

MARXISM AND DIVISION

This video linked below was produced by the Academy of Ideas and nicely explores how Marxism promulgates victim classes through dividing by race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, cultural class, and normality among other things. Much of the content of this PowerPoint is taken from this brilliant video. Click the link below to listen.

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Marxist Mad-Libs!

(or how to use the marxist conflict paradigm to divide and destroy anything!)



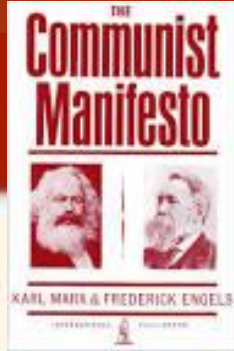
Marxism creates victim class of most any group by dividing society into winners and losers

► Karl Marx set out a conflict paradigm of dividing society into winners and losers and framing society as a zero-sum game to accelerate revolution. He used economic class as the wedge of division, but that isn't the only way you can divide people and turn them on each other - almost any characteristic or stratification which exists in society can and has been used: Race, gender, sexuality, even health, weight or normality.

► This conflict paradigm shows up in almost every activist movement these days and the narrative that fuels the conflict is essentially a repeat of Marx's original assertion, so much so that you can play a game of "Mad-Libs" with them and see how they all fit the pattern.



Starting with the **Communist Manifesto** direct from the mouths of Carl Marx and Friedrich Engels and note the key words which can then be replaced by any “idea” that seeks to create classes of **winners and losers**.



The Marxism Manifesto! Revolutionary Philosophy

The Bourgeoisie constructed an idea called Economic class. Being Bourgeoisie gives one access to a special kind of property called capital/wealth privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are the proletariat are excluded from these benefits.

The Bourgeoisie created an ideology called Capitalism to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called liberalism. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your Economic class. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve capital/wealth while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence

society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Marxism is to awaken Economic class consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in Bourgeoisie allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

The strategy is to identify the answers to these seven questions, insert them into the manifesto and you will birth a new victim ideology.

It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): _____
- Who are The Winners? _____
- Who are The Losers? _____
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) _____
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: Try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor) _____
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: Try adding "systemic" before your ideology) _____
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? _____

From the Communist Manifesto itself

It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Economic Class
- Who are The Winners? The Bourgeoisie
- Who are The Losers? The Proletariat
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) wealth/capital
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Capitalism
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Liberalism
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Marxism



It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Cultural Class
- Who are The Winners? The Elites
- Who are The Losers? The Lower Class
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) Status Quo
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Classism
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Hegemony
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Neo-Marxism

Italian neo-Marxist, Antonio Gramsci divides by **social class**. Gramsci is best known for his theory of **cultural hegemony**, which describes how the state and ruling capitalist class – the **bourgeoisie** – use cultural institutions to maintain power in capitalist societies.

From Antonio Gramsci's answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **social class!**

The *Neo-Marxist* Manifesto! Revolutionary Philosophy

The Elite
The Winners constructed an idea called Cultural class
The Dividing Factor. Being Elite
A Winner gives one access to a special kind of property called Status quo
The Status Marker privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are The lower class
The Losers are excluded from these benefits.

The elite
The Winners created an ideology called Classism
The Ideology to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Hegemony
The System. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your Cultural class
The Dividing Factor. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves

because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve The status quo
The Status Marker while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of neo-marxism
Revolutionary Philosophy is to awaken

Cultural class
The Dividing Factor consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in elite
A Winner allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

Divide by Race – Derrick Bell, an American lawyer, professor, and civil rights activist who inspired **Critical Race Theory**



It's time to criticize and conquer!

Picture in picture

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Race
- Who are The Winners? Whites
- Who are The Losers? People of Color
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) Whiteness
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Racism
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Systemic Racism
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Critical Race Theory



From Derrick Bell's answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **race**.

The ^{Critical} Race Theory Manifesto! Revolutionary Philosophy

Whites
The Winners

constructed an idea called Race
The Dividing Factor

Being White
A Winner

gives one access to a special kind of property called Whiteness
The Status Marker

privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are People of color
The Losers

are excluded from these benefits.

Whites
The Winners

created an ideology called Racism
The Ideology

to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Systemic racism
The System

This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your RACE
The Dividing Factor

. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve whiteness
The Status Marker

while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Race Theory
Critical
Revolutionary Philosophy

is to awaken Race
The Dividing Factor

consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in white
A Winner

allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

Divide by **gender** as proffered by Simone de Beauvoir who was a philosopher, novelist, feminist, public intellectual and activist, and one of the major figures in existentialism in post-war France. She is best known for her work in feminist philosophy.



It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Gender
- Who are The Winners? Men
- Who are The Losers? Women
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) Maleness
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Patriarchy
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Systemic Patriarchy
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Marxist Feminism

From Simone de Beauvoir's answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **Gender**

