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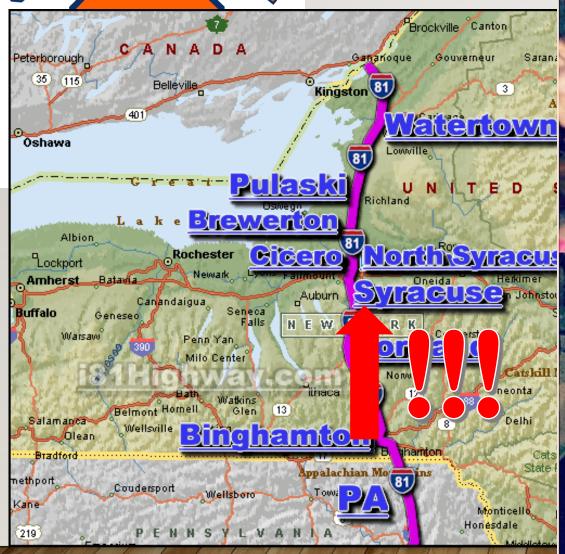
A CRITICAL RACE CONVERSATION FOR ALLIES AND ACCOMPLICES

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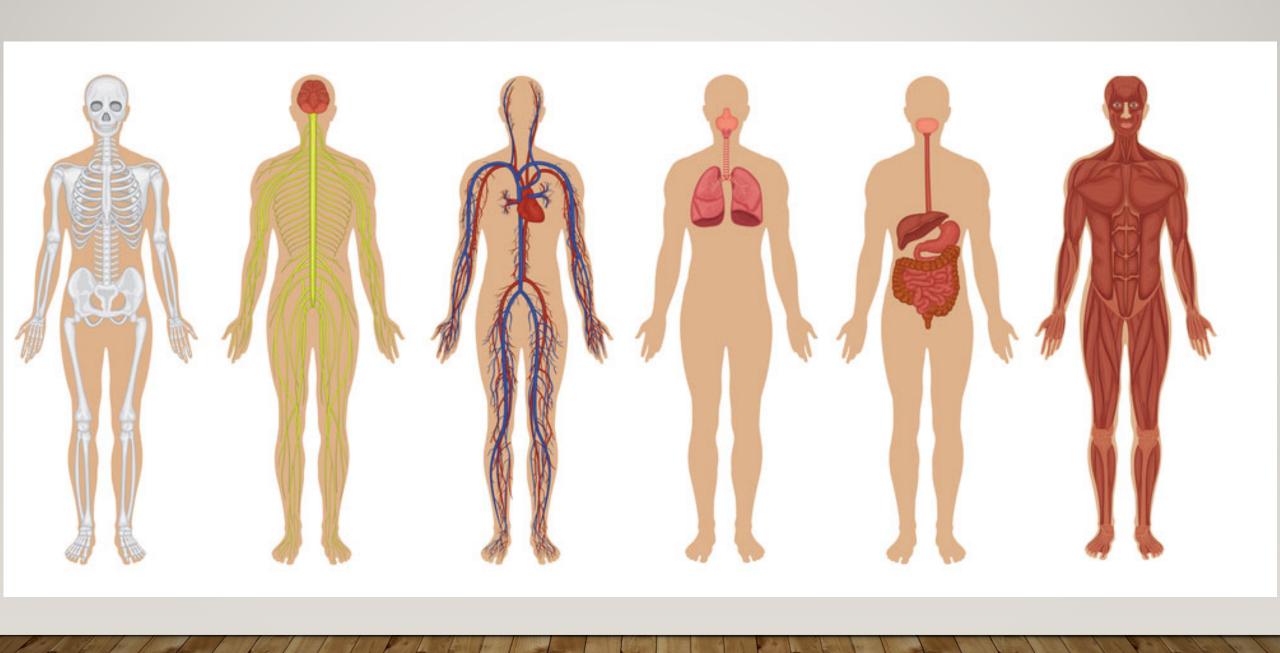
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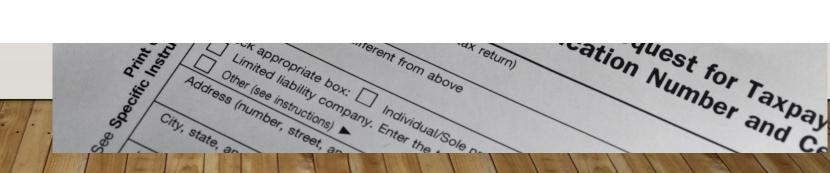






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Dear Aja Martinez,

Employers in the United States are required by law to verify the employment authorization of all workers they hire within 3 days of the hire date. Our records indicate that you have not yet completed your I-9. Unfortunately, because you are not in compliance, we are required to temporarily suspend your employment, effective immediately. You are not to perform any work related duties until your I-9 has been completed.

