

I was hoping that I could find someone that would be more sympathetic to my issue, however I could not find someone to send my question/request to directly that I thought would be more open to it.

I do hope that my question is taken seriously and hopefully it is discussed even if I do not receive an answer directly.

A little bit about me before I get to my question. I am a black, hetero-sexual, christian, male. Depending on your language I have been described as metro-sexual.

I have read some of the information that is in the ethnic studies requirement and I am a bit concerned, that this will do more to facilitate certain types of hatred and division that we are seeing.

My question: How does being male trump all the other forms of suppression and discrimination. In the class, and in the community?

One example that I can think can be seen in the following (this is not the only example).

The term **Cisheteropatriarchy**

While there is some truth to what is being described here is my issue with the way that it maybe presented and has being acted upon by most people.

Me being a black male I am sure that most would agree with that with almost certainty someone in my past was a slave. If there is a discussion regarding thoughts about poverty, incarceration, education, etc. I am seen as a black that has been discriminated against. If I have the mentality that as a black I am physically better than whites there is simply the discussion that this is a carry over of the discussion from when blacks were slaves.

However in all other discussions I somehow lose the protection of being black and coming from slaves and am suddenly become the person of power and influence because I am a straight male. How many times have I seen in social media or other outlets that talk about men complaining regarding about the issues in terms of child custody etc., and they end by saying we made the laws and instituted the culture. I then think that were not blacks slaves at this time in history was happening how did black males have any voice in the changes that were made.

How about the fact that one of the major feminist groups supported the very culture that we have now. There is a lot that I could say yet do not want to turn this into a tirade.

I do hope that this question is considered

Sincerely;

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