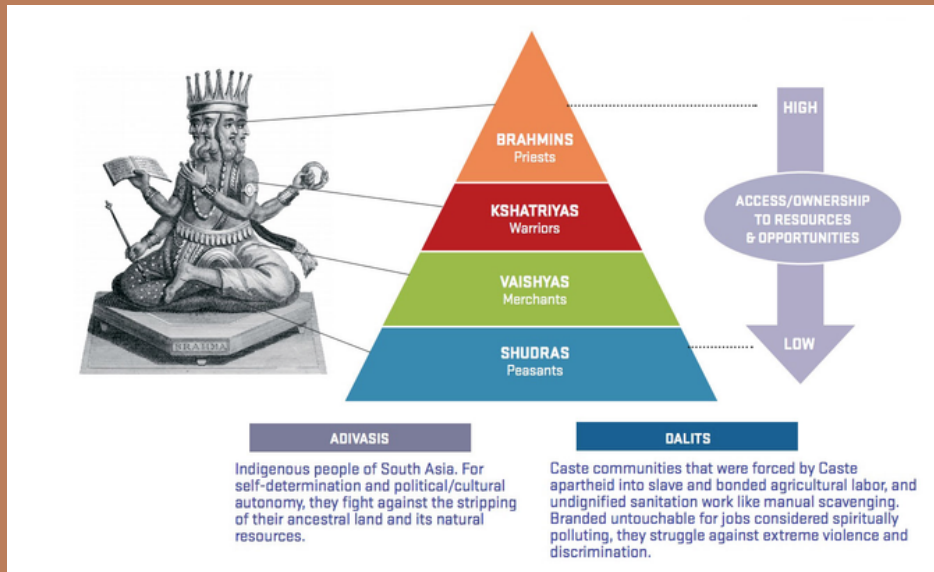


HOW CAN BLACK-DALIT FEMINIST SOLIDARITY CREATE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TRANSFORMATION?

Hi friends! My name is G and I'm a college freshman earning my B.S. in Behavioral Neuroscience and a minor in Psychology. The topic of my zine is about the solidarity of Black-Dalit feminists and the impact they have on the social justice movement. We are going to explore the similarities in oppression and activism between the Dalit liberation and the Black Lives Matter Movement. I hope my zine is either educational and/or informational. **Thanks for reading! :)**



There is a parallel between racial inequality in the United States against black people and caste inequality in South Asia. Caste and race have been used to create a divide society in different ways. Both groups of people are viewed as immutable and unchangeable in their each individual societies. The sociocultural caste system discriminates against Dalit people, or the "untouchables" because of their ranking. Skin color discrimination is very real and prominent against both Dalit and black people, and in a similar way. In both cases, there is a color prejudice against those with darker skin. For example, the racial violence and murders against black people is at the highest rate since 2008. Some known victims of police brutality and racially motivated homicide are George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright, Andre Hill, Manuel Ellis, Atatiana Jefferson and unfortunately many others. Being black in America gives you a permanent target on your back, especially from law enforcement. The same goes for Dalit people as they are constantly carrying shame and fear. Everyday 3 Dalit woman are raped and every hour a dalit is assaulted. Being Dalit or black in a hierarchical society means you will be treated as though your life is expendable.

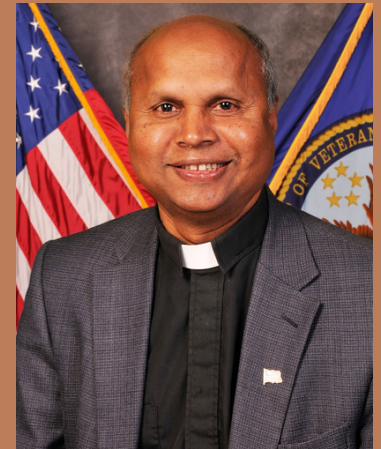


Both of these marginalized groups have been forced into this structured categorical discrimination. Race is essentially a socially constructed category that you are born into that will define your demographic. Similarly, one is born into their family caste that will control almost every aspect of your life, including how others treat you.

How can the democracies of the United States and India learn and work together to combat these racial issues? These two nations could take a trauma informed approach and support minority rights at an international level. Openly and actively providing support, tolerance, pluralism, and inclusion is a great first step in fighting back against exclusion and discrimination based on caste and race.



Here is an example of 2 casteist and racist people who ignore and reinforce the systemic racist oppression. Justice for the oppressed continues despite their measures.



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