

how climate change intersects & overlaps

Through climate justice, we recognize that the roots of climate change are tied up with the roots of multiple oppressions. Colonialism, capitalism, white supremacy, and patriarchy are some of the organizing principles that fuel climate change. Make some extra notes beside each section demonstrating how climate change intersects and overlaps.

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Climate Change as an 2SLGBTQ+ Issue

- The impacts of climate change disproportionately affect those who are already marginalized across the world, including 2SLGBTQ+ people.
- Times of crisis can see already-marginalized folks become even further marginalized.
- Trans people, especially trans people of colour, face heightened suffering at all stages of the natural disasters which are becoming more frequent in our changing climate.

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Climate Change as an Affordable Housing Issue

- Homeless people are particularly vulnerable to the erratic weather events brought by climate change.
- To intersect with point #1, in Canada 25-40% of homeless youth in Canada identify as 2SLGBTQ+
- Natural disasters and the climate crisis have enormous impacts on the enjoyment of the right to housing, with exponential increases in these effects anticipated in decades to come.

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Climate Change as a Women's Issue

- According to the United Nations Development Programme, 80% of people displaced by climate change are women, and women are more likely to die or be harmed because of extreme weather or natural disasters.
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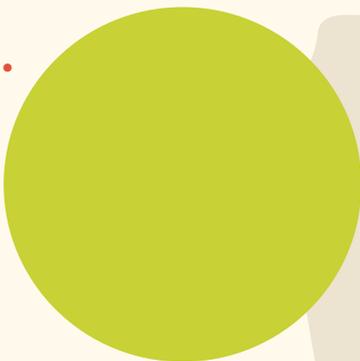
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Climate Change as a Race issue

- Environmental racism is a form of systemic racism, rather than individual racism. That means it is the result of institutional policies and practices, rather than individual beliefs and actions.
- Across Canada, toxic dumps, polluting projects, risky pipelines, and tainted drinking water disproportionately hurt Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities.
- In Toronto, researchers found soil contamination, waste sites, industrial land use, and more disproportionately hurt areas that are home to racialized communities, recent immigrants, and people with low incomes.
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