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CLIENT: HEARD

CONSUMER: REMOTE CAPTIONING/zoom

EVENT: Grounding Movements in
Disability Justice

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"THIS TEXT IS BEING PROVIDED IN A
ROUGH DRAFT FORMAT. COMMUNICATION
ACCESS REALTIME TRANSLATION (CART) IS
PROVIDED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY AND MAY NOT
BE A TOTALLY VERBATIM RECORD OF THE
PROCEEDINGS."

>> CAN EVERYONE SEE THIS? IS

THIS WORKING?

>> CAPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FOR PEOPLE WHO PREFER TO HAVE THEM ON NOW DOWN AT THE BOTTOM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT IS SO MUCH BETTER. I GUESS YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN HOW PEOPLE WOULD USE THE CAPTIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT ALSO?

>> YES.



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>> SO THAT MEANS I HAVE TO SPEAK FIRST-FIRST THEN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN?

>> YEAH, THAT'S FINE. WHILE YOU ARE SPEAKING THAT WORKS OUT SO I CAN DO THE BACKUP RECORDING AND I CAN GET IT UP TO FACEBOOK RIGHT BEFORE YOU START.

>> OKAY. THIS IS TL. I WANT TO OPEN IT UP TO YOU ALL FOR

CONVersations, THOUGHTS OR ANY SUPPORT
NEEDS THAT YOU HAVE.

>> MY TEAM -- INTERPRETERS,
WONDERING WHERE THEY ARE AT.

>> I WANTED TO CHECK YOU OFF ON
YOUR -- YOU HAVE A SEPARATE ZOOM LOGIN.
ARE YOU IN THAT ROOM ALREADY?

>> I JUST CHECKED THAT ROOM AND
THEY ARE NOT IN THERE.

>> OKAY. I'M GOING TO JUMP IN
THAT ROOM TOO.

>> HEY, JUAN. I'M GOING TO START
REACHING OUT TO A COUPLE OF OTHER
SPANISH INTERPRETERS.

>> OKAY.

>> FOR ACCESS, THE ONLY REQUEST



WE GOT IS THAT PEOPLE SPEAK SLOWLY AND

WE TAKE BREAKS. AND JUST VISUAL DESCRIPTIONS OF YOURSELF IF POSSIBLE TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.

>> HEY, TL. QUICK QUESTION. I'M LOOKING AT THE LIST RIGHT NOW AND OF THE WORDS THAT WERE SENT AND I SEE MIGRANT JUSTICE WHICH I'M ASSUMING IS DIFFERENT THAN IMMIGRANT JUSTICE. COULD YOU CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?

>> THIS IS TL. SO IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S. CONTEXT AND MOST OTHERS TOO IS LITERALLY JUST BULLSHIT. IF PEOPLE DIDN'T KILL A BUNCH OF PEOPLE AND STEAL A BUNCH OF LAND AND INCARCERATE PEOPLE AND DRAW UP RANDOM BORDERS AND SAY THIS IS THIS STATE AND THAT COUNTRY, IMMIGRATION WOULDN'T EXIST, RIGHT? LIKE, SO A LOT OF PEOPLE OFTEN USE

IMMIGRATION WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT WHAT
IS BEHIND THAT. SO I TEND NOT TO USE
IMMIGRATION UNLESS I'M TALKING ABOUT
THE FUCKED up WHITE COLONIALISM
STRUCTURE AND I SAY MIGRANT. SO HOW



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YOU SIGN IT MIGHT NOT CHANGE, ALTHOUGH
IT PROBABLY SHOULD. THERE SHOULD BE
CLARITY AROUND THAT. SO THERE'S A LOT
OF WORDS THAT WE SHOULD EXPAND ON AND
I'M NOT SURE -- I WILL SLOW MYSELF DOWN
AND TRY TO DO SOME BASIC THINGS BECAUSE
I FEEL LIKE THOSE ARE THE GAPS. MAYBE
I SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT. I WASN'T
THINKING TO DO THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAYBE FINGER SPELL IT OUT IF
SOMEONE IS EXPANDING ON IT.

>> ALL RIGHT. WILL DO. HEY
THERE. THEY ARE CONNECTING THEIR
AUDIO.

>> DUSTIN, THIS IS TL. TO
CLARIFY, FOR PEOPLE WHO PREFER TO HEAR
SPANISH THAN ENGLISH, I'M GIVING THEM
THE PHONE NUMBER NOT THE ZOOM LINK
ITself, RIGHT?

>> YOU CAN GIVE THE ZOOM LINK AND
THE PHONE NUMBER. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BE
LOGGING ON THROUGH THE APP ON THEIR
PHONE.

>> I'M TRACKING, OKAY. THANKS.



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>> JUST CHECKING WITH THE
captioner TO MAKE SURE. YOU HAVE TO
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ACCESS NOW.

>> YES.

>> OKAY.

>> DUSTIN, YOU DISABLED COMMENTS
HERE. THE AUDIENCE -- IT'S THE --
CAN'T SEND ALL OF THE COMMENTS. THAT
GETS DISTRACTING, RIGHT?

>> THEY CAN USE THE CHAT BOX.
PEOPLE CAN DROP RESOURCES AND ANSWER
QUESTIONS AND ALL OF THAT. DANA IS
MONITORING THE CHAT SO YOU DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

>> OKAY. ARE PEOPLE COOL TO
BROADCAST? ALL RIGHT. COOL.

>> THIS IS TL AND I'M GOING TO
INVITE EVERYBODY TO TURN OFF VIDEO AND
SOUND ALSO.

>> THIS IS TL WITH ONE MORE
REMINDER. SAY YOUR NAME BEFORE YOU
COMMENT. THIS IS TL. SAY YOUR NAME
BEFORE YOU COMMENT.

>> HEY, EVERYONE. WE ARE GOING

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TO WAIT FOR A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO GET

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INTO THE WEBINAR AND THEN WE SHOULD
START HERE IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES.

OKAY. WE WILL GET STARTED HERE. TL,
DID YOU WANT TO COME ON AND DO SOME OF
THE ACCESS SO FOLKS KNOW HOW TO ACCESS
THE CAPTIONS AND WHAT IS GOING ON WITH
THE INTERPRETERS.

>> THIS IS TL SPEAKING. I WANT
TO FIRST THANK EVERYBODY FOR JOINING
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE
HAS THE APPROPRIATE ACCESS THAT IS
NECESSARY. TONIGHT WE'RE WORKING HARD
TO ENSURE THAT WE -- WE ARE WORKING
HARD TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE full language
TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES AND IT IS
NOT GOING TO BE PERFECT. A LOT OF THE

CONCEPTS BEING TALKED ABOUT TONIGHT
DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE SIGNS FOR
EXAMPLE, A LOT OF INTERPRETERS, DEAF
AND HEARING ARE ON THE WEBINAR TODAY
AND WE PLAN TO HOST SEPARATE
CONVERSATIONS on HOW TO DEVELOP SIGNS
AROUND THOSE THINGS SO WE ASK THAT
EVERYBODY GIVE US GRACE. IF YOU HAVE
ISSUES, YOU SHOULD TYPE IN THE CHAT BOX



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HERE. ALSO, CAPTIONING IS AVAILABLE.
IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR
SCREEN, IF YOU ARE ON AN IPAD, IT
SHOULD be in THE SAME PLACE. NORMALLY,
IT IS A GREEN BUTTON THAT SAYS "CC."
SO IF YOU CLICK THAT, IT SAYS "ACTIVATE
SUBTITLES" AND YOU WANT TO CLICK THAT.
AND THEN YOU'LL START TO SEE THE

SUBTITLES WHILE it's CAPTIONING. YOU CAN CHANGE THE SIZE OF THE CAPTIONS IF YOU PREFER THEM LARGER IF YOU GO TO THE TOP IN THE SETTINGS MENU. AND THIS IS TL, I'M GOING TO INVITE ONE OF THE SPANISH INTERPRETERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET ON THE SPANISH TRANSLATION LINE. WE DROPPED IT IN THE CHAT BOX. I'LL DROP IT AGAIN. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERSTANDING ME RIGHT NOW, THE ZOOM MEETING ID IS 96619045800 AND THERE IS A PHONE NUMBER SO I'M GOING TO CUT AND PASTe IT AGAIN AND I WILL INVITE ONE OF THE SPANISH INTERPRETERS TO JUST VOICE HOW TO JOIN YOUR TRANSLATION LINE. THANK YOU.



(SPEAKING SPANISH)

>> SO I WANT TO APPRECIATE AND
THANK EVERYONE FOR JOINING US. FIRST,
I WANT TO THANK THE interpreting
TEAM, ASL, AND Spanish TEAMS AND ALL OF
THE PANELISTS AND LET FOLKS KNOW THAT
PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED TO DO THIS. THEY
VOLUNTEERED ENERGY, LABOR, IN A TIME
WHERE MANY OF US ARE ENTRENCHED IN
DISABILITY JUSTICE WORK ARE QUITE
FRANKLY EXHAUSTED AND AT CAPACITY. IT
IS HARD TO THINK AT TIMES AND WE ARE
SEEING AND OURSELVES BEING TARGETS FOR
RISKING/CONTRACTING COVID, AND ALSO
DEATH, QUITE FRANKLY, IF CONTRACTED.
SO I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT INTO CONTEXT
AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR ALL OF THE
PANELISTS HERE THAT ARE DEEPLY ENGAGED
IN THIS WORK AND JUST WANT TO GIVE

THANKS TO THEM FOR DOING THIS ONE. AND
TWO, FOR WHAT THEY WILL SHARE. THE
IDEA BEHIND THIS WAS TO ONE, BE A
REPRESENTATION OF WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO
SELF-ORGANIZE OUTSIDE OF INSTITUTIONS.
NONE OF THIS IS DONE WITH INSTITUTIONAL



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SUPPORT. AND WE'RE ABLE TO BE POWERFUL
IN WAYS THAT WE DON'T RECOGNIZE ALL OF
THE TIME WHEN WE RELY ON EACH OTHER TO
MEET THE NEEDS WE HAVE. SO HEARD, WHO
IS HELPING EDUCATE AND ADVANCE THE
RIGHTS OF DEAF COMMUNITIES AND
ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORKS TO FREE AND
SUPPORT FORMALLY AND CURRENTLY
INCARCERATED DEAF PEOPLE, THEY PROVIDED
SOME FUNDS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GET
ACCESS THAT WE HAVE AND -- SOMEBODY WHO

I MET IN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS AND
INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT. SOMEBODY
WHO IS A TOWER OR PILLAR OR COMMUNITY
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO PROVIDED
FUNDS FOR THIS TO HAPPEN AND WE
SELF-FUNDED THE REST. THAT IS
IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO KNOW IN THINKING
ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT ACCESS IS AND WHAT
THAT MEANS TO INCLUDE EVERYONE. WHEN I
THINK ABOUT ACCESS, I THINK ABOUT
ENSLAVED PEOPLE COMING UP WITH SONGS
AND SINGING THEM TO A CERTAIN RHYTHM IN
ORDER TO NOT LEAVE ANYBODY BEHIND. AND
KNOWING THAT WE'RE OPERATING AND



WORKING IN THAT SAME miniage, WHEN WE
TALK ABOUT WHAT DISABILITY JUSTICE IS.
ACCESS IS A VERB. IT IS SOMETHING THAT

IS continuous and IT IS AN ACTION. SO AS THINGS COME UP AND AS THEY ALWAYS DO, WE WILL PAUSE AND WE WILL PAUSE FOR THE INTERPRETERS. WE WILL PAUSE FOR OURSELVES. WE'LL PAUSE FOR ALL OF US AND GET IT FIGURED OUT BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE NOT LEAVING FOLKS BEHIND. AND I DON'T WANT TO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME TALKING REALLY SO I DO WANT TO SAY THAT EVERYBODY ON THE PANEL IS SOMEBODY THAT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN DISABILITY JUSTICE WORK WHETHER THAT IS ON THE GROUND, WHETHER THAT'S IN A POLICY FORM OR IF IT IS IN PRACTICE AND THEory. AND THE IDEA IS TO JUST GET THEIR THOUGHTS OF WHAT THEY'RE THINKING RIGHT NOW. SO EACH PERSON IS GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT 10 MINUTES. WE'LL TAKE BREAKS IN BETWEEN AND THEN AT THE END THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS.