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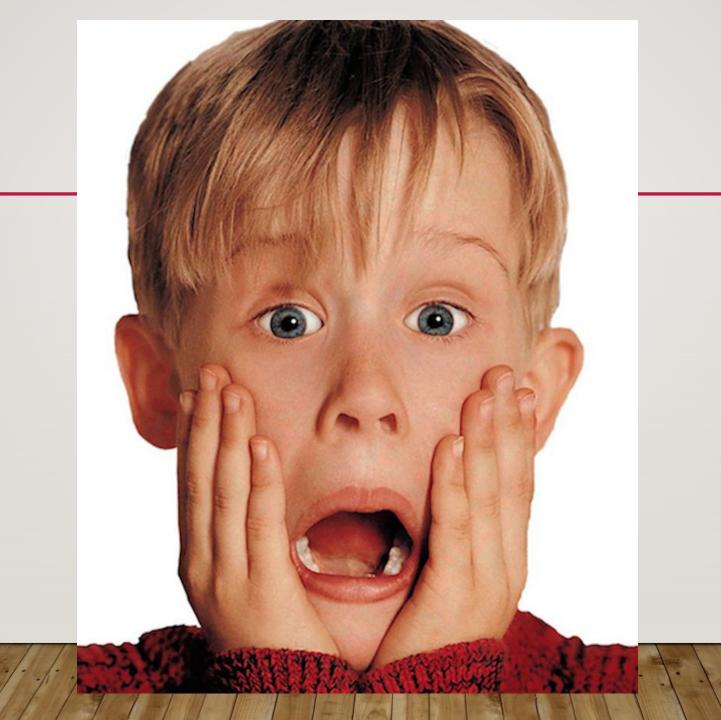
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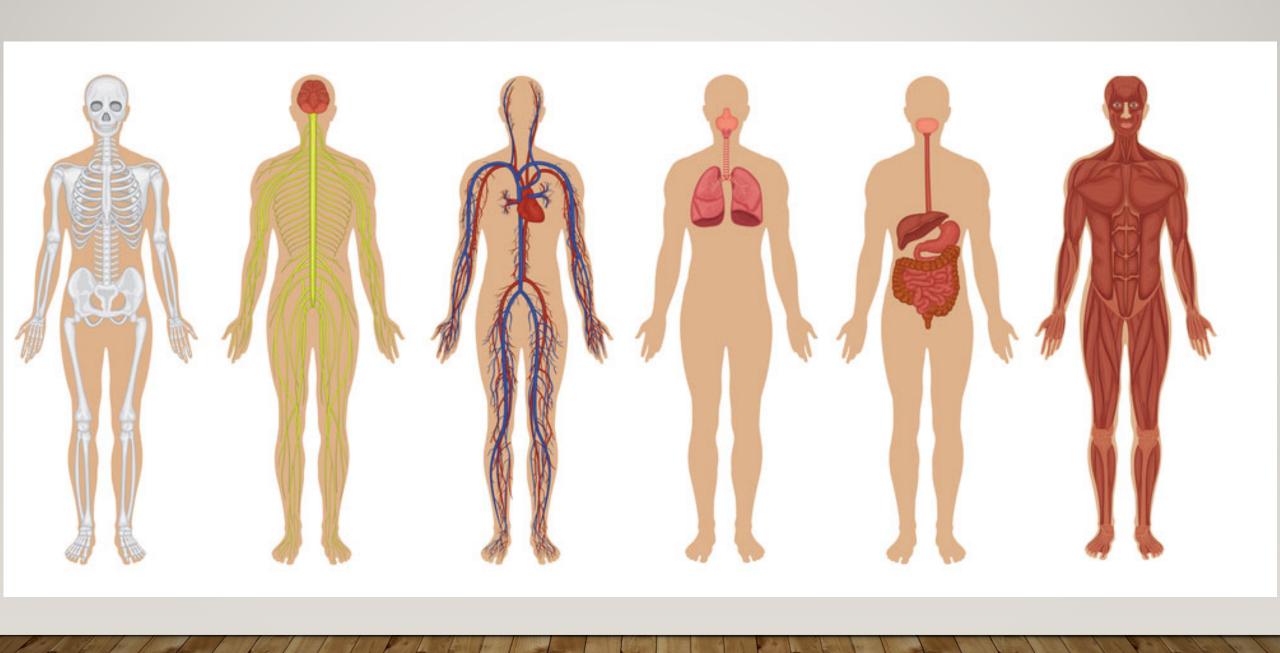
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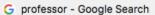








