

SSS100.1947 Group Activity #8 – On Solidarity, due May 22 by 9pm

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The concept of Solidarity can be defined as “an awareness of shared interests, objectives, standards, and sympathies creating a sense of unity of groups or classes.” The development of feelings of solidarity, bringing individuals together to engage with each other and act in common interest for change, is foundational to building social movements.

The following quotes from social movement leaders provide a variety of perspectives about the meaning of solidarity. Choose the one quote that most agrees with your own way of thinking. Copy that quote into the google doc. (Don't forget to also provide your name!) Explain why you selected that quote and believe it captures the best approach to building solidarity within an intersectional framework. Also reply to the comment of another group member. And while not required for this assignment, go ahead and find out more about your movement leader!

Quotes about Solidarity (alphabetical by last name):

1. “Solidarity does not assume that our struggles are the same struggles, or that our pain is the same pain, or that our hope is for the same future. Solidarity involves commitment, and work, as well as the recognition that even if we do not have the same feelings, or the same lives, or the same bodies, we do live on common ground.” **Sara Ahmed**
2. “In Unity there is strength;
We can move mountains when we're united and enjoy life -
Without unity we are victims. Stay united.” **Bill Bailey**
3. “If we know, then we must fight for your life as though it were our own-which it is-and render impassable with our bodies the corridors to the gas chamber. For if they come for you in the morning, they will be coming for us that night.” **James Baldwin**
4. “I don't believe in charity. I believe in solidarity. Charity is so vertical. It goes from the top to the bottom. Solidarity is horizontal. It respects the other person. I have a lot to learn from other people.” **Eduardo Galeano**
5. “We've got to face the fact that some people say you fight fire best with fire, but we say you put fire out best with water. We say you don't fight racism with racism. We're gonna fight racism with solidarity.” **Fred Hampton**
6. “Solidarity is not the same as support. To experience solidarity, we must have a community of interests, shared beliefs and goals around which to unite, to build Sisterhood. Support can be occasional. It can be given and just as easily withdrawn. Solidarity requires sustained, ongoing commitment.” **Bell Hooks**

7. "My friends, it is solidarity of labor we want. We do not want to find fault with each other, but to solidify our forces and say to each other: We must be together; our masters are joined together and we must do the same thing." **Mother Jones**
8. "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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