THERE IS A Q&A FEATURE AT THE BOTTOM IF
YOU ARE ON THE ZOOM WEBINAR WHERE YOU



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COULD ASK THE QUESTIONS. IF YOU ARE ON
FACEBOOK, TYPE THEM INTO THE FACEBOOK
CHAT. OR YOU CAN DROP THEM IN THE ZOOM
CHAT. WE'LL COMPILE THOSE AND GET AS
MANY ANSWERED AT THE END. SO YEAH, I
WON'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME IF AZZA CAN
COME ON AND GET US STARTED OFF.

>> THANK YOU. HI. THIS IS AZZA.
I'M A BLACK FEM PRESENTING PERSON
WEARING A YELLOW SCARF WITH CURLS
PEEKING OUT. I WANT TO THANK DUSTIN
AND TL FOR INVITING ME TO BE IN THIS
SPACE WITH YOU. I'M REALLY HONORED TO
BE PART OF THIS AND I WANT TO THANK THE
INTERPRETATION TEAMS AND EVERYONE WHO

PUT IN TIME, LABOR AND FUNDING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. SINCE I AM THE FIRST PERSON TO SPEAK, I'M GOING TO KIND OF FOCUS A LITTLE BIT ON A SYSTEMS LEVEL AND KIND OF HIGHER LEVEL ANALYSIS OF WHAT ABLEISM IS AND HOW IT SHOWS UP AND INTERSECTS WITH OTHER SYSTEMS. SO TO BEGIN, I THINK THE EASIEST WAY THAT I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO CONCEPTUALIZE WHAT I BELIEVE ableism ACTUALLY IS IS TO



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THINK ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF KIND OF RANKING AND CATEGORIZING, BODIES AND MINDS AS EITHER NORMATIVE AND DESIRABLE OR DEVIANT AND DISPOSABLE. AND THAT RANKING IN CATEGORIZING OF body-minds and I USE THAT PHRASE DELIBERATELY BECAUSE BODIES AND MINDS ARE NOT

SEPARATE, THEY ARE CONNECTED. THE
PROCESS OF RANKING AND CATEGORIZING
THEM IS ONE THAT IS INHERENTLY RACIST,
AND INHERENTLY ANTI-BLACK AND ONE THAT
IS INHERENTLY CAPITALIST. AND I WILL
EXPAND ON ALL OF THAT. THE WAY THAT
THE DETERMINATION OF WHO HAS VALUE AND
WHO IS DISPOSABLE IS BASED ON
CAPITALIST UNDERSTANDINGS OF
PRODUCTIVITY. SO A body-mind THAT IS
ABLE TO PRODUCE IS A body-mind THAT IS
VALUABLE TO THE STATE. AND A body-mind
THAT IS NOT ABLE TO PRODUCE IS A
body-mind THAT IS DISPOSABLE TO THE
STATE. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WHEN
WE THINK ABOUT HOW RACISM AND
ANTI-BLACKNESS AND COLONIZATION SHOW UP
AND INFORM AND SHAPE EVERY ARRANGEMENT



IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT PROJECT IS
INHERENTLY ableist. IT LEVERAGES THE
SYSTEM OF ABLEISM AND LEVERAGES THE
SYSTEM THAT dehumanizeS
SYSTEMATICICALLY DISABLED, MAD AND
NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE. SO IT WORKS IN
A WAY THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF ABLEISM
IN ORDER TO FURTHER ADVANCE THE
CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH AND POWER AT
THE VERY TOP. AND I START THERE
BECAUSE I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND
THAT BLACK PEOPLE NEGATIVELY RACIALIZED
PEOPLE ARE IMPACTED BY ABLEISM EVEN IF
THAT IS NOT THEIR -- THE WAY THEY ARE
IDENTIFYING IS NOT THEIR LIVED
EXPERIENCE. THE PROCESS OF RANKING AND
CATEGORIZING IS GOING TO SWEEP THEM UP
JUST BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THEY

ARE BLACK, BROWN AND INDIGENOUS. I
WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. NOT THAT
LONG AGO THERE WAS A CASE IN FLORIDA,
WITH A BLACK WOMAN WAS APPROACHED BY A
POLICE OFFICER AND THE POLICE OFFICER
WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
JUSTIFY HIS VIOLENT CONDUCT AND



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TREATMENT TOWARDS HER AND WHEN HE DID
THAT, HE DID IT BY SAYING AND INVOKING
AND IN A LEGAL STATUTE OR ACT IN
FLORIDA THAT IS USED TO DETAIN PEOPLE
WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS OR PEOPLE WHO
ARE MAD. AND THE WAY THAT HE DID THAT
AND THAT INTERACTION PLAYED OUT
INVOLVED HIM INVOKING THE BAKER ACT AND
SAYING WELL, IF I CAN'T DETAIN YOU
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY BREAK A

LAW, I'M GOING TO DETAIN YOU THIS WAY.
THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS BLACK
WOMAN WAS NOT ACTUALLY DISABLED. BUT
BECAUSE THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WAS
CONTRIBUTED IN THIS COUNTRY IN A WAY
THAT CRIMINALIZES AND dehumanizeS
DISABILITY AND DISABLED PEOPLE, THE
CARCERAL OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
APPARATUS WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE, CONFINE,
AND INCARCERATE THIS PERSON USING
ABLEISM AND USING THE SYSTEMS OF
ABLEISM THAT EXIST AND ARE EMBEDDED
WITHIN THE INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES
OF THIS COUNTRY. SO IN ORDER FOR US TO
BE EQUIPPED TO TACKLE AND DISMANTLE



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THESE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS, IT REQUIRES
THAT WE CENTER AND FOLLOW THE

LEADERSHIP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY IT. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE PEOPLE WHO EXIST AT THE NEXUS OF THOSE SYSTEMS, NAMELY, BLACK INDIGENOUS AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO ARE THEMSELVES, DISABLED, WHO ARE THEMSELVES MAD AND WHO ARE TARGETED BY THESE SYSTEMS IN A WAY THAT IS COMPOUNDED AND INTENSIFIED. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT TOO BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY MADE REFERENCE TO HOW THE CARCERAL SYSTEM AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM ARE WORKING TO EXERT CONTROL OVER PEOPLE WHO ARE CATEGORIZED AS OTHER, NOT VALUABLE, AS DISPOSABLE. AND OFTEN, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ABOLITION AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AND THE MORAL IMPERATIVE OF ABOLITION, WE TEND TO THINK OF IT IN VERY NARROW WAYS. OFTEN PEOPLE KIND OF

LIMIT IT TO JAILS AND PRISONS AND COPS.
AND WHILE THAT IS DEFINITELY A HUGE
PART OF IT, THAT IS NOT ALL OF IT.



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THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT THE STATE
EXERTS CARCERAL CONTROL OVER BY POC, so
BLACK AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOR
AND EXERTS CARCERAL COntrol OVER POOR,
DISABLED AND MAD FOLKS EVEN WHEN IT
HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF JAILS AND PRISONS.
SO TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. THE WAY
THAT PUBLIC BENEFITS LIKE SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION INSTANCE, OR FOODSTAMPS OR
OTHER KINDS OF BENEFITS. THE WAY THOSE
ARE ADMINISTER SUPPORTING DEPOSITION
PROVIDED IS ITSELF DONE IN A PUNITIVE
AND CARCERAL WAY. THAT SYSTEM IS USED
BY THE STATE TO EXERTED CONTROL OVER

THOSE PEOPLE. AND THE WAY THAT SHOWS
UP IS IN HOW MUCH INVASIVE INFORMATION
PEOPLE WHO APPLY TO RECEIVE BENEFITS
ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE UP THE INTENSITY
OF THE SURVEILLANCE THAT IS DONE -- THE
PRESUMPTION OF CRIMINALITY ATTACHED TO
THEM AND USED TO JUSTIFY THAT EXTENSIVE
SURVEILLANCE, AND THE FACT THAT COPS
AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM THE
CARCERAL SYSTEM WILL USE THESE PROGRAMS
TO EXTEND ITS REACH BEYOND WHERE



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TYPICALLY PEOPLE THINK OF IT ENDING.
JAILS, PRISONS AND OTHER KIND OF SITES
OF CARCERAL CONTROL. SO FOR INSTANCE,
PEOPLE WHO HAVE VIOLATED AND I'M USING
AIR QUOTES BECAUSE THESE ARE SO
ARBITRARY, PEOPLE WHO THEY CLAIM

VIOLATED PAROLE, FOR EXAMPLE, NOT ONLY DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY ARE AT RISK OF BEING DISAPPEARED INTO A JAIL AND A PRISON AGAIN, BUT IT ALSO MEANS THAT THE STATE STOPS THEIR ACCESS TO BENEFITS. SO THEY ARE NOT ONLY BEING INCARCERATED, THEY ARE BEING POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISENFRANCHISED AS WELL. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE CARCERAL SYSTEM AND THE CARCERAL PROCESS EXTENDS WELL BEYOND JAILS AND PRISONS AND HAS BECOME EMBEDDED IN THESE OTHER INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND STRUCTURES. WE SEE THIS IN VARIOUS OTHER PLACES AS WELL. SCHOOLS ARE FREQUENTLY AND OFTEN ORDERED AND DESIGNED IN A WAY TO EXERT CONTROL OVER BLACK, BROWN, QUEER, TRANS, DISABLED PEOPLE WITHIN THOSE



SETTINGS. I RAISE ALL OF THIS AND I WANT TO BE MINDFUL THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF NATURAL PROGRESSION OF A HISTORY OF CENTURIES OF OPPRESSION, VIOLENCE, AND LABOR EXTRACTION AND THEFT IN THIS COUNTRY. SO THIS ENTIRE PROCESS AND THESE SYSTEMS, WHICH DON'T JUST INTERSECT BUT DEPEND UPON ONE ANOTHER AND THEY LEVERAGE EACH OTHER TO PERPETUATE THESE SYSTEMS DOMINATION. AND I HAVE FOUND MYSELF IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 REFLECTING ON THE WAYS THAT THOSE WITH POWER MAP ONTO CERTAIN BODIES AND body-mindS AND NOTIONS OF DISEASE -- OF DESIRABILITY AND DISPOSABILITY. AND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE SEEING HOW THIS IS PLAYING OUT AND THE