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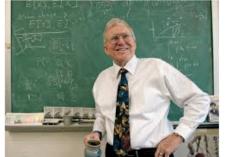


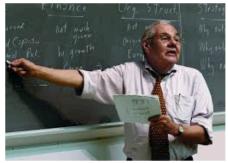
























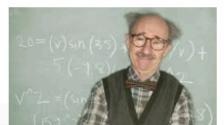






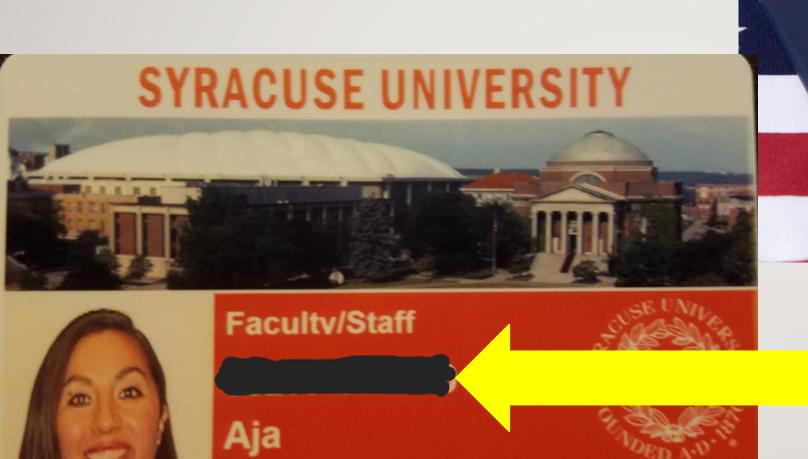












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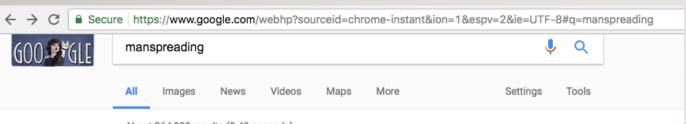


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#### **ARIZONA'S SB 1070**

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the most hotly disputed part of Arizona's anti-immigrant law, S.B. 1070, which requires police to determine the immigration status of someone arrested or detained when there is "reasonable suspicion" they are not in the U.S. legally. The ACLU, along with a coalition of civil rights organizations, will continue to challenge the Arizona law on other constitutional grounds.



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man·spread·ing /ˈmanˌsprediNG/
noun informal noun: manspreading; noun: man-spreading
the practice whereby a man, especially one traveling on public transportation, adopts a sitting position with his legs wide apart, in such a way as to encroach on an adjacent seat or seats. "a campaign to discourage manspreading or using an adjacent seat as a footrest"
Origin
early 21st century: from man and spreading (see spread).
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#### Manspreading - Wikipedia

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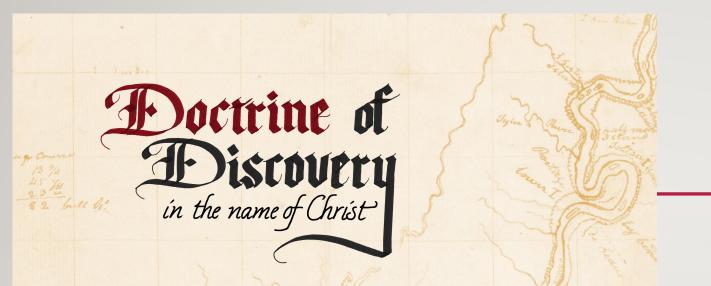
Manspreading, or man-sitting, is a neologism used to describe a man sitting in public transport with legs wide apart, thereby covering more than one seat. Both this posture and usage of the term "manspreading" have caused some internet criticism, and debates in the USA, UK, Turkey, and Canada.

