforce and gender oppression will not happen.
2. Racial oppression is caused by economic inequality. Everyone knows that many African-American ancestors in the U.S. were slaves, which were the property of slave owners. The slaves were exploited by their owners. Although slavery ended with the Civil War almost two centuries ago, its effect did not disappear. However, it supports a solid form of racist conviction that impacts American society today. I believe that if slavery had not happened and if people in different races had the same economic level, then racial oppression could be eliminated in our society today.
3. Recall that according to Marx’s theory about class, there are two classes in our society, which are the bourgeoisie class and working class. The working class does all of the hard work, but earn no or less profit, while the bourgeoisie class does not do the hard work but maximizes their profit by exploiting the working class. It is impossible for anyone in the working class to change their status, because if one is a child of a working class member, he/she will still be in the working class. The only way to eliminate this class oppression is to overthrow the bourgeoisie. When everyone has the same economic opportunity, there will be no class oppression in our society.

In conclusion, economic inequality could lead to different forms of oppression. To completely eliminate oppression, it is inevitable to create a society in which people are equally in economic opportunity. To do this, we need to educate our next generation about the importance of economic equality in eliminating oppression.