PUSHES TO RATION ACCESS TO CARE, RIGHT?
AND DECIDING WHO IS WORTHY OF
INVESTMENT TO PROVIDE THEM TREATMENT
AND CARE AND WHOSE LIVES ARE
DISPOSABLE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE
VERY GROUPS THAT ARE BEING DETERMINED
DISPOSABLE ARE ALSO THE GROUPS THAT ARE
DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN THE



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ROLES THAT ARE NOW BEING IDENTIFIED
AS "ESSENTIAL" AND I FIND THAT VERY
INTERESTING, RIGHT? BECAUSE AS
INDIVIDUALS AS INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE, WE
ARE DISPOSABLE. BUT AS A GROUP, OUR
LABOR IS STILL BEING EXTRACTED
VIOLENTLY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO
PROTECT CAPITALISM AND TO CONTINUE TO
REPRODUCE THE KIND OF CAST THAT HAS

BEEN CREATED. AND THAT IS UTTERLY
CONSISTENT WITH THE HISTORIES OF
VIOLENCE WITHIN THIS COUNTRY. BEFORE
EMANCIPATION, ENSLAVED PEOPLE WERE
DESCRIBED ASPECT IMMUNE TO DISEASE AND
THAT THEY HAD PARTICULAR ABILITIES THAT
WERE USED TO JUSTIFY THE CONDITIONS OF
THEIR CONFINEMENT AND ENSLAVEMENT AND
THEN ONCE ENSLAVED PEOPLE BECOME FREED,
THE PEOPLE WITH POWER WHO HAD ONCE DOES
IGNITED THEM ASPECT IMMUNE TO CERTAIN
DISEASE WERE NOW SHIFTING THE DISCOURSE
ENTIRELY AND CLAIMING THAT BLACK PEOPLE
ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE THAN
WHITE PEOPLE AND THAT THEREFORE, THEY
NEEDED TO BE MONITORED AND CONTROLLED.



SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THE LANGUAGE AND

THE JUSTIFICATIONS AND THE DESCRIPTIONS OF WHO IS AND IS NOT DISEASED, WHO IS AND IS NOT WELL, WHO DOES AND DID NOT HAVE POWER, PLAY INTO WHICH CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE ARE DESIGNATED AS HAVING VALUE AND WHICH CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO BE WORTH PROTECTING. SO I WILL LEAVE IT THERE, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE IS Q&A LATER SO I CAN HOPEFULLY DELVE INTO ANYTHING THAT WAS UNCLEAR. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, AZZA. FOLKS, AZZA IS BRILLIANT AND APPRECIATE THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US A VIEW AND SITUATE THIS CONVERSATION INTO A CONTEXT THAT IS DIGESTIBLE. I DROPPED AZZA'S TWITTER PROFILE IN THE CHAT, I WILL DO IT ONE MORE TIME. THERE ARE BRILLIANT WRITINGS ON LINE THAT FOLKS CAN FIND AND WE WILL SEND IT OUT WITH A

FELLOW UP E-MAIL. I WILL INVITE
NIRMALA TO COME. WROTE ABOUT THE
RAISES AND DISABILITY AND EDUCATION AND
I WILL LET HER TAKE THE FLOOR.



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>> CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M NIRMALA
EREVELLES AND I'M PRESENTING south
asian INDIAN AND IT IS HARD TO
DESCRIBE -- I HAVE GLASSES AND
WEARING A BLUE SHIRT AND I HAVE
SHOULDER-LENGTH DARK HAIR. I'M ALSO
VERY GRATEFUL FOR ACTUALLY DUSTIN
INVITING ME TO BE PART OF THIS PANEL
AND HONORed AND HUMBLed AND I HOPE I
HAVE SOMETHING THAT I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO
THIS REALLY THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION THAT
IS HAPPENING. I AM A PERSON OF COLOR
WHO HAGS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW TO SEE

DISABILITY, HOW INTIMATELY DISABILITY
AND RACE ARE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER.
SO THAT YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT RACE
WITHOUT ENGAGING DISABILITY AND YOU
CANNOT TALK ABOUT DISABILITY WITHOUT
ENGAGING ABOUT RACE. AND I'M ALSO AS
DUSTIN SAID, I TEACH AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND I'M A PARENT
OF A TEENAGER IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
IN MY TOWN OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA,
WHICH HAS -- AND THE SCHOOL MY DAUGHTER
GOES TO HAS MORE THAN 80% OF THE



CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE FREE AND REDUCED
LUNCH. THAT TELLS YOU THAT THE
MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL
COME FROM FAMILIES THAT EXPERIENCE THE
HARSHEST RACIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPRESSION

IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. MY PASSION IS TO SEE HOW BEST WE CAN MEET THE INTELLECTUAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN IN THIS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. AND MY RESEARCH IN ADVOCACY SIR, IS CONNECTED TO HOW TO ARTICULATE THIS INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISABILITY, RACE, CLASS, GENDER ITEM AND SEXUALITY. NOW, AZZA MADE A THOUGHTFUL BREAKDOWN TALKING ABOUT HOW ABLEISM IS INHERENTLY A RACIST PROJECT AND ALSO AN ANTI-BLACK PROJECT. AND SO AS AZZA HAS ARGUED, WE CAN NOT EVEN THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS, ARE IMPACTED BY ABLEISM EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE THAT LABEL. AND THAT IS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW -- THIS IS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH I WANT TO FOCUS ON

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DISABILITY JUSTICE. THIS IS BECAUSE

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WHITE SUPREMACIST CAPITALIST
INSTITUTIONS, I'M GOING TO ARGUE
APPROPRIATE RATE, TAKE WITHOUT
PERMISSION THE LABOR THAT DISABILITY IS
FORCED TO DO VIA THE CARCERAL STATE.
AND I'M MAKING THIS ARGUE MEANT BECAUSE
I'M SAYING THAT THE WAY THE STATE DOES
IT IS, IT FIRST CRIMINALIZES THESE
body-minds AND THEN JUSTIFIES THESE
VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM ESPECIALLY THOSE
body-minds THAT ARE THE INTERSECTIONS
OF RACE, CLASS, GENDER, SEXUALITY AND
DISABILITY. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE
SOUTHERN STATES OF GEORGIA, TO A LARGE
EXTENT BUT ALSO MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA
AND Louisiana, THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND

INDUSTRIES THAT WERE BUILT IN THE 1800S
AND THE 1900S, WERE ALL DONE WITH --
ACTUALLY 1900S, WERE ALL DONE BY THE
USE OF THE CONVICT USING SYSTEM AND THE
CHAIN GANG. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO
WORKED ON THESE CHAIN GANGS, WERE IN
PRISON BECAUSE OF MINOR OFFENSES. BUT
THEY WERE KEPT IN PRISON WITH LONGER
SENTENCES BECAUSE THEY DREW ON ableist



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CONCEPTIONS OF DISABILITY. AND THEY
USED TERMS LIKE DEGENERATE AND I'M
PUTTING THEM IN QUOTES BECAUSE THEY ARE
NOT REAL TERMS AGAIN BUT THEY ARE
VIOLENT TERMS. DEGENERATE,
PATHOLOGICAL -- COGNIZANT DEFICIENT AND
THEY USED THIS TO JUSTIFY THE MOST
BRUTAL VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK

PRISONERS. MEN AND WOMEN. SO HERE YOU CAN SEE THAT DISABILITY BECOMES A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CATEGORY. IT IS NOT JUST YOU KNOW, THE SO CALLED MEDICAL ONE, IT GOES BEYOND THAT TO TALK ABOUT IT BEING SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND RACIAL. THAT WAS USED TO CREATE THE INCARCERATED PERSON AND TO JUSTIFY THIS INCARCERATION AND THE ENSUING VIOLENCE THAT OCCURS. SO IN MANY WAYS INCARCERATION -- THE EXPERIENCE OF INCARCERATION LIES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF RACE AND DISABILITY. BUT BECAUSE MY WORK WAS IN SCHOOLS, I WANTED TO SHIFT THIS DISCUSSION TO EXPOSE THE SIMILAR LOGIC IN A SPACE THAT WE DO NOT USUALLY THINK OF AS A CARCERAL SPACE, PUBLIC



EDUCATION. BECAUSE WE FORGET THAT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THERE WILL ARE MANY DISABLED CHILDREN WHO -- AND ESPECIALLY DISABLED CHILDREN OF COLOR AND INDIGENOUS CHILDREN, WHO EXPERIENCE SCHOOLING IN SOME OF THE MOST BRUTAL VIOLENT CONTEXT. HERE TO I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT ABLEISTS UNDERSTANDINGS OF DISABILITY ARE USED TO JUSTIFY WHY BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS CHILDREN ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS AND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS. MANY OF THESE CHILDREN RATHER THAN RECEIVING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR THE REAL TRAUMA THAT IS ENACTED IN THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF RACISM, ABLEISM, HETEROSEXISM AND THE KINDS OF PHOBIAS WE HAVE AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT, RIGHT? IS ALL -- IS CAUSED BY ALL OF THIS TRAUMA AND IT IS

JUSTIFIED AND TREATED AS IF THESE
CHILDREN ARE PATHOLOGICALLY DEVIANT AND
I'M PUTTING THAT IN QUOTES. AND I'M
DESCRIBING THAT AS THESE SYSTEMS MAKE
IT AS IF THAT THESE CHILDREN'S THE



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EXPERIENCES OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
SOMETHING THAT LIE COMPLETELY WITHIN
THEIR BODIES AND NOT AS A PRODUCT -- AS
THE WAYS IN WHICH IT INTERSECTS WITH
THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS AND THEIR OWN
AND WHO THEY ARE AS INDIVIDUALS. AND
AS A RESULT, MANY OF THESE CHILDREN GET
SENT DOWN WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED THE
SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE, BUT ACTUALLY
IT IS NOT REALLY A PIPELINE BECAUSE
SCHOOLS THEMSELVES ARE PRISONS AND SOME
OF THE CHILDREN MOVED ALONG TO

DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEVELS OF
INCARCERATED SPACES WHICH THE MOST
INCARCERATED ONE BEING A JUVENILE
DETENTION, MAYBE JUVENILE DETENTION
CENTERS. I ALSO WANTED TO NAME THAT
BLACK AND LATINO CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR
ARE OVERrepresented towards those --
PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE THE LABEL
OF ANY KIND OF INTELLECTUAL OR
COGNITIVE DISABILITY ARE USUALLY FOR
THE MOST PART FOUND IN -- NOT FOUND --
DESIGNATED TO GO TO SEGREGATED CLASSES
BECAUSE THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS HAVING A



SEGREGATED CLASSES AND MOST OF THESE
CLASSROOMS ARE, IN FACT, PRISON-LIKE
SETTINGS. WHERE THE STUDENTS GET VERY
LITTLE EDUCATION AND THEY ARE

