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Learn By Teaching Assignment

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### Intersectionality

For my learn by teaching assignment I decided to create a piece of art that explores the concept of intersectionality. The term intersectionality is one that we explored as a class in early February. Before this class I knew about the term intersectionality however I feel as though I only understood it on a surface level. Intersectionality was created to solve the assumption that people who belong to the same identity category all have the same interests. In my piece, I tried to convey the idea of women with multiple intersecting identities. For example, saying that all women are affected by patriarchy in the same way. When this assumption is made, it is consequently assumed that one change will be able to fix the problem for all women. However, what I hope that is conveyed from my piece is that women have several intersecting identities. Some of which you can note physically while others, you would have no idea that they exist. What stuck out most to me in the lecture on intersectionality, which made me choose to do this piece, was that what benefits one person in a given category may not benefit another person. I feel as though this is the most important concept to understand about intersectionality. I specifically wanted to showcase that multiple marginalized people cannot be helped as individual identities and instead we need to see the entire problem. This being said, policy solutions need to be proposed that work across gender, sexual orientations, immigration status, disability, race, etc. As well, our identities are the driving factor in most (probably all) social movements. This being

said, our intersecting identities should always be taken into consideration when new policy is being developed. As well, a hidden message in my infographic is that you should not judge a book by its cover, someone could be multiply marginalized and you might have no idea from their physical appearance. Additionally I chose to make my piece about women because historically they have been more marginalized than men have been. Although, that is not to say that men cannot be affected (have been affected) in the same way.

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No such thing as  
"One SIZE fits ALL."