



Activism

Unit 5

WGSS 263

- State
- Institution
- Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
- Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
- Sonia Sotomayor
- “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT)
- 19th Amendment
- Jeannette Rankin
- Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP)

Important Terms: State, Law, Policy

- Involvement in action to bring about change, be it social, political, environmental, or other change.



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Activism>



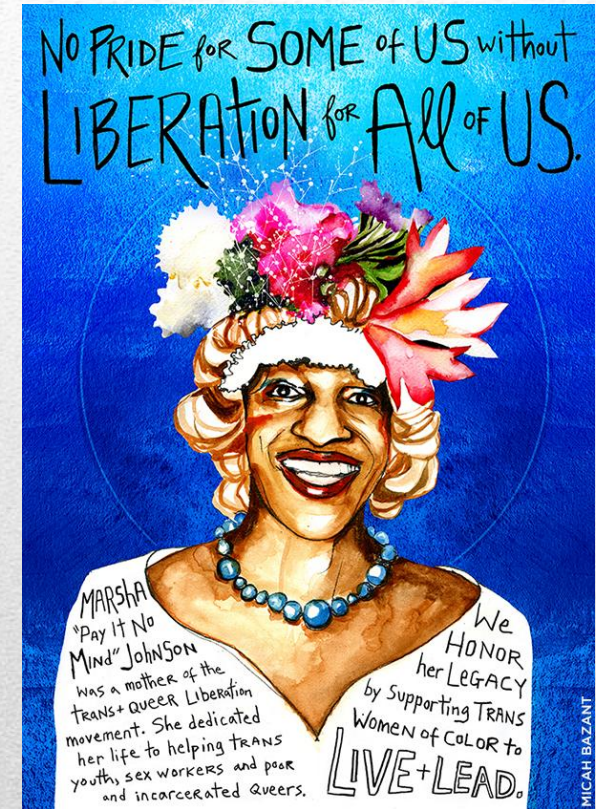
<https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/2016/05/09/disability-activism-in-the-uk-interview-with-merry-cross/>



<http://www.abcfoxmontana.com/story/32212689/lgbt-islam-communities-in-missoula-begin-healing>



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<http://www.micahbazant.com/marsha-p-johnson/>

What is Activism?

- Missoula City Council Members Stacy Rye and Dave Strohmaier
- For their work promoting equality by cosponsoring Missoula's nondiscrimination ordinance which now protects the city's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population

2010 Montana ACLU Jeannette Rankin Civil Liberties Award Winners



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menstrual_cup



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<https://projectgirlspire.com/2016/03/10/knitting-is-not-domestic-its-feminist/>



<http://qz.com/706232/photos-orlandos-shooting-victims-were-remembered-last-night-even-where-being-gay-is-illegal/>

What else is activism?

- Women's sexuality, reproductive freedoms, the nature of marriage and family relationships, and the right to livelihood independent of men, and the right to affordable health care continue to be contested.
- Helps empower us to make change.

Why is feminist activism important?

- Talk with your friends about activities you take part or would like to take part in that could be defined as activism.
- Think about some of your friends, families, acquaintances and their activist work.

Are you an activist?

- Charlotte Bunch, “Not By Degrees: Feminist Theory and Education”
 1. Describing what exists
 2. Analyzing why that reality exists
 3. Determining what should exist
 4. Working to change what is into what should

How do we bring about change?

- Using the Head: Theories for Social Change—looking for explanations for social issues or problems (that's what WGSS does)
- Using the Heart: Visions for Social Change—imagining the world as you would like it to be
- Using the Hands: Action for Social Change—developing strategies and goals and actions to achieve that vision

How do we bring about change?

- Imagine the world as you would like it to be.
- Jot down a few of your visions.
- Pick 1 or 2 of your visions and research them
 - Are there groups already doing that work?
 - If so, how can you get involved?
 - If no one is doing that work, how do you take the first step?

Using the Heart: Visions for Social Change

- Choose a feminist organization and analyze the underlying theories of that organization.
 - SARC
 - WRC
 - YWCA
 - Women's Voices for the Earth
 - Etc.

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