OFTENTIMES VERY PUNITIVE AND THE LOGIC FOR THESE THIS INCARCERATION IS JUSTIFIED ON THE BASIS OF KEEPING THEM SAFE FROM THE REST OF THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHICH IS WHAT A PRINCIPAL IN ONE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TOLD ME WHEN I ASKED ABOUT WHY THERE WAS THERE SUCH A INTENSIVE WAY TO SEGREGATE THE STUDENTS. THE OTHER ISSUE I WANTED TO RAISE AND THE ISSUE THAT CONCERNED ME SIGNIFICANTLY IS THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND LIKE DEPRESSION, DEPRESSION -- I'M SORRY, A LOT OF THEM ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND GET LITTLE TO NO SERVICES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. WITH COVID-19, I AM MOST CONCERNED WITH THE FACT THAT A LOT OF THESE STUDENTS

BOTH IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS AS
WELL AS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE



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NOW EXPERIENCING MORE ISOLATION WITH
LESS ACCESS TO THE MINIMAL SERVICES
THEY EXPERIENCED AND THE FACT THAT SOME
OF THESE CHILDREN -- SOME OF THESE
CHILDREN -- IT'S BEEN JUSTIFIED
ESPECIALLY IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION
CENTERS TO KEEP THESE CHILDREN FOR
LONGER PERIODS OF TIME BECAUSE OF --
BECAUSE THEY FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. SO
IN FACT HERE DISABILITY AND RACE ARE
USED TO FURTHER JUSTIFY THESE YOUNG
PEOPLE INCARCERATION IN THESE UNITS.
SO I WAS GOING TO END BY SAYING THEN
AND WE CAN TALK IN THE Q&A, WE NEED TO
BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THE WAYS IN WHICH

DISABILITY IS FRAMED IN DISCUSSIONS OF SCARCITY, PRECARIOUS CONDITIONS AND URGENCY, ABLEIST NOTION OF DISABILITY ARE USED TO FRAME PEOPLE AT THESE INTERSECTIONS BECAUSE HOW WE FRAME THEM PLAYS A LARGE PART IN HOW THEY ARE TREATED SUPPORTING DEPOSITION THERE IS ALSO A CHALLENGE WHICH IS THE ONE I WANT US TO THINK ABOUT AS PART OF THIS WEBINAR. TO FIGURE OUT WAYS IN WHICH



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WE CAN OFFER SERVICES TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THE KIND OF MEDICAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX TO WHICH THEY ARE USUALLY SENT AND TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE DISABILITY CENTERED COLLECTIVES OF CARE WHICH WE HAVE SOME RESOURCES AT THE END OF THE

CONVERSATION THAT I HOPE WE'LL TALK ABOUT. THANK YOU.

>> THIS IS DUSTIN, THANK YOU, NIRMALA. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A QUICK TWO MINUTE BREAK. A PAUSE FOR ALL OF US TO process and THEN WE WILL COME BACK AND TL WILL SPEAK FOR A LITTLE WHILE. I HAVE DROPPED JUST A COUPLE OF LINKS AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DROP THOSE IN THE CHAT FROM SOME OF NIRMALA'S WRITINGS AND WORK. WE'LL BE BACK IN TWO MINUTES.

(RECESS TAKEN)

>> OKAY. I WILL WAIT FOR ONE OF THE INTERPRETERS. COOL. SO YEAH. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS, WE ARE GOING TO USE CONTENT AND TRIGGER WARNINGS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES WHEN WE ARE



TALKING ABOUT VIOLENCES. I WANT TO LET FOLKS KNOW THAT SOME OF THE DISCUSSION GOING FORWARD WILL BE TALKING ABOUT INCARCERATION, DEPRIVATION, VIOLENCE, ALL OF WHICH MIGHT BE TRIGGERING ALL OF WHICH MAY CAUSE SOME TYPE OF PAIN AND WE WANT TO WELCOME FOLKS TO EXIT AND RETURN AS NEED BE AND DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. BUT WE WILL ALSO TRY TO TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY and GIVE A WARNING WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS. I WANT TO SAY THAT I ASK ALL OF PANELISTS ITO COME AS THEY ARE AND DON'T DO ANYMORE WORK. YOU ALL DID MORE WORK AND PREPARATION, THAT IS WHAT MARGINALIZED FOLKS ARE USED TO DOING. I WANT TO HONOR THE FACT THAT THE BODY OF THEIR WORK LEADING TO THIS MOMENT IS WHAT WE ARE

WITNESSING NOW AND THAT IS NOT
SOMETHING THAT CAN BE STUDIED OR SIMPLY
LIVED. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
EXPERIENCING IT AND FORMING AN ANALYSIS
AND STUDYING IT AND THERE IS A REASON
THAT THE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE IS SO MUCH.



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SO IN THAT VEIN I WANT TO INTRODUCE TL
AND NOTE THAT TL HAS DONE A HEAVY
PORTION OF LIFTING TO MAKE THIS WEBINAR
POSSIBLE. SO THANK TL FOR THAT. THE
ACCESS, THE SPANISH, OUR INTERPRETERS,
THE ASL INTERPRETERS, WORKING WITH THE
INTERPRETERS AND PROVIDING INFORMATION
ON WHAT WE WERE GOING TO COVER TONIGHT
IN ORDER FOR THE INTERPRETERS TO HAVE
AN UNDERSTANDING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
MORE ACCESS IS CRITICAL TO THIS AND IT

IS CRITICAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO.

THAT'S THE TYPE OF LABOR THAT TL OFTEN
DOES BEHIND THE SCENES. BUT I WILL LET
TL TALK AND I WILL BE QUITE.

>> THIS IS TL. I'M A BLACK
YOUNG-ISH GENDER QUEER PERSON. I'M
WEARING CIRCLE GLASSES, THEY ARE LIKE
TORTOISE SHELL. THEY ARE OLD, BUT THEY
LOOK NEW. I'M WEARING A BLACK HIGH
COLLAR THING WITH A BUTTON ON THE SIDE.
I'M SEATED IN FRONT OF A BOOKSHELF WITH
PICTURES AND BOOKS. "KILLING THE BLACK
BODY" IS THE FIRST ONE I CAN SEE THERE
BY DOROTHY ROBERTS. AND I'M WEARING A



BRIMLESS CAP. I'M GOING TO GIVE A
CONTENT WARNING UP FRONT FOR ALL OF THE
CONTENT I'M ABOUT TO SHARE. BECAUSE IT

IS DEEPLY DISTRESSING. A LOT OF THE
WORK THAT I DO IS UNEARTHING HISTORIES
THAT HAVE BEEN INTENTIONALLY HIDDEN
AWAY FROM OUR PEOPLES FOR A VERY LONG
TIME, I MEAN INDIGENOUS, LATINO FOLKS
AND NEGATIVELY RACIALIZED FOLKS. IF I
START SPEAKING QUICKLY, OR IF I PAUSE
IF YOU CAN SUPPORT ME JUST IN CASE.
AND I APPRECIATE ALSO DUSTIN, NAMING
THE FACT THAT LIVING AT THE
INTERSECTIONS OF WHERE OUR ANCESTORS
LIVED AND CURRENTLY STILL LIVE AND
WITNESSING AND EXPERIENCING ALL OF THE
VIOLENCES CAUSE A PARTICULAR REACTION
IN OUR BODIES AND MINDS THAT SOMETIMES
MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN ALL OF
THE THINGS THAT MIGHT BE RUNNING
THROUGH OUR HEARTS AND MINDS AT ANY
GIVEN MOMENT AND MAKES IT HARD TO

BREATHE AND LIVE SOMETIMES AND I THINK
IT IS IMPORTANT TO NAME THAT. AND IT
REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING THAT DUSTIN



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SAYS OFTEN AND IT IS ABOUT THE CRISIS
IN PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGING MENTAL ILLNESS
AND NEUROdivergences AND PSYCHIATRIC
DISABILITIES WITHOUT acknowledging
WHERE THEY COME FROM. I OFTEN TALK
ABOUT TRAUMA AND DEPRIVATION BEING A
CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE OF DISABILITY.
AND THAT IN THE U.S. CONTEXT BECAUSE OF
STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC ABLEISM, THAT
TRAUMA AND DEPRIVATION, VIOLENCE, AND
DISABILITY ARE ALSO CAUSE AND
CONSEQUENCE OF IMPOVERISHMENT. THESE
ARE INTENTIONAL SYSTEMS SET UP TO TRAP
PEOPLE FROM particularized GROUPS,

INDIGENOUS FOLKS, BLACK, QUEER FOLKS.
AND THE LIST GOES ON. AND SO It IS
IMPORTANT TO NAME THAT. AND NOW I WANT
TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HISTORY.
NIRMALA TALKED ABOUT THESE LABELS OF
COGNITIVELY DEFICIENT THAT WERE PLACED
UPON INDIGENOUS FOLKS AND BLACK FOLKS
DURING ENSLAVEMENT, DURING GENOCIDES OF
ALL OF OUR PEOPLE WHICH IS ONGOING. WE
MUST NAME THAT. IT NEVER ENDED. THE
GENOCIDES CONTINUE AND POST-ENSLAVEMENT



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AS WELL. AND I WANT TO NAME THE
HISTORY OF THIS THING. SPECIFICALLY,
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS BEEN
VERY GOOD AT DEPRIVING FOLKS OF
RESOURCES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR LIFE
AND LIBERTY AND BREATH AND FAMILIES AND

ALL OF THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT WE HOPE
FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF THEIR
DISABILITY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ALLEGED
RACE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CRIMINAL
STATUS. JUST TO BE ABLE TO EXIST,
RIGHT? WITHOUT HAVING YOUR LIFE HALTED
OR HAMPERED OR SNUFFED OUT BY THE
VIOLENCE OF THE STATES And CORPORATIONS
AND CAPITALISM. SO THE UNITED STATES
WILL DEPRIVE US OF THOSE THINGS. SO
FOR INSTANCE, DURING ENSLAVEMENT, IT
WAS QUITE LITERALLY ILLEGAL FOR BLACK
PEOPLE TO READ AND WRITE. OUR
ANCESTORS LEFT EVIDENCE OF EYES BEING
GOUGED OUT, TONGUES CHOPPED OFF, HANDS
CHOPPED OFF SIMPLY FOR ATTEMPTING TO
READ AND WRITE. AND OF COURSE, THAT
WAS A MAINTENANCE OF A very
particularized SYSTEM. FORMALIZED



EDUCATION, WHITE FOLKS DEPRIVING BLACK FOLKS OF FORMAlized EDUCATION MADE IT SUCH SO THEY CAN EASILY MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION OF A SOCIOECONOMIC DOMINANCE AFTER THEFT AND PILLAGE AND RAPE IN THIS COUNTRY. SO I HAVE TO NAME THAT. BUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THIS TIME IS THAT WHITE FOLKS SAID HERE IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SMART. TAKE THIS KIND OF TEST. IF YOU CAN READ AND WRITE, THAT MEANS YOU ARE SMART. EVERYONE WHO CAN'T READ AND WRITE, YOU ARE LESS THAN INTELLIGENT. SO WE'VE CREATED -- BY "WE," I MEAN "WHITE PEOPLE" CREATED THESE CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE BASED ON RACE. IF YOUR NOSE IS THIS BIG, IF YOUR SKIN IS THIS DARK, A LOT OF EUGENICS IDEAS AROUND WHO IS VALUABLE

