

Education equity and what the school system refuses to teach



Intro & Overview

Welcoming & Intro 1:00-1:05

First breakout 1:05-1:20

Share-out 1:20-1:25ish

Chain of Command 1:25-1:30

Big topics 1:30-1:50

Closing 1:50-2:00

Reminders

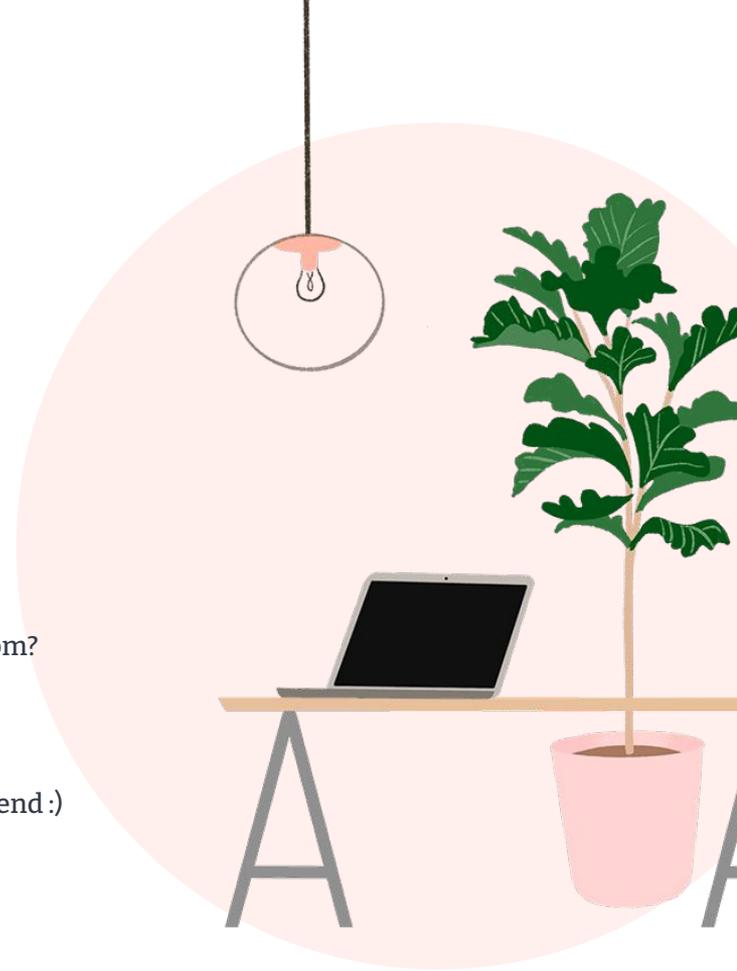
- if anything needs to be explained more put it in the chat!
- if we need to slow down or if wifi problems make us choppy, feel free to say something
- while having discussions it's important to have a respectful environment even when we disagree. An easy way to do this is to disagree with the idea, not the person.



Break out rooms !

- Introduce yourselves! Name and pronouns + your grade and school
- How has your educational experience been so far?
- Do you feel like your education includes the voices of all identities?
- What is a time in your life when you felt left out of the conversation in the classroom?
- What does education equity mean to you?

Note- please choose one person from each room to share out with the whole group at the end :)



Breakout room share-out

Chain of command in education

The curriculum at specific schools is decided by a chosen team of parents, educators, and community members and passed down to teachers

State requirements

School boards

EA's

Teachers

Students

Each state has a certain set of requirements that **MUST** be taught to each grade level. This is loosely based on college expectations and job applications.

When it comes down to it, teachers are the ones who decide what to make their lessons about.



Representation of immigrants

The superiority complex white Americans have is undeniable. What's also undeniable, is the xenophobia (which is undoubtedly fueled by racism) in this country specifically towards Mexican immigrants. Political opinions on immigrants directly influence the education students receive, therefore molding young people's minds to have biases. Immigrants are often portrayed as job-stealers, drug lords, and even terrorists when at the end of the day they are families or individuals commonly seeking religious freedom, peace, safe housing, and education. These ideologies that are taught are taught to 1st and 2nd generation immigrants and is incredibly harmful.



What would you like to see in terms of education on the history and future of immigrants

LGBTQ+ history

LGBTQ history in the United States is full of riots, protests, hate crimes, resilient pride, and most importantly, two queer women of color; Marsha P. Johnson, and Sylvia Rivera. There is an huge amount of stigma around queer history and sex ed and it's clear that some older generations have the mindset that if something isn't taught, young people will forget it exists. Not only is it important to teach the history of lgbtq+ people, it is crucial to teach sex ed that isnt exclusive to cisgender, heterosexual people. This will quite literally be ensuring that queer futures exist and exist safely.

What is LGBTQ history and sex ed like at your school? Is there any? what would you like to see change?



Gender & sexuality education (heterosexual edition)

piggybacking off the topic of LGBTQ sex ed, even heterosexual, cisgendered, gender and sexuality education is extremely questionable. These conversations almost always enforce a gender binary by splitting up what people are taught based on their assigned gender at birth (which may not correlate with their gender). Not only does this cause discomfort to gender queer students, it leads to a very dangerous lack of anatomical knowledge, stigmatization of menstruation (ex. Men and nonbinary folks with uteruses), re-enforcing rape culture, demonizing sexuality for non-males, and ignoring the sexual safety of women and femme people.

Leftism

Leftism is by far one of the most avoided subjects in a school setting and is often completely ignored to the point that the right is seen as the one and only wing in most schools. Leftism, communism, and socialism are looked down upon in schools and usually aren't in social studies textbooks until high school, if even. Instilling a fear of leftism in students creates generations of capitalism reliant people and regurgitates the narrative that our main goal in life must be to earn a living wage, work for corporations that exploit their employees, and raise families who will do the same.



What do you wish you were taught about leftism?

Black Amerikkka

History of Black America and Black American contributions to our society is often ignored and overlooked. Issues like slavery and racism are swept under the rug - while larger affects of them are ignored. Benjamin Banneker invented the first striking clock in America, Thurgood Marshall was the first Black Supreme Court Justice, Billie Holiday was one of the world's most acclaimed Blue's singers. Ignoring these contributions has added to racism and the lack of confidence Black youth are able to have when their history is erased.



What do
you know
about
redlining?

Redlining

In 1933 there was a housing shortage so the federal government began a program to increase — and segregate — America's housing stock. This began redlining which essentially provided homes to white, middle and high class families. This segregated low-income and people of color from everyone else - which affected schooling. Segregationist policies deeply affected Black families and black youth went to schools in low-income neighborhoods - thus leading to poor education.



“Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future

-Maria Montessori





Takeaways

What did you learn? What are you
curious about?

“ Thanks for
attending our
workshop!

