

*Intersectionality* declares that the degree of oppression you experience is compounded by the number of oppressed groups of which you are a member. If you're a straight white male, you're not a member of any oppressed groups and are an oppressor. If you're a woman you're oppressed; if you're a black woman you're *really* oppressed; and if you're a black lesbian you are *really, really* oppressed! Thus, the more of these marginalized groups you're part of, the more abused and mistreated you are, and the more empowered you need to become to throw off the shackles that have kept you trapped and imprisoned.