AND WHO IS NOT WHICH AZZA TALKED ABOUT
EARLIER. CATEGORIZED PEOPLE BY HOW
MUCH LABOR AND WORK they can do, how
many BABies THEY CAN PRODUCE AFTER
BEING RAPED. THAT IS WHAT ABLEISM
ENTAILS. AND IF YOU NOW ALL OF A
SUDDEN COULD NOT READ AND WRITE BECAUSE



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OF ALL OF THE GENERATIONS OF
DEPRIVATION OF THE RIGHT TO READ AND
WRITE, YOU WERE LABELed UNINTELLIGENT,
YOU WERE SECLUDED, LOCKED AWAY AND PUT
AWAY SOMEWHERE ELSE. KILLED,
INCARCERATED AND INSTITUTIONALIZED.
THAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED
STATES. DRAPETOMANIA IS SOMETHING I
HAVE TO TALK ABOUT. IT IS A LONG WORD
SO I WILL WAIT FOR THE INTERPRETER TO

SPELL IT. DRAPETOMANIA. DRAPETOMANIA.
THIS WAS AN ALLEGED DISABILITY THAT
COULD ONLY BE had ACCORDING TO WHITE
SCIENTISTS BY BLACK PEOPLE DURING
ENSLAVEMENT. THIS WAS THE ALLEGED
MENTAL ILLNESS THAT BLACK FOLKS HAD
WHEN THEY WERE OBSESSED WITH FREEDOM
ACCORDING TO WHITE SCIENTISTS,
MAINSTREAM SCIENTISTS AND DOCTORS, MIND
YOU, THEY SAID BLACK FOLKS WHO WERE
RESISTING ENSLAVEMENT WHO WERE ESCAPING
ENSLAVEMENT RESISTING FORCED LABOR
WHICH IS WHAT plantations WERE AMONG
OTHER VIOLENT THINGS, WERE IN FACT,
MENTALLY ILL. IT WAS A CRIME TO ESCAPE



AND AN ALLEGED MENTAL ILLNESS TO DREAM
ABOUT FREEDOM. LIKE IMAGINE THAT,

RIGHT? ANOTHER ALLEGED DISABILITY
MENTAL ILLNESS THAT ONLY BLACK PEOPLE
COULD GET ACCORDING TO WHITE SCIENTIST,
MAINSTREAM SCIENTISTS, EUGENICS WAS
CALLED DYSÆSTHESIA ÆTHIOPICA, IT IS
SPELLED -- DYSÆSTHIA ATHOPICA -- OR
SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. LOOK IT UP,
IT IS THERE. THIS WAS ACTUALLY WORK
STOPPAGES, RIGHT? SO AZZA MENTIONED
RESISTING EXTRACTION OF OUR LABOR.
RESISTING CAPITALIST AND COLONIALISM
AND IMPERIALIST SYSTEMS THAT WANT TO
TAKE OUR BODY AND MIND AND USE THEM FOR
THAT BENEFIT AND THROW US OUT. WHEN
BLACK FOLKS ENGAGED IN THE WORK
STOPPAGES WE WERE DEEMED OUT OF LINE
WITH THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS,
DEEMED LAZY AND MENTALLY ILL AS WELL.
WHEN YOU LOOK INTO THE HISTORY WHY

BLACK FOLKS FOUND THEMSELVES
INCARCERATED IN INSTITUTIONS AND MENTAL
HEALTH INSTITUTIONS, IF YOU LOOK AT THE
LABEL AS TO WHY THEY WERE THERE, IT



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QUITE LITERALLY SAYS "FREEDOM." I WANT
PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY, HOW THE
CARCERAL SYSTEM WORKS. THERE IS SO
MUCH I WANT TO SHARE. I'M GOING TO
TALK ABOUT TWO MORE THINGS, I KNOW HAVE
TWO MINUTES LEFT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT
THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1840 AND
1880. THE 1840 UNITED STATES CENSUS
WAS ALLEGEDLY THE FIRST TIME THAT WHITE
AMERICA WAS GOING TO ACCOUNT FOR HOW
MANY AND I QUOTE "INSANE AND IDIOTS"
EXISTED IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE
TIME. THEY SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO

FOCUS ON ENSLAVED BLACK POPULATION AND
THE FREED NORTHERN BLACK POPULATIONS.
ACCORDING TO THE 1840 CENSUS, LOOK IT
UP IT IS THERE AND IN THE HISTORY
BOOKS. THEY TRIED TO HIDE IT BUT IT IS
THERE. BLACK FOLKS WHO WERE FREED IN
THE NORTH HAD MORE INCIDENTS OF
INSANITY AND IDIOCY THAN ENSLAVED BLACK
PEOPLE IN THE ENSLAVED SOUTH. THE IDEA
BEING THAT IT WAS BETTER FOR BLACK
FOLKS TO BE ENSLAVED AND BEING FORCED
INTO LABOR AND THAT WHITE FOLKS WERE



SOMEHOW DOING BLACK FOLKS A GRAND FAVOR
BY ALLOWING US TO BE ENSLAVE SUPPORTING
DEPOSITION BRUTALIZING US. FAST
FORWARD, POST EMANCIPATION.
ENSLAVEMENT HAS FORMALLY ENDED AND

THERE WAS THE 1880 CENSUS. THERE WAS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE 1880 CENSUS CALLED THE 3D SCHEDULE. ANY, THE 3D SCHEDULED INCLUDED PEOPLE WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY, DEFICIENT, DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT. THE FIRST D MIGHT BE WRONG, THE POINT IS THAT THE IDEA WAS DISABILITY ALLEGED CRIMINALITY AND DEPENDENCY WAS CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND OF COURSE, THEY SAID ALL OF THE FORMALLY ENSLAVED BLACK FOLKS ARE BURDENED ON THE GOVERNMENT. MIND YOU, WE WERE EMANCIPATED WITHOUT ANY MATERIAL RESOURCES BEING PROVIDED TO US, RIGHT? AND SO POST EMANCIPATION THERE WERE LAWS LIKE UGLY LAWS THAT WERE ESTABLISHED AND TARGETING BLACK FORMALLY ENSLAVED PEOPLE ALTHOUGH A LOT OF WHITE DISABILITY RIGHTS FOLKS WERE SAYING THAT THE UGLY LAWS WERE TARGETING DISABLED PEOPLE, YES, BUT



BLACK AND INDIGENOUS DISABLED FOLKS WHO WERE FORCED TO BEG UPON THE STREET AND VETERANS WHO HAD JOINED WARS TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOMS LIKE TO LITERALLY GIVE LIFE FOR EMANCIPATION. SO THOSE ARE TWO THINGS I WANT FOLKS TO LOOK AT AND THE LAST THING I WILL MENTION IS THIS CONNECTION BETWEEN PLANTATIONS, PRISONS, ASYLUMS, CIRCUSES AND ZOOS. POST-EMANCIPATION A LOT OF FOLKS FOUND THEIR WAY INTO PRISONS BY DESIGN AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THAT THERE IS A Q&A AND I SEE DUSTIN IS ON THE SCREEN NOW. PLANTATIONS AND ASYLUMS, AGAIN, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THOSE, I CAN'T GET INTO RIGHT NOW, BUT YOU MUST TAKE A LOOK AT IT. ASYLUMS

interestingly ENOUGH, THE saint
elizabeth institution HERE IN DC USED
TO HOUSE ANIMALS from THE NATIONAL zoo
AND before zoos housed animals THE
actually housed BLACK AND BROWN AND
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHO WERE PUT ON
DISPLAY FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO GO AND PAY
MONEY TO OGLE BLACK PEOPLE AND DISABLED



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PEOPLE WHO WERE IN FREAK SHOWS AT
CIRCUSES. ZOOS AND CIRCUSES ARE
SIMILAR IN THAT POST-EMANCIPATION,
BLACK and INDIGENOUS BODIES WERE NOT
MAKING ENOUGH CAPITAL FOR WHITE PEOPLE
AND they ESTABLISHED THESE OTHER
INSTITUTIONS, PRISONS, PSYCH WARDS,
CIRCUSES, these things were to further
extract and TO EXPLOIT AND MAKE MONEY

OFF OF OUR BODIES AND MINDS. I WILL
STOP THERE. GO AHEAD, DUSTIN.

>> THIS IS DUSTIN. THANK YOU,
TL. THAT LEADS US right INTO DORIAN.
I'M super EXCITED TO HAVE MET AND
EXCITED TO BUILD A COMMUNITY WITH
DORIAN. WHAT TL WAS FINISHing ON
TALKING about THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
DIFFERENT FORMS OF INCARCERATION IS ONE
OF THE REASONS WE WANTED TO HOST THIS
TONIGHT. WE SAW AS THOUGH ONE SIDE OF
THE aISLE, DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENTS
AND GROUPS IN LARGE ARE NOT necessarily
FOCUSED ON JAILS AND PRISONS OR THE
PEOPLE IN THEM AND THEN WE FELT LIKE
THE MOVEMENTS TO decarcerate JAILS AND



PRISONS WERE NOT FOCUSED ON PSYCH

INSTITUTIONS AND ASYLUMS AND nursing
FACILITIES AND all of THE congregate
care SETTINGS IN WHICH DISABLED PEOPLE
are often DISAPPEARing TO. THAT IS
WHERE THE WORK THAT DORIAN DOES LIVES.
WITHOUT FURTHER ADIEU, DORIAN.

