

Anti-Oppression Statement

We are the 99% and our task is to unify the 99%. Unfortunately, we live in a society that is racist, sexist, classist, homophobic, and ridden with various other interconnected forms of repression that are divisive, unfair, and un-needed.

As the Occupy Sonoma County community, we will consciously and urgently work on dismantling systems of oppression in our movement. Oppression is a tool to consolidate power and is often used by the 1% to break solidarity between groups. Therefore, we are working on creating a common unity where everyone's autonomy is respected, protected, and treated equally. We all have different levels of privilege that we strive to acknowledge and educate ourselves about, in order to ensure that these privileges are not used to oppress others. We want to have an inclusive atmosphere of ideas in which we do not police each others' thoughts, but we have absolutely no tolerance for oppressive or intimidating words or actions.

Therefore, Occupy Sonoma County does not accept any of the following in our community and group:

- *Disregard for indigenous autonomy.*
- *Ableism (discrimination or social prejudice against people with disabilities).*
- *Racism (of any variety).*
- *Patriarchy, patriarchal behavior, or other forms of domination based on gender identity.*
- *Sexism (attitudes or behavior based on traditional stereotypes of sexual roles).*
- *Ageism (oppression against youth and/or elders).*
- *Heterosexism (oppression against LGBTQ people).*
- *Transphobia.*
- *Anti-Arab sentiment (or Islamophobia).*
- *Anti-Jewish sentiment.*
- *Religious intolerance or intolerance of non-religious people.*
- *Class oppression (classism).*
- *Cultural intolerance.*
- *Oppression based on immigration status.*
- *Oppression based on experiences with the justice system.*
- *Oppression based on experiences with the educational system.*
- *Oppression based on emotional status.*
- *Oppression based on health status.*
- *Oppression based on appearance or size.*