



To work for liberation, we need to fight for the freedom of Palestinians from Israeli occupation (that means Israel's illegal control and violence in Palestine), and their freedom to go back to their homes and live with peace and autonomy.

right now, two groups of people facing oppression are Palestinians and queer people. their experiences of oppression are not the SAME, but they are connected and part of the same fight for liberation.

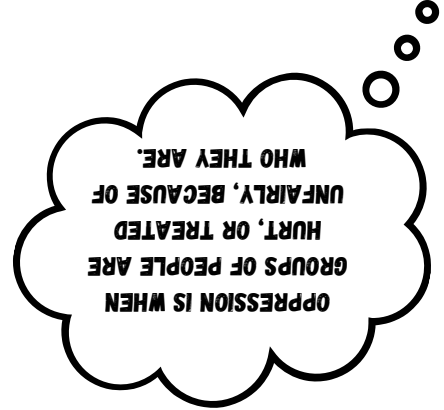
CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OF THESE GROUPS?

there are lots of groups of people who have been treated unfairly because of who they are, both now and throughout history.



Liberation is the opposite of oppression. It is when all people are able to live with things like safety, autonomy (that means the ability to make choices for yourself), and community, and to have their needs met. All real work for liberation is based on the idea that NO ONE is better or more worthy than anyone else. that idea means that we need to work against oppression in ALL its forms.

All oppression is based on the idea that certain people are better or more worthy than others (which is not true). that idea has created many systems that oppress groups of people.



To work for liberation, we need to fight for the freedom of queer and trans people to live in safety, and to express their genders and sexualities in ways that feel good to them.



And to work for liberation, we need to fight for the freedom of queer and trans Palestinians – those in Palestine and those living all around the world!

OPPRESSION FOR ONE GROUP CAN NEVER LEAD TO REAL FREEDOM FOR ANOTHER GROUP.

NO ONE IS FREE UNTIL WE ARE ALL FREE!

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OUR LIBERATION IS CONNECTED



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WHAT IS PINKWASHING?

(more info for older kids and grown-ups)

Pinkwashing is when Israel (the government occupying Palestine) tells the world that they care about the freedom of queer and trans people, to try to distract from how they are oppressing Palestinians. Israel also says that Palestinians – and Arabs more generally – are homophobic (that means hateful toward queer people), to try to justify their oppression of Palestinians.

Once we recognize pinkwashing, we can see that it is

WRONG

For one thing, by saying that Palestinians and Arabs are homophobic, Israel is spreading prejudiced ideas (that means ideas that say something bad about all members of a certain group).

Pinkwashing also makes it sound like there are no queer Palestinians, which is not true! Queer Palestinians live in Palestine and in other places around the world. They are being oppressed by Israel, like all Palestinians.

PINKWASHING IS WRONG FOR ANOTHER REASON TOO: WHEN ISRAEL OPPRESSES PALESTINIANS, THEY ARE SUPPORTING THE SAME IDEAS AND SYSTEMS THAT OPPRESS QUEER AND TRANS PEOPLE.

As we know, all oppression comes from the false idea that some people are better than others. People use this idea to take lots of power and money, and then they build systems (like governments, schools, and police forces) that help them keep their own power and money while stopping other people from getting those things. Recently, certain powerful people decided that they would support the rights of some queer people – but usually not queer people who are also brown, Black, Arab, Muslim, poor, or disabled (and many others). By doing this, they are not changing the false idea that some people are better than others OR changing the systems that benefit them and harm others. Instead, they are allowing a few more people to benefit, while keeping many, many others out.