

Gender Equity: Assignment in honor of the life of Breonna Taylor

Pick a topic below and choose a format (i.e., pick 1 of the 3 choices below):

1. Write a 3-4 page paper
2. Create a piece of art (poem, drawing, painting, play, script)
3. Create a blog, website or public service announcement to be posted to social media

Topic Choices (pick one choice to focus on below; FYI: “women” in this assignment means any person who identifies themselves as a woman regardless of their sex assigned at birth):

1. What might gender have to do with police killings of Black, Brown, or Indigenous women? For example, any inequities of the handling of the case or media exposure, other differences?
2. How does our judicial system treat women of color (as defendants, as witnesses, for example)? How is it similar or different to white men and/or men of color?
3. Women’s bodies are policed by our government. For example, the consistent debate of Roe V. Wade and the closing of clinics that would allow women to have abortion rights. What inequities and or “policing” of bodies exist particularly for women of color?
4. How does our culture (the media, law enforcement, department of corrections, neighbors, social services, courts, for example) treat girls of color (children) when they go missing, when they are abused, and/or when they are killed?
5. Examine the pay inequity/disparity for women of color. Avoid just comparing women to men, but look more closely at what Black women, Latinas, and Indigenous women make in comparison to men and with other women. What are some of the reasons these disparities exist? You can include the inequity of women of color in prestigious, high paying, jobs.
6. Anything else? Propose an idea as long as it looks at gender inequity of women of color. I will need to approve your topic.

Everyone must have at least 5 sources. Two of your sources need to be scholarly articles in the fields of psychology, sociology, anthropology and/or other related fields. Regardless of the format you choose (i.e., paper, poem, drawing, script) you need to be clear in your description of the art that you used 5 sources. For example, for your poem, have citations in parentheses next to your words where that idea or point might have come from. If you create a picture you should have your citations on the back or on a separate piece of paper explaining how information from your 5 sources were used in your picture. Alternatively, you could create a video explaining your art and how you incorporated the 5 sources in your art. If you choose a paper, blog or website, for example, you would include your citations (in text and works cited page) on your site or in your paper. Citations will be in APA style.

Lastly, what organization or community project will you support and how? It can be through direct service/volunteer work, posting flyers (your art, for example) on campus or online with references on how people can help, sign petitions/make calls that support positions you researched. Type up a short paragraph of the organization you supported and how you supported them (include this paragraph with the assignment you turned in. Talk to me if you have questions.

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