The Marxist Feminist Manifesto!
Revolutionary Philosophy

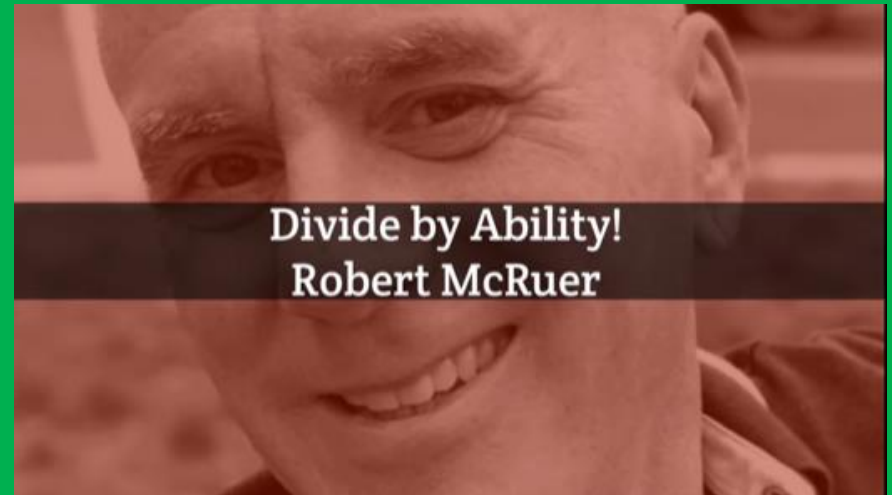
Men constructed an idea called Gender. Being A man gives one access to a special kind of property called Male privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are Women are excluded from these benefits.

The Winners The Dividing Factor A Winner
The Status Marker The Losers

Men created an ideology called Patriarchy to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Systemic Patriarchy. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your gender. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve Male privilege while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Marxist Feminism is to awaken gender consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in male allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

The Winners The Ideology The System
The Dividing Factor The Status Marker
Revolutionary Philosophy A Winner

Robert McRuer, George Washington English professor, champions how to divide by **ability**.



It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Disability
- Who are The Winners? The Abled
- Who are The Losers? Disabled / Crippled
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) Ability
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Ableism
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Medicalism
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Crip Theory

From George McRuer's answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **Ability**

The Crip Theory Manifesto! Revolutionary Philosophy

The Abled
The Winners constructed an idea called Disability
The Dividing Factor. Being Abled
A Winner gives one access to a special kind of property called ability
The Status Marker privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are Disabled / crippled
The Losers are excluded from these benefits.

The Abled
The Winners created an ideology called Ableism
The Ideology to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Medicalism
The System. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is

irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure,

which is entirely determined by your Ability
The Dividing Factor. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves

because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve Ability privilege
The Status Marker while those in

the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence

society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Crip Theory
Revolutionary Philosophy is to awaken

Disability
The Dividing Factor consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in Abled
A Winner allies who will

become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

Divide by body acceptance
promulgated by Judy
Freespirit who was an
activist, writer, and
performer and who was one
of the earliest members of
the **fat acceptance**
movement



It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Fatness
- Who are The Winners? The Thin
- Who are The Losers? The Fat
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) Ideal weight / thin
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) Weightism / Fatphobia
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Medicalism
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Fat Studies

From Judy Freespirit's answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **Fat Acceptance**

The Fat Studies Manifesto! Revolutionary Philosophy

The Thin
The Winners constructed an idea called Fatness
The Dividing Factor. Being Thin
A Winner gives one access to a special kind of property called Thin
The Status Marker privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are Fat
The Losers are excluded from these benefits.

The Thin
The Winners created an ideology called Weightism/
Fatphobia
The Ideology to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Medicalism
The System. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your Fatness
The Dividing Factor. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve Thin Privilege
The Status Marker while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Fat Studies
Revolutionary Philosophy is to awaken Fat
The Dividing Factor consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in Thin
A Winner allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.

Divide by Critical Passing Theory – to include trans-acceptance.

It's time to criticize and conquer!

- Think of a way to divide people (the Dividing Factor): Passing
- Who are The Winners? Passing
- Who are The Losers? Non-passing
- What gives winners their status? (the Status Marker) acceptance
- What is the Ideology that enables this? (hint: try adding "-ism" to the dividing factor or status marker) pass-ism
- What is the System that enables the ideology? (hint: try adding "systemic" before your ideology) Systemic Pass-ism
- What do you call your Revolutionary Philosophy? Critical Passing Theory

From Critical Passing Theory answers to the seven questions, we can plug-and-play into the Communist Manifesto and voila – a new class of winners and losers using **Passing**

The Critical Passing Theory Manifesto!
Revolutionary Philosophy

The Passing
The Winners constructed an idea called Passing
The Dividing Factor. Being passing
A Winner gives one access to a special kind of property called passing
The Status Marker privilege. The oppressed underclass, which are non-passing
The Losers are excluded from these benefits.

The Passing
The Winners created an ideology called pass-ism
The Ideology to maintain/justify this state of affairs. It permeates and structures society. This structure is called Systemic Pass-ism
The System. This structure is determinant, which means your individual identity is irrelevant. Who you are, what you can think, your character - all of this is determined by your position within this structure, which is entirely determined by your Passing
The Dividing Factor. This ideology is mythological - a false story that everyone tells themselves because they believe it like a religion. Thus the oppressor class are made to believe they deserve Passing Privilege
The Status Marker while those in the oppressed class are brainwashed to accept this. Those in the underclass, the infrastructure, have no ability to influence society. Only those in the upper class, the superstructure, have this power. The goal of Critical Passing Theory
Revolutionary Philosophy is to awaken Passing
The Dividing Factor consciousness in the underclass, so that they may agitate for it to also awaken in passing
A Winner allies who will become the vanguard in a revolution to overthrow the existing society and replace it with a system that has no such faults.



Closing thoughts

► I am not suggesting that we treat any one group or class differently, oppressively, or unkindly. Rather, I am of the opinion that this exaggerated need to create classes of winners and losers in anything and everything based on a Marxist philosophy of the oppressed and the oppressors is myopic and only divides us more and, in the end, we only create more division and pain. It erodes trust and destroys the traditions and institutions that our society needs to survive. Moreover, the self-perceived oppressed often use oppressive means to further their cause which is the epitome of hypocrisy.