>> HI, I'M DORIAN. MY NAME IS
DORIAN. I AM A BLACK LIGHT-SKINNED
MASCULINE PRESENTING PERSON. I HAVE ON
BLuISH TORTOISE SHELL GLASSES AND A
BROWN AND BLUE plaid BUTTON-UP SHIRT.
I HAVE HEADPHONES ON AND A BLACK CAP.
I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR INCLUDING ME IN THIS PANEL WITH ALL
OF THESE WONDERFUL MINDS. YEAH, THIS
DOES DELVE PERFECTLY TO WHAT I HAVE TO
SAY THAT YES, AS MENTIONED BEFORE
CRIMINALITY, RACE AND DISABILITY ARE
SOCIAL CONSTRUCTS DEEPLY CONNECTED WITH

LABOR AND THESE DYNAMICS ARE NEEDED TO
CONTROL SOCIETAL ACCESS. AND WE VIEW
DISABILITY AS SOMEONE OR SOMEONE WHO IS
DISABLED BASED ON THEIR PERCEIVED
ABILITY TO EARN CAPITAL AND HAVE ACCESS



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TO THAT. THESE MAKE OR BREAK WHO HAS
ACCESS TO EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE, JOBS
AND EMPATHY AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT
TO MENTION EMPATHY BECAUSE INSTITUTIONS
SUCH AS GROUP HOMES, NURSING CARE
FACILITIES ARE OFTEN SEEN AS BETTER
ALTERNATIVES TO PRISONS AND BETTER
ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON WHICH THEY ARE
NOT. WE CAN'T ALLOW -- INSTITUTIONS TO
PERPETUATE THEMSELVES UNDER THE GUIDES
OF CARE AND REHABILITATION AND WE HAVE
A MODEL HOW THIS WAS HISTORICALLY DONE

IN COGNITIVE AND INTELLECTUAL DISABLED COMMUNITIES, WHEN WE TRADE IT FOR THE TERMS OF GROUP HOMES AND A SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE MODEL OF INSTITUTIONS AND SEGREGATION. SO THEREFORE, THESE INTERSECTIONS ALSO CREATE RACIALIZED ABLEISM AS A FORM OF VIOLENCE BECAUSE WE ARE LARGELY SHOVED AWAY TO THESE FACILITIES. AND THESE QUALITIES ARE BECOMING CLEARER IN THE RISE OF THE COVID EPIDEMIC, THE RISING DEATH TOLL AND LACK OF EMPATHY ARE GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN THE INSTITUTIONS. FOLKS IN GROUP



HOMES AND NURSING HOMES ARE OFTEN CONGREGATED IN THICK PLACES AND WE SEE THEM NOW ASPECT HOT SPOTS FOR THE VIRUS AND MORE LIKELY TO LIVE IN AREAS WITH

LESS ACCESS TO LESS ADEQUATE HOSPITAL
CARE AND HISTORICALLY DENYING LIFE
SAVING TREATMENTS AND PRIOR EXISTENCE
GIVING THEM MORE ACCESS TO DISABILITY.
WITH THIS CREATES LESS ACCESS TO CARE
WHICH IS WRITTEN IN LAWS. AS AZZA
MENTIONED EARLIER, THE HOSPITAL
GUIDELINES ARE ABLE TO REALLOCATE
RESOURCES BASICALLY MEANING THEY GET TO
PICK AND CHOOSE AND PRIORITIZE PATIENTS
WITH BETTER PROGNOSIS OR GREATER NEED
AND THIS MEAN THAT IS DISABLED CARE,
ELDERS, PEOPLE WITH HIGHER WAITS WHO
NEED ACUTE CARE, THE POLICIES ARE
CREATED TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THAT.
AND WHEN WE SPEAK ABOUT ABOLITION OF
INSTITUTIONS AS A WHOLE, GENERALLY,
THESE FACILITIES ARE LEFT OUT OF THE
CONVERSATION LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE
LACK OF EMPATHY TO THESE COMMUNITIES.

SO YEAH. I'M TRYING TO THINK. THAT'S



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PRETTY MUCH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ON THE
TOPIC.

>> ALL RIGHT, DORIAN, THANK YOU.
I APPRECIATE YOU. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE
A COUPLE MINUTE BREAK AND THEN WE'LL
COME BACK AND CYREE WILL TALK AND WE'LL
GO TO QUESTION AND ANSWER AFTER THAT.
SO A TWO MINUTE BREAK.

(RECESS TAKEN)

(RECESS TAKEN)?

>> Based OFF OF SOME OF THE
THINGS THAT DORIAN MENTIONED AND AZZA,
i do want to note that marginalized
COMMUNITIES PARTICULARLY BLACK FOLKS
ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN
THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE IN THE NURSING

FACILITIES UNDER THE AGE OF 60. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS OFTEN LEFT OUT OF CONVERSATIONS AS WELL THAT HAS TO DO WITH MEDICAL RACISM AND THE LACK OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT ARE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES AND IT IS ABOUT THE DEVALUING OF THE CARE WORK IN GENERAL. CARE ATTENDANTS THAT FOLKS ARE



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interdependent UPON IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, to LIVE AND HAVE SOME TYPE OF QUALITY OF LIFE ARE NOT GETTING PAID EVEN CLOSE TO A LIVABLE WAGE. THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE BENEFITS OF UNIONS OFTENTIMES. SO THAT IS ALSO PART OF WHY ABLEISM IS ROOTED OR CAPITALISM IS PART AND PARCEL OF ABLEISM. IF WE ARE

REALLY TALKING ABOUT DISMANTLING
ABLEISM, WE ALSO HAVE TO BE TALKING
ABOUT CAPITALISM AND LABOR AS WELL AS
DORIAN BRILLIANTLY TIED TOGETHER. THE
NEXT PERSON UP IS CYREE JARELLE
JOHNSON. CYREE IS A WRITER, POET, AND
ACTIVIST AND LIBRARIAN AND A LOT OF
THINGS --

(INAUDIBLE)

>> SO I'M PROUD TO IT BE IN THE
COMMUNITY WITH CYREE, AND I KNOW CYREE
IS GOING TO OFFER US A LOT.

>> HI, EVERYBODY. MY BAD. HI,
EVERYBODY. I'M CYREE JARELLE JOHNSON.
I AM A BLACK TRANS-FAG. I'M FEMININELY
PRESENTING. I'M ALSO FEM PRESENTING.
I'M WEARING A BLACK POLO WITH LIME



GREEN TRIM ON THE SLEEVES AND A DOUBLE
LIME GREEN STRIPE ON THE NECK AND A
ZIPPER AND INSTEAD OF A BUTTON OF
COURSE AND THERE ARE some PICTURES
BEHIND ME. YOU CAN SEE I'M ON MY SOFA.
I'M GOING TO WORK HARD TO SPEAK SLOWLY.
I'M A HYPER-VERBAL AUTISTIC AND THAT IS
A PROBLEM FOR ME AND HAS BEEN MY WHOLE
LIFE. IF AT ANY POINT I'M SPEAKING TOO
QUICKLY, please do DROP IT IN THE CHAT,
because I am TRYING REALLY HARD. SO I
APPRECIATE THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
THAT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE THAT I RESPECT
SO MUCH HAVE GIVEN TO "GROUNDING
MOVEMENTS AND DISABILITY JUSTICE" AND I
WILL SAY THAT WHAT I'M GOING TO TALK
ABOUT TODAY IS MORE TIMELY. I LIVE
WITH CPTSD AND I HAVE VERY DIFFICULT
AND COMPLICATED FEELINGS ABOUT

TRIGGER-WARNINGS BECAUSE MOST THINGS
THAT COME OUT OF MY MOUTH ARE GOING TO
BE TRIGGERING AND THAT'S A CONVERSATION
FOR ANOTHER TIME, BUT JUST DO KNOW
THAT. SO WHAT I CAME HERE TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT TODAY SPECIFICALLY IS



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Hydroxychloroquine AND THE SHORTAGE.
WHAT IS INTERESTING IS THAT
Hydroxychloroquine HAS BEEN BUILT IN
THE MEDIA AS AN ANTIMALARIAL, which it
is but WHAT PEOPLE DON'T SAY MALARIA a
lot anymore is that malaria AND
IMMUNITY AND supposed immunity and
INCREASED RESISTANCE TO MALARIA IS ONE
OF THE REASONS THAT PEOPLE WERE CHOSEN
FOR child ENSLAVEMENT IN THE UNITED
STATES. BLACK PEOPLE FROM CENTRAL AND

WEST AFRICA WERE FOUND TO HAVE A
RESISTANCE TO MALARIA AND SO WE WERE
TRAFFICKED INTO PARTS OF THE UNITED
STATES -- I SEE THAT THE THE
INTERPRETER DID NOT GET TO GET TO SPELL
Hydroxychloroquine. Is there anything
I should do, tl? Hydroxychloroquine,
H-Y-D-R-O-X-Y-C-H-L-O-R-O -- sorry
H-Y-D-R-O-X-Y-C-H-L-O-R-O-Q-U-I-N-E,
Hydroxychloroquine. SO AN IMMUNITY FOR
MALARIA IS PART OF THE REASON why BLACK
PEOPLE FROM WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
WERE TRAFFICKED TO THE UNITED STATES
specifically TO THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES



THAT HAD ENSLAVEMENT, LIKE NEW YORK,
DOWN TO Georgia because THESE places
WERE MALARIA SWAMPS. SO PEOPLE WERE

DYING LEFT AND RIGHT BECAUSE THERE WERE MOSQUITOES THERE AND THE REASON FOR THAT IMMUNITY IS THOUGHT TO BE BECAUSE OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT. BECAUSE OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT. IT WAS A HISTORY OF BLACK SPECIFIC DISEASES THAT ARE inextricably Tied WITH THE HISTORY OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ALSO DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE LINK BETWEEN SICKLE CELL AND HOW THE PREVALENCE OF THOSE TRAITS MIXED WITH MALARIA. SO YOU HAVE A POPULATION THAT WAS ILL AND ALSO SUBJECT TO A LOT OF SUNLIGHT AND BECOMING MORE ILL. SO THAT IS PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND SLAVERY TOO. SO Hydroxychloroquine IS USED TO TREAT rheumatological diseases. It's considered the STANDARD OF CARE which

means A GREAT MANY OF US TAKE IT
BECAUSE LUPUS in SPECIFIC, I LIVE WITH



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LUPUS, DID NOT HAVE MANY MEDICATIONS TO
TREAT IT IN GENERAL AND
Hydroxychloroquine WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
MEDICATIONS THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY
APPROVED TO TREAT LUPUS, SPECIFICALLY.
IT IS A MEDICATION THAT IS OUT OF
PATENT. SO IT IS A PRETTY OLD
MEDICATION, BUT trump is INVESTED IN at
least ONE COMPANY THAT MAKES
Hydroxychloroquine. So THERE IS NO WAY
TO THINK OF HIS INTENTIONS FOR SAYING
THE Hydroxychloroquine ON TV AS being
INHERENTLY CURED BECAUSE IN SOME WAY HE
IS BENEFITING FROM THE IDEA THAT
Hydroxychloroquine IS TREATING COVID-19

WHICH AGAIN, IT HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN TO DO. IN THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, Hydroxychloroquine WAS ONE OF THE MOST SEARCHED TERMS ON GOOGLE. THE PURCHASING OF THE MEDICATION BY HOSPITALS AND surreptitously BY DOCTORS DOUBLED IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH WHICH LEFT THE MEDICATION IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY. AGAIN, AT NO POINT HAS THIS BEEN still APPROVED TO TREAT COVID-19,



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IN FACT, THERE ARE SOME STUDIES THAT SHOW IT MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE IT WORSE OR make people MORE LIKELY To DIE. But because THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONTROLLED STUDIES, WE DON'T KNOW. And of course, WHERE ARE THEY TESTING THIS? THEY ARE TESTING Hydroxychloroquine IN PRISONS,

they are testing Hydroxychloroquine IN
NURSING FACILITIES, in CARE FACILITIES
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE ARE SEEING THIS
NEW CLASS OF HOW INCARCERATION MEANS OR
THIS NEXT GENERATION OF HOW
INCARCERATION MEANS ALSO BEING TESTED
UPON SO THAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN
EXPERIENCE MEDICAL ADVANCES, RIGHT? WE
ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT THE KNOWN
THERAPEUTIC USES OF Hydroxychloroquine
WHEN WE ARE TALKING about
Hydroxychloroquine ON THE NEWS. WE ARE
TALKING ABOUT ATTEMPTING TO SAVE
otherwise HEALTHY PEOPLE FROM ILLNESS
AND IT IS very LIKELY THAT DISABLED
PEOPLE EVEN IF IT WAS SHOWN TO WORK,
would not be offered these -- IF THEY
WERE LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENTS. AND



