

The Relationship of Sexism to Other Forms of Oppression

	PEOPLE OF COLOR	OLD PEOPLE & CHILDREN	POOR PEOPLE	LESBIANS & GAYS	JEWISH PEOPLE	WOMEN
Isolation	Redlining. Lack of police protections and social service response	High rises become ghettos. Separate medical care.	Housing projects. No access to transportation, childcare.	Forced to stay closeted. Some neighborhoods unsafe.	Excluded from clubs and communities. Quota systems defined which jobs were allowed	Need a man for protection. Women out alone are whores.
Emotional Abuse	Racist language. Called lazy. Whites deny worth of other cultures. Ridicule other language.	Ignored. Ideas not listened to. Talked about while present as if they weren't in room. Patronized.	Blamed for their poverty. Considered lazy.	Viewed as sexual perverts. Public Taunting.	Stereotyped. Anti-Semitic remarks.	Called names. Treated as sex objects. Called dumb.
Economic Abuse	Last hired. Poor paying jobs. First laid off.	Low priority for government funding. Mail fraud schemes aimed at old people.	Welfare regulations keep people down. Use fact that they need money to invade their lives.	Discrimination in employment.	Corporate environment is anti-Jewish.	Low paying jobs, paid less than a man for the same job.
Sexual Abuse	Pornography racist. No protection from rape. Seen as sex machines.	High incidence in care facilities for old and young. Children exploited in pornography, incest.	Less police protection.	Accused of child molestation. Ridiculed as not being "real" men or women.	Male attitudes toward Jewish girls as prime to be used sexually.	Rape, incest, marital rape, pornography.
Privilege of Status	Access to school and job. Assumption that white culture is only one that exists.	Non-income producing, thus, non-productive, thus, not part of the mainstream.	Middle-class values seen as most valid and important.	Heterosexuality is openly displayed; considered flaunting by gays.	Non-recognition of Jewish holidays; assumption of Christianity.	Subservient to men. Bible used as a tool to keep women in their place.
Threats	Police brutality.	Threat of violence. Complaints not taken seriously.	Social workers threaten to terminate benefits.	Police harassment.	Swastikas painted on Synagogues.	Threats of harm.
Using Children	Less investigation needed to terminate parental rights.		Welfare threatens to take children to gain compliance.	Taken away in custody battles.		Economic security bargained away in exchange for custody in divorce.
Intimidation	Police stops and checks. More arrests.	Elderly fear being out at night. Easy targets.	Court system works differently for those who can't afford attorneys.	Homophobia rarely challenged publicly. AIDS seen as homosexual disease.		Police don't protect women.
Violence	Genocide, lynching, "Trail of Tears," police brutality	Spanking. Sexually abusing kids. Mugging elders.	Hospitals won't admit critically ill. Slum buildings burn, killing people.	Gay bashing. Gay killings.	Burn Synagogues. Destroy Jewish. Denial of Holocaust. "Night of Broken Glass."	Battering, rape.

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