The Lack of Intersectionality: A Moral Inconsistency of the Animal Rights Movement
Animals? Go fight for humans!
Racism + Misanthropy

Sexism + Misanthropy

Misanthropy

FIGHTING OPPRESSION WITH OPPRESSION

I WOULD LOVE TO BE THERE I WOULD PUT BOMBS TO KILL ALL THESE SICK PEOPLE

Yulin dog meat festival is June 21. Dogs, many who were abducted from a loving home, will be tortured in various ways. Skinned alive, boiled alive, blowtorched alive, beaten to death.... The list goes on. This is not a debate about what different cultures eat; this is about the cruelty and barbaric methods used for their festival. It is time for...

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STATISTICS SHOW THAT ANIMAL ABUSERS

COMMIT LESS ABUSE AFTER THEY’VE BEEN SHOT
FIGHTING OPPRESSION WITH OPPRESSION

Misanthropy

Racism + Misanthropy
No distinction of race
No distinction of class
No distinction of creed
No distinction of gender
No distinction of country
No distinction of species
For animal rights to be a movement that actually transforms relationships between humans and animals it needs to take seriously issues of race, class, and gender, and the ways these impact animal systems. Just like the transformations feminist and queer struggles have undergone as they crossed cultural boundaries, so must animal struggle change across these boundaries.

Kimberlé Crenshaw
ALL OPPRESSION IS CONNECTED!

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MURAL BY JIM CHUCHU

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WHY IMPLEMENT INTERSECTIONALITY

IT’S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION

CREATE A SAFER SPACE
"Honestly, at times it can feel like appropriation. White feminists have taken a word created by a Black woman to describe a concept that was (and still is) sorely missing in mainstream feminism and turned it into a buzzword. I see white feminists throwing around the word intersectionality all the time to gain brownie points but when it comes to putting that into practice, they have no idea what to do. It is amazingly frustrating to see that happen over and over again. I have no problem with white feminists using the word as long as they give credit where it's due and don't act like they invented it, and when it comes time to actually put it into practice they actually put in the work." - Gradient Lair
INTERNAL COMMITMENT

- Check Your Privilege
- Be Humble
- Safer Space Agreement
- Open Meetings, Panels
- Empower Activists to Have a Strong Voice
- Check Message, Idea with Other Groups
- Message Reflects Common Goals
- Growth Not Purity
SAFER SPACE AGREEMENT

Purpose
This Safer Space Agreement (SSA) exists to facilitate an immediate response to any oppressive actions by attendees of our events. Oppressive actions include but are not limited to: discriminatory words or behavior on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, class, size, ability, immigration status, sexuality, gender identity and/or gender expression, as well as promoting disrespect or violence towards any type of non-human animals.

Collectively Free’s mission and goals include building a community that is diverse, welcoming and inclusive. If at any given moment you have felt unsafe at one of our events, please reach out to any organizer to talk about it. We will promptly address the situation on your behalf, and we will retain your anonymity if you wish. We will do everything we can to reconcile, but if that fails or is not sufficient, we will remove the problematic individual(s) from our events.

We will then follow up in private and address all issues and concerns.

Expected Behavior From All Members of the Community
1. Be willing to learn about intersectionality.
2. Be aware of your own privileges and learn more about it.
3. Be willing to learn, listen and never speak in absolute terms.
4. Participate in an authentic and active way. In doing so, you contribute to the health and longevity of this community.
5. Exercite consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
6. Attempt collaboration before conflict.
7. Refrain from demeaning, discriminatoriy, or harassing behavior and speech.
8. Apologize if you exhibit behavior that is perceived as oppressive to another member of the group and learn from your mistake.
9. Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Alert community leaders if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this SSA, even if they seem inconsequential.
10. Do not make any assumptions on anyone’s religion, class, size, age, ability, sexuality, gender identity and/or gender expression, experiences, emotions, etc.
11. Avoid victim-blaming. Blaming on the victim instead of addressing the issue can cause serious repercussions. Saying things like “you provoked them,” “I think you’re exaggerating,” is unacceptable.
12. Avoid apologism. Apologizing for someone who is being oppressive, in other words, siding with the oppressor. Never say things like “I’m sure they didn’t mean to do that.” Instead, that the opportunity to have a constructive talk with the victim.
13. Avoid gaslighting. When people go as far as telling the victims that perhaps they are remembering it wrong, forcing them into a new reality that didn’t exist.

Unacceptable Behavior
Anyone engaging in the following behaviours with any of our members or non-members during our events will be asked to leave:
1. Physical, verbal, or psychological abuse
2. Sexual harassment, or any type of non consensual sexual behaviour
3. Intimidation or fear tactics.
4. Deliberate intimidation, stalking or following (online or in person).
5. Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behavior
6. Recurrent offensive behavior during or outside our events will result in a ban from our community.

Addressing Grievances
If you feel you have been falsely or unfairly accused of violating this Code of Conduct, you should notify any organizers with a concise description of your grievance. Your grievance will be handled in accordance with our existing governing policies.

Scope
We expect all community participants to abide by this SSA in all share venues, online and in-person, as well as in all one-on-one communications pertaining to community business. The SSA and its related procedures also applies to unacceptable behavior occurring outside the scope of share activities when such behavior has the potential to adversely affect the safety and well-being of community members.