PART OF THAT IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSIDERED GREATEST AT RISK ARE PEOPLE WHO ALSO HAVE RACIALIZED DISEASES. We know that DIABETES, ASTHMA, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, THEY ARE FAR MORE COMMON IN BLACK AND INDIGENOUS and latina COMMUNITIES. IT IS NOT FOR NOTHING, that THE IDEA that ONLY PEOPLE WITH THESE DISEASES ARE GOING TO DIE. I CAN SAY WITH LUPUS, WHICH IS A DISEASE THAT OVERWHELMINGLY AFFECTS BLACK PEOPLE WHO ARE ESTROGEN-DOMINANT IN OUR BODY AND IT IS A DISEASE THAT USUALLY PEOPLE DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH NEEDING CARE OR PEOPLE WHO DESERVE CARE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. SO AND THAT IS -- HAS ALSO EXTENDED TO COVID-19. THE QUESTION

REALLY IS WHOSE MEDICATION GETS TAKEN
AWAY IN TIMES LIKE THIS? HOW IS IT
TAKEN AND WHY? AND also to some extent
BY WHOM? I CAN NOT KEEP UP WITH BOTH
CHATS AND SO I'M GOING TO TRY TO HIDE
THEM. IT IS BLINKING AT ME. SO IN
THAT SAME VEIN -- AS CONCERNING AS THE



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PROBLEM OF AN ACTUAL MEDICATION
SHORTAGE is, WHAT'S MORE CONCERNING WAS
THE SILENCE OF OUR MOVEMENTS. I KNEW
THERE WAS GOING TO BE A
Hydroxychloroquine SHORTAGE AS I
STARTED SEEING THE PRESIDENT SAY IT ON
THE NEWS. DR. Fauci HAS A LONG HISTORY
AND COMPLICATED HISTORY WITH PEOPLE
WITH IMMUNE system DISORDERS AND
DISEASES. Dr. fauci first CAME TO FAME

DURING THE BEGINNINGS OF HIV AND
STARTED OUT AS SOMEONE WHO HAD A VERY
CONFRONTATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIV
AND AIDS ACTIVISTS AND ENDED UP BEING
SOMEONE WHO ENDED UP IN A MORE ADVOCATE
KIND OF ROLE. WHEN WE SEE Dr. fauci
TODAY, THESE DAYS ON THE NEWS, HE IS
NOT ALSO ADVOCATING FOR TALKING ABOUT
Hydroxychloroquine AS A LUPUS DRUG OR
COMPLICATING THE REASONS THAT PEOPLE
WITH DIABETES OR ASTHMA OR HYPERTENSION
ARE BEING disproportionately AFFECTED
BY COVID-19. AND SO THAT IS A REAL
PROBLEM. THE SHORTAGE STARTED AROUND
MARCH 1ST AND WITHIN A WEEK IT WAS



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ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
Hydroxychloroquine. I, MYSELF, WAS

OFFERED ONLY A 14-DAY SUPPLY OF A
MEDICATION THAT I HAVE TAKEN TWICE A
DAY EVERYDAY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. I
WAS -- I ASKED WHY I WAS NOT ABLE TO
ACCESS MY MEDICATION AND PHARMACISTS
TOLD ME DIRECTLY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE
DOCTORS AND DENTISTS HAD ORDERED IT FOR
THEMSELVES TO STOCKPILE FOR THEIR
FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES. WHY ARE
DOCTORS able TO STOCKPILE medications
without an associated diagnosis for
their friends and loved ones, WHEN if I
TRIED TO FILL MY MEDICATION A DAY
EARLY, I'M TURNED AWAY FROM THE
PHARMACY OR IF I CAN PAY OUT OF POCKET
I might be ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.
GENERALLY, I'M TOLD I CAN'T BUY MY
MEDICATION. WHY ARE CERTAIN PEOPLE
ALLOWED TO CIRCUMVENT WHAT IS
CONSIDERED POLICY in order TO JUST KEEP

SOME JUST IN CASE. WHAT PRESIDENT SAYS
NAMES OF MEDICATION DIRECTLY ON THE
internet AS THOUGH PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING



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TO TRY TO OBTAIN That DRUG especially
WHEN THEY ARE TOLD THAT A
LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE IS MAKING ITS
WAY AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.
SO NOT ONLY DID THAT PUT US AT RISK, IT
also DID SO wantedly AND WITHOUT any
CONCERN FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE already
USING THE MEDICATION. THAT IS
CONVENIENT AND EASY TO DO BECAUSE OF
THE PEOPLE WHO CONTRACTED THE
rheumatological DISEASES. Much like
SICKLE CELL AND LUPUS are ASSOCIATED
WITH BLACK PEOPLE. THAT LEADS ME TO
THE QUESTION OF our MOVEMENTs, right?

So WHERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO GENDER
JUSTICE WORK? 90% OF PEOPLE WITH lupus
ARE PEOPLE who are ESTROGEN DOMINANT OR
WOMEN. IT IS ODD THAT THERE IS NO
CONCERN FOR WHETHER OR NOT LARGELY A
DISEASE THAT MOSTLY AFFECTS WOMEN, NO
ONE CARED THAT WE WERE ABOUT TO LOSE
OUR MEDICATION OR POTENTIALLY LOSE OUR
MEDICATION especially AFTER DONALD
TRUMP Pissed OFF PRIME MINISTER modi
BECAUSE 50% OF OUR Hydroxychloroquine



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supply COMES FROM INDIA CURRENTLY. IT
IS ALSO AN ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AS WELL AND WHO CAN AFFORD TO
BE DRAGGED INTO TRUMP'S CONSTANT WARS.
AT THE SAME TIME, lupus
disproportionately affects black

people. I CAN SAY FOR MYSELF, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT I WORKED FOR OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED PRETTY CONSISTENTLY TO BRING this UP TO SPEED on THE DISABILITY JUSTICE. WHERE ARE THEY? AND WHY DIDN'T THEY SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS? IF THIS DISEASE AFFECTS BLACK PEOPLE AND IT DOES, WHAT HAPPENS TO MAKE THAT A GAP IN THEIR COMPASSION AND COVERAGE. Yeah, IT'S BIG. DUSTIN, I'M SEEING you BACK ON. I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO SAY. SO THIS IS ACTUALLY NOT SOMETHING NEW. SO LAST YEAR TRUMP ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS GOING TO CHANGE THE WAY THAT KIDNEY DISEASE WAS TREATED IN THE COUNTRY AND BY 2025 HE WANTED THERE TO BE 80% OF NEW DIAGNOSIS WITH KIDNEY DISEASES WHICH IS SOMETHING COMMON FOR PEOPLE WITH LUPUS AND



TRANSFERRED TO HOME CARE. AND NOW,
WITH COVID-19, WE ARE SEEING AN
INCREASED NEED FOR DIALYSIS AS WELL. I
WANT people TO consider HOW TRUMP IS
directly BENEFITING FROM THESE
ILLNESSES AND even though HOME CARE IS
A GOAL FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING to be
csred for in our home and community,
WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN THE GOVERNMENT
DOES IT AND no one ELSE IS WATCHING?
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT.

>> Thank you, Cyree. I DEEPLY
APPRECIATE BRINGING IN THE
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE to understand
there is something working globally.
IT CALLs on US TO THINK ABOUT
IMPERIALISM AND THE ROLE IN WHICH the

U.S. PLAYS AROUND THE WORLD AND NOT
ONLY THE EXACERBATION of disabilities
BUT also THE CREATION OF DISABILITY AND
USING IT IS A PART OF A WAR IN A WAY --

(INAUDIBLE)

>> SPEAKING TO PLACES LIKE
PALestine --

(INAUDIBLE)



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>> Venezuela, and Iran. I WILL
POSE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT HAVE
BEEN DRAFTED IN THE CHAT THROUGHOUT
THIS. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS READ
four of THEM AND WHOEVER WANTS TO
RESPOND CAN RESPOND. I ask that you
KEEP IT AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE WE
DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME. THE FIRST
QUESTION IS, I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN

SPEAK TO THE EXPECTED LABOR OF
EDUCATING NONDISABLED BLACK INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE OF COLOR? YOU HAVE TO WORK OR
ENGAGE WITH WHO CONTINUE TO UPHOLD
NORMATIVE STANDARDS SPECIFICALLY IN
RELATION TO HOW THEY FEEL so CONFIDENT
AND SPEAKING TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
RACIAL JUSTICE BUT DON'T HAVE AN
UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITY JUSTICE AND
HOW IT INHERENTLY INTERSECTS. I WILL
ALSO DROP THAT IN THE CHAT FOR THE
PANELISTS. NEXT QUESTION IS: AS A
DISABLED PERSON who has been DOING
ORGANIZING RECENTLY WITH ABLED RADICAL
FOLKS, I FIND A LOT OF ABLEISM. I FEEL
I HAVE BEEN SAYING THINGS OVER AND OVER



ad nauseam TO TRY TO GET THEM TO SLOW

DOWN THE PACE AND FOCUS ON ACCESS, ET
CETERA. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU MIGHT
SUGGEST THAT I CAN ENCOURAGE THEM TO
GROUNDWORK more STRUCTURALLY AND
INTENTIONALLY IN DISABILITY JUSTICE?
AND THE LAST QUESTION IS: HOW DO YOU
VIEW the PERCEPTION OF DISABILITY
withIN MINORITY GROUPS in your
experience? AND WHICH COMMUNITY AS A
WHOLE SHOWS MORE EMPATHY AND CREATES
ACCESSIBILITY inititally? THE MAJORITY
WHITE RACE OR MINORITIES? HOW DO WE
TACKle THE LACK OF EDUCATION WITH
MINORITY GROUPS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE
BLACK COMMUNITY? I PUT THOSE IN THE
CHAT. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND
FIRST CAN TURN ON THEIR CAMERA AND just
ANNOUNCE YOUR NAME.

>> THIS IS TL. I WANTED TO JUMP
IN FOR THE SAKE OF TIME AND TOUCH ON

ONE IMPORTANT PART OF DISABILITY
JUSTICE. THE REASON WHY DISABILITY
JUSTICE IS SO CRITICAL a lens and
praxis FOR ALL MOVEMENTS IS BECAUSE IT



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ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE ARE REASONS WHY
BLACK AND INDIGENOUS FOLKS AND OTHER
NEGATIVELY RACIALIZED FOLKS DO NOT
IDENTIFY AS DISABLED. DO NOT
NECESSARILY UNDERSTAND A LOT OF THE
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THOSE THINGS AND IT
DOESN'T CHASTISE FOR THAT. IT SAYS,
hey, LET'S ACKNOWLEDGE THE VIOLENT
HISTORIES BEHIND BLACK FOLKS LABELED AS
disabled and BEING FORCED AND SEPARATED
FROM FAMILIES, being institutionalized,
being KILLED BY COPS AND SO ON AND SO
FORTH, right? BEING PUT INTO PRISONS.

