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What is Disability Justice?

Disability justice is a framework and movement that goes beyond disability rights to center the lives, leadership, and liberation of disabled people who are also queer, trans, Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Created by disabled BIPOC activists like Sins Invalid, disability justice recognizes that ableism is intertwined with racism, capitalism, colonialism, and gender oppression. It values collective care, interdependence, access, and wholeness, not productivity or assimilation. At its core, disability justice demands a world where all bodies and minds are valued, where access is love, and where no one is disposable.



10 Principles of Disability Justice

by Sins Invalid



1. **Intersectionality:** We do not live single-issue lives. Ableism is connected to racism, classism, sexism, colonialism, homophobia, transphobia, and more. Our identities shape how we experience disability.
2. **Leadership of the Most Impacted:** Those most affected by systems of oppression such as disabled people who are Black, brown, queer, trans, low-income, and immigrants should be leading our movements.
3. **Anti-Capitalist Politics:** Capitalism values people based on their ability to contribute to the economy through work. Disability justice rejects this. Our worth is inherent, not dependent on productivity, independence, or compliance with systems.
4. **Commitment to Cross-Movement Solidarity:** We stand in solidarity with other justice movements, including those focused on racial justice, reproductive justice, gender liberation, environmental justice, and other causes. None of us is free unless all of us are free.
5. **Recognizing Wholeness:** All people are whole. Our abilities or limitations do not define us. Every person has worth, knowledge, and contribution, regardless of what we can or cannot do.
6. **Sustainability:** We reject the culture of burnout. Our movements must be built in ways that sustain disabled people and all people. We value rest, pacing, care, and long-term participation over urgency.
7. **Commitment to Cross-Disability Solidarity:** We support one another across various types of disabilities, including physical, sensory, cognitive, psychiatric, chronic, and invisible conditions. No disability is more valid than another.
8. **Interdependence:** We are not meant to do everything alone. Interdependence is a radical alternative to forced independence. It values community, mutual care, and supportive relationships.
9. **Collective Access:** Access is not an individual responsibility. It's something we build together. We ask, listen, adapt, and create environments where everyone can participate.
10. **Collective Liberation:** Our fight is Not Just for People with Disabilities. It's for the liberation of all people. Disability justice is part of a broader vision of justice and freedom that uplifts all communities.



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10 Historical and Modern Figures

1. **Audre Lorde (she/her) - Writer, Professor, Intersectional Feminist, and Civil Rights Activist**
2. **Bobbie Lea Bennett (she/her) - Disability and Transgender Rights Activist**
3. **Frida Kahlo (she/her) - Artist, Political Activist**
4. **Imani Barbarin (she/her) - Writer, Public Speaker, Content Creator, and Disability Rights Activist**
5. **Aariana Rose Philip (she/her) - Model, Artist, and Author**
6. **Ryan O' Connel (he/him) - Writer, Actor, Director, Comedian, and Disability Rights Activist**
7. **Chella Man (they/them) - Actor, Model, YouTuber, and LGBTQ+ Activist**
8. **Andrew Gurza (they/he) - Writer, Podcaster, and Disability Activist,**



Disability Pride Flag

Therapy

by Audre Lorde

Trying to see you
my eyes grow
confused
it is not your face
they are seeking
fingering through your spaces
like a hungry child
even now
I do not want
to make a poem
I want to make you
more and less
a part from my self



Throw Away Ableism



Pride is ACCESS.

Resources

Advocacy

- New Disabled South
- Georgia Advocacy Office (GAO)
- disABILITY LINK

Legal Services

- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- NAMI Georgia



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