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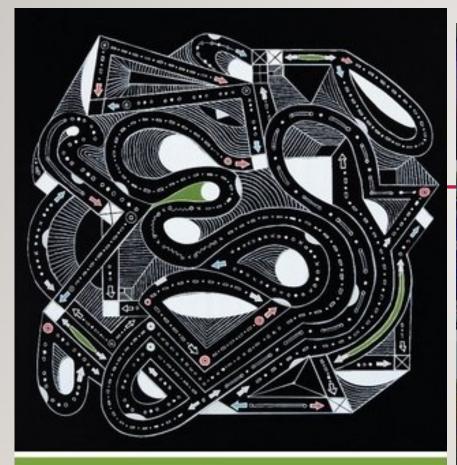
#### Urban Dictionary: manspreading

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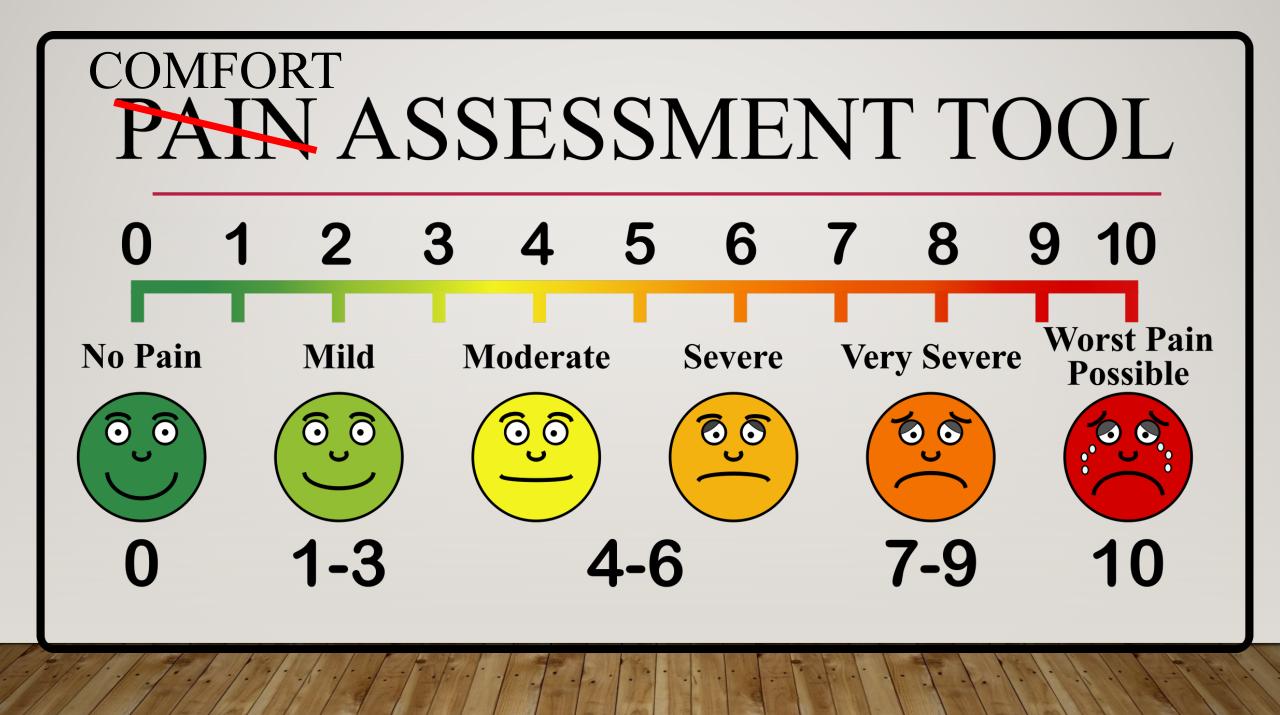
### ON BEING INCLUDED

Racism and Diversity in Institutional Life

Sara Ahmed







If you wear a hijab, I'll sit with you on the train.

If you're trans, I'll go to the bathroom with you.

If you're a person of color, I'll stand with you if the cops stop you.

If you're a person with disabilities, I'll hand you my megaphone.

If you're an immigrant, I'll help find you resources.

If you're a survivor, I'll believe you.

If you're a refugee, I'll make sure you're welcome.

If you're a veteran, I'll take up your fight.