AND IT SAYS LET'S FIGURE OUT -- AND THE
OTHER THING DISABILITY JUSTICE IS
CRITICAL FOR IS THAT IT acKNOWLEDGES
OUR CULTURAL TRUTH, RIGHT? SO BLACK
AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES GENERALLY
HAVE DIFFERENT LANGUAGE TO EXPLAIN
THINGS RELATED TO DISABILITY. WE MIGHT
NOT EVER USE THE WORLD DISABILITY, BUT
WHEN, in fact, WE ARE DISCUSSING
DISABILITY. THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE
TO acKNOWLEDGE as well AND THAT IS
SOMETHING THAT DISABILITY JUSTICE HOLDS



TOGETHER WITH THE COMPLEXITY OF THE
ABLEISM THAT ALL OF US CONTINUE TO
EXPERIENCE WHICH IS WHY WE ARE
EXTREMELY EXHAUSTED WITH GENERAL --
MOVEMENTS IN GENERAL. SO I WANT TO

ACKNOWLEDGE AND AFFIRM THE PERSON THE
SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO ARE NAMING THAT
THERE IS A LOT OF ABLEISM WITHIN BLACK
AND INDIGENOUS AND NEGATIVELY
RACIALIZED COMMUNITIES. I ENCOURAGE
YOU TO DO YOUR STUDIES OF FOLKS MAKING
THE CONNECTION AND FIGURING OUT HOW TO
LOOP THOSE MOVEMENTS THAT YOU ARE
INVOLVED WITH IN AND SOME OF THE STUFF
AND WORK THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE
AND OBVIOUSLY, THE TRAIL WAS LAID LONG
BEFORE WE EXISTED. LEROY MOORE, PATTY
BERNE, THERE'S A NUMBER OF FOLKS OUR
ELDERS, KARIMA WHO YOU SHOULD BE
STUDYING AND LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING
THAT THIS JOURNEY DIDN'T START WITH
JUST A FEW OF US ON THE CALL HERE.
THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO SAY. GO AHEAD.

>> I JUST KIND OF WANTED TO -- WE

HAVE TO CONSIDER THE FACTS THAT EVEN --



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CALLING THEM ENABLED IS RACIALIZED IN A
SENSE AND THESE THESE SYSTEMS OF -- I'M
GETTING A LITTLE NONVERBAL RIGHT NOW.
THE SYSTEMS OF VIOLENCE OFTEN
PERPETUATE THEMSELVES AND THE POLICE
VIOLENCE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE ET
CETERA, AND EVEN WHO HAS ACCESS TO
GETTING CERTAIN DIAGNOSISES TO HAVE
access FOR CARE, BUT IT IS A VERY LONG
HISTORY BEHIND THAT AND WHY IT MIGHT
APPEAR TO BE LESS EMPATHY AND BY --
COMMUNITIES.

>> THIS IS CYREE. I AM GOING TO
JUST SPEAK TO THE QUESTION HOW DO YOU
VIEW THE PERCEPTION OF DISABILITY
WITHIN MINORITY GROUPS IN MY EXPERIENCE

WITH THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE SHOWS
EMPATHY AND INCREASES ACCESSIBILITY,
THE MAJORITY OF WHITE RACE OR
MINORITIES, HOW DO WE TACKLING THE LACK
OF EDUCATION WITHIN DISABILITY AND THE
minority GROUPS SPECIFICALLY THE BLACK
COMMUNITY. NONE OF THE COMMUNITIES IS
DOING A GREAT JOB, EVERYONE IS DOING
BAD. I THINK THAT IT IN TERMS OF



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DISABILITY JUSTICE. I THINK THAT WELL,
WE HAVE TO INCLUDE DISABILITY RIGHTS
because DISABILITY RIGHTS AND
DISABILITY JUSTICE ARE IN NO WAY THE
SAME THING. I THINK THAT WHITE
DISABILITY RIGHTS FOLKS HAVE THEMSELVES
SET an accessible FRAMEWORK, right? SO
IT CERTAINLY IS NOT WHITE PEOPLE WHO

ARE DOING THIS, RIGHT? IT WAS WHITE
DISABILITY RIGHTS FOLKS WHO KEPT many
DISABILITIES THAT disproportionately
AFFECT BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE from
BEING CONSIDERED DISABILITIES AND SOME
WILL STILL FIGHT YOU ABOUT IT UNTIL
THIS dAY. I SAY THAT AS A PERSON WITH
LUPUS. So until THE STANDARDS OF
DISABILITY WERE CHANGED AND WITHIN MY
ADULT LIFETIME, I'M 31 YEARS OLD AND I
CAN REMEMBER WHEN THIS CHANGED. LUPUS
WAS always IN BATTLE AND LUPUS CAN AND
WILL KILL YOU, right? IT DOES NOT KILL
EVERYONE, BUT IT CAN BE A DEADLY
DISEASE. THAT IS WHY DISABILITY RIGHTS
FOLKS. I WILL SAY THAT BLACK PEOPLE IN
SPECIFIC RESPONSES OR THE BLACK



COMMUNITIES RESPONSES TO ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY ARE VERY COLORED BY ENSLAVEMENT. SO LIKE THE IDEA OF DISABILITY DURING ENSLAVEMENT WAS VERY ENBATTLED AND very DANGEROUS TO BE A DISABLED PERSON NOW. A LOT OF THE CONCEPTS THAT WE THINK OF IN TERMS OF DISABILITY NOW, LIKE IN TERMS OF ILLNESS, WERE TIED TO PRODUCTIVITY SO THE IDEA THAT CALLING YOURSELF DISABLED is SOMETIMES STILL ASSOCIATED WITH NOT BEING PRODUCTIVE OR BEING SOMEONE WHO COMPLAINS AND THESE THINGS CAN BE CULTURALLY RISKY IN BLACK COMMUNITIES. I CAN'T SAY IT IS TRUE MORE SO THAN OTHER COMMUNITIES. I'VE BEEN BLACK THIS WHOLE TIME AND I CANNOT COMPARE IN THOSE WAYS. I think generally ACCESSIBILITY IS A PROJECT THAT THE ENTIRE SOCIETY TAKES ON AND DISABILITY

JUSTICE ideally IS A PROJECT THAT AN ENTIRE SOCIETY TAKES ON AS WELL SO I DON'T KNOW THAT RANKING THEM IS very USEFUL.

>> THANK YOU. INVITING NIRMALA



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OR AZZA, IF EITHER OF YOU WANTED TO RESPOND BRIEFLY.

>> I'M NIRMALA. AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS. I WAS GOING TO ADD ANOTHER LITTLE STICKY POINT IN THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION. BECAUSE ONE OF THE ASSUMPTIONS IS THAT DISABILITY IS KIND OF WHAT I SAID AND WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN EARLIER THAT DISABILITY IS NOT -- IS ALSO IS NOT just biological IN SOME WAYS IT IS ALSO HISTORICAL. THERE IS A REALLY TENSE

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISABILITY AND RACE. IN FACT, THE ACTUAL PROCESSES OF SLAVERY COLONIALISM AND EVEN KNOW CAPITALISM IF YOU WORK IN FACTORIES, YOU BECOME AND GET IMPAIRMENTS. SO IN SCHOOLS AND THE CONTEXT IN WHICH I WAS TALKING DISABLED PEOPLE GET PARTICULAR LABELS BECAUSE THEY GET PARTICULAR LABELS BECAUSE OF HOW THE SCHOOLS CONSTITUTE BLACK AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AS DISABLED. SO IN FACT, DISABILITY, WE HAVE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OR A WAY OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO KEEP BOTH



DISABILITY AND RACE AS CATEGORIES OR IDENTITIES THAT BOTH AFFIRM AND BASED ON AN ABLEIST UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITY CHALLENGE THE WAYS IN WHICH

DISABLED PEOPLE LIKE PEOPLE OF COLOR
EXPERIENCE DISABILITY. HOW DO YOU --
LIKE IT IS ONE OF THOSE STICKING
POINTS. HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE AND
EXPERIENCE OF YOURSELF THAT HAS BEEN
PRODUCED BY THE VIOLENCE OF CAPITALISM.
SO ONE OF YOU ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT
HOW DO YOU TEACH? WHEN I TEACH ABOUT
THE RELATIONSHIP OF RACE AND
DISABILITY, I TALK NOT SO MUCH ABOUT
THE FACT THAT DISABILITY IS INHERENTLY
THIS KIND OF NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE
BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IS WHAT DISABILITY
JUSTICE SAYS. THAT IT IS SOMETHING. WE
HAVE TO LOOK AT THE CONDITIONS. WHAT
ARE THE CONDITIONS THAT CREATE BOTH
RACISM AND DISABILITY WHICH IS TRANCE
NAGS NATIONAL CAPITALISM, COLONIALISM,
IMPERIALISM. THE WAYS IN WHICH THE

HEALTHCARE, AND THE ISSUE OF LABOR AND
THE WAYS IN WHICH HEALTH CARE AND



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EDUCATION CONSTITUTE CERTAIN BODIES,
THE KIND OF EUGENICS LOGIC THAT WE HAD
TALK ABOUT TO DECIDE WHICH BODIES ARE
DISPOSABLE AND WHICH ARE NOT. SO IT IS
MORE IMPORTANT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
DISABILITY JUSTICE TO TALK ABOUT THE
FORCES THAT CREATE THESE ITEMS RATHER
THAN TO LOCATE THESE ITEMS COMPETITIVE
OR COLLAPSED INTO EACH OTHER.

>> THANK YOU, NIRMALA. THIS IS
DUSTIN. WE WILL SEND A FOLLOW-UP
E-MAIL WITH THE RECORDING OF THE
WEBINAR ALONG WITH THE TRANSCRIPT. I
know THERE WAS ISSUES WITH THE CAPTION.
FOR THAT I APOLOGIZE AND WE WILL

ATTEMPT TO GET THAT FIGURED OUT AND
HOPEFULLY THE TRANSCRIPT DOESN'T HAVE
THOSE SAME ISSUES. WE WILL also SEND
THE RESOURCES AND REFERENCES THAT WERE
DROPPED IN THE CHAT TODAY WITH WAYS TO
CONNECT AND CONTACT ALL OF THE
PANELISTS AND IF THE PANELISTS ARE OKAY
WITH DROPPING THEIR CASHAPPS OR VenMOS
OR paypals in the chat THAT'S FINE. IF
NOT, WE WILL FIND A WAY IF YOU WANT TO



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DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO ANY OF THE
PANELISTS THROUGH THAT FOLLOW-UP EMAIL.
I GUESS IN CLOSING, I WANT TO THANK
EVERYONE WHO TUNED IN ON ZOOM, THANK
EVERYONE WHO TUNED IN ON FACEBOOK. AND
IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ALL WANT
TO CONTINUE AND HAVE MORE OF THEN I'M

GOING TO LEAVE THAT TO THE PEOPLE TO
DECIDE AND LET US KNOW. ALSO AGAIN, A
HUGE THANK YOU TO THE INTERPRETERS. IT
IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN THESE TIMES
TO THINK OF INTERPRETERS AND PEOPLE
THAT ARE HELPING FOLKS TO PROVIDE
ACCESS AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS AS WELL
THAT DESERVE TO BE PAID FOR LABOR AND
HAVE THAT. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU. AND
WE WILL BE SIGNING OFF.

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