Contact
If you have any questions or need clarification about our Safer Space Agreement, please get in touch with any international organizer at info@collectivelyfree.org or get in touch with your local organizer. You may request to speak with a specific organizer or request a specific gender with whom to speak.

NAME: ___________________________   SIGNATURE: _______________________________  DATE:__________________
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- Message reflects common goals
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GROWTH NOT PURITY
“YOUR” **MILK**  
**THEIR** **RAPE**

**Collectively Free**  
**Awareness & Action**
IS IT LEGAL TO EAT ME IF I WEAR BACON?
Eating Meat Got You Down?

FIGHT IMPOTENCE.

GO VEGETARIAN!

TO ORDER OUR FREE VEGETARIAN STARTER KIT, VISIT PETA.ORG.UK.

Chantelle Houghton for PETA
THEY ARE MONSTERS!!

THEY ARE JUST UNAWARE!
EXTERNAL COMMITMENT

- Apply Safer Space Agreement
- Active Ally to Other Groups
- Active Volunteer
- Pro-Intersectional Actions
CELEBRATE LOVE & LET ALL ANIMALS LIVE
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“I love Starbucks because everything we’ve tried to do is steeped in humanity. Respect and dignity. Passion and laughter. Compassion, community, and responsibility. Authenticity.”
- Howard Schultz, Starbucks CEO

"WHAT I'M TRYING TO TALK ABOUT IS THE PRESERVATION OF A CULTURE,"

— HOWARD SCHULTZ, STARBUCKS’ CEO
WE ARE ALL ANIMALS
PROMISES AND POVERTY

STARBUCKS CALLS ITS COFFEE WORKER-FRIENDLY BUT IN ETHIOPIA, A DAY'S PAY IS ONE DOLLAR.

COFFEE PLANTATION WORKERS HARVEST THE PESTICIDE-LADEN BEANS IN GRUELING HEAT CONDITIONS.

C.A.F.E. STANDARDS

Starbucks' self-certified coffees do not have to pass any outside review, only the company’s own criteria and in-house standards.

C.A.F.E. PRACTICES IS WHAT STARBUCKS POINTS TO WHEN CUSTOMERS ASK WHY IT DOESN'T BUY MORE FAIR TRADE COFFEE.

STARBUCKS' C.A.F.E STANDARDS ARE FOCUSED ON THE FARM LEVEL, NOT ON STARBUCKS' OWN COMMITMENT TO FARMERS IN TERMS OF LONG-TERM STABILITY. UNLIKE GENUINE FAIR TRADE STANDARDS, THE C.A.F.E PROGRAM STANDARDS DON'T SPECIFY EITHER A MINIMUM PRICE OR A STANDARD FOR NEGOTIATING PRICE THAT WOULD GUARANTEE A FAIR WAGE FOR SMALL FARMERS.

"Just as with our coffee, Starbucks goal is for everything we sell to be produced under high quality and ethical standards."

92.6% OF ITS COFFEE IS NOT FAIR TRADE.
STARBUCKS
“Whether you’re a cow, gay, lesbian, chicken, turkey, bi, or queer you exist for your own purpose and no one has the right to treat you like a commodity.”
YOU’RE STILL HARDCORE!
AND STRIVING FOR INTERSECTIONALITY!
At Collectively Free we all feel strongly about universal principles such as justice, equality and freedom. This is why we frame our activism around strong principles and not around consumerism and welfarism.
Beyond Veganism There Is Activism
WHY CF?

- TOTAL ANIMAL LIBERATION
- ANTI-SPECIESIST MESSAGING
- FOCUS ON THE STORY OF ANIMALS
- HIGHLY CREATIVE NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTIONS
- PRO-INTERSECTIONAL
- COMMUNITY BUILDING
Inspired by the 50’s and 60’s sit-ins, these actions involve entering an establishment that normalizes the exploitation of non-human animals, holding space, and speaking out on behalf of the victims. This non-violent action lasts no more than 3-4 minutes and is always followed by traditional outreach and leafletting outside the establishment.
Typically in public spaces, these actions engage passersby in non-confrontational yet creative ways, pushing the boundaries of the norms we have all been socially conditioned to.
Projections Towards Compassion

PTC is a creative form of outreach that involves projecting video content of everyday animal cruelty (from factory farms to “humane” slaughter to fur farms) on city walls, engaging passersby in conversations and leafletting.
A CF organizer meeting with invited members of our extended family of activists. We will discuss campaigns, strategies, and all around ideas on how to improve our collective knowledge, skills and methods.

WHY CF?

Open Meetings
Usually focused on intersectionality; presentations on a specific topic (e.g. how animal rights intersect with LGBTQ rights, or how speciesism intersects with classism, etc.), and we will follow with a discussion.
One of CF’s goals is to unify the animal rights and social justice movements. CF members attend as many actions and events hosted by other groups as we can. We need our movement to grow bigger and stronger, so staying united and in solidarity with one another is crucial.
WHY CF?

Screenings

Relevant movies and talks.

COWSPIRACY

cowspiracy.com
We also organize educational programs. E.g. The Vegan Pledge, a free 30-day mentoring program on guiding new vegans through their transition, covering subjects from practical matters, like reading labels, to environmental impact and animal rights.
Join us! You can help turn speciesism into a thing of the past. Together we can make a difference.