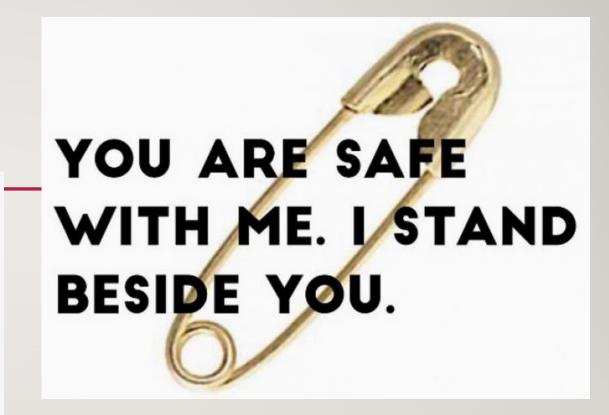
If you're LGBTQ, I won't let anybody tell you you're broken.

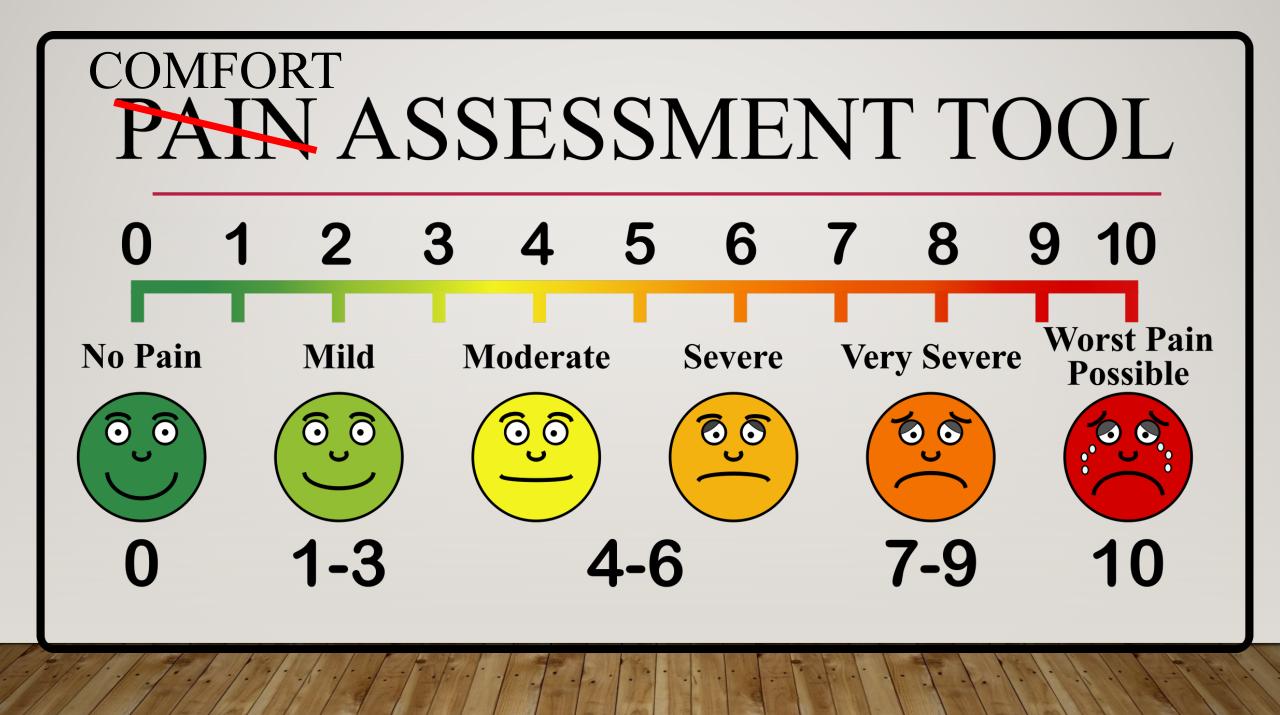
If you're a woman, I'll make sure you get home ok.

If you're tired, me too.

If you need a hug, I've got an infinite supply.

If you need me, I'll be with you. All I ask is that you be with me, too.





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If you're transphobic, I'll
If you're a white supremacist law enforcer, I'll
If you're ablelist, I'll
If you're an anti-immigrant/refugee "nationalist", I'll
If you're a person who doesn't understand rape culture, I'll
If you're homophobic, I'll
If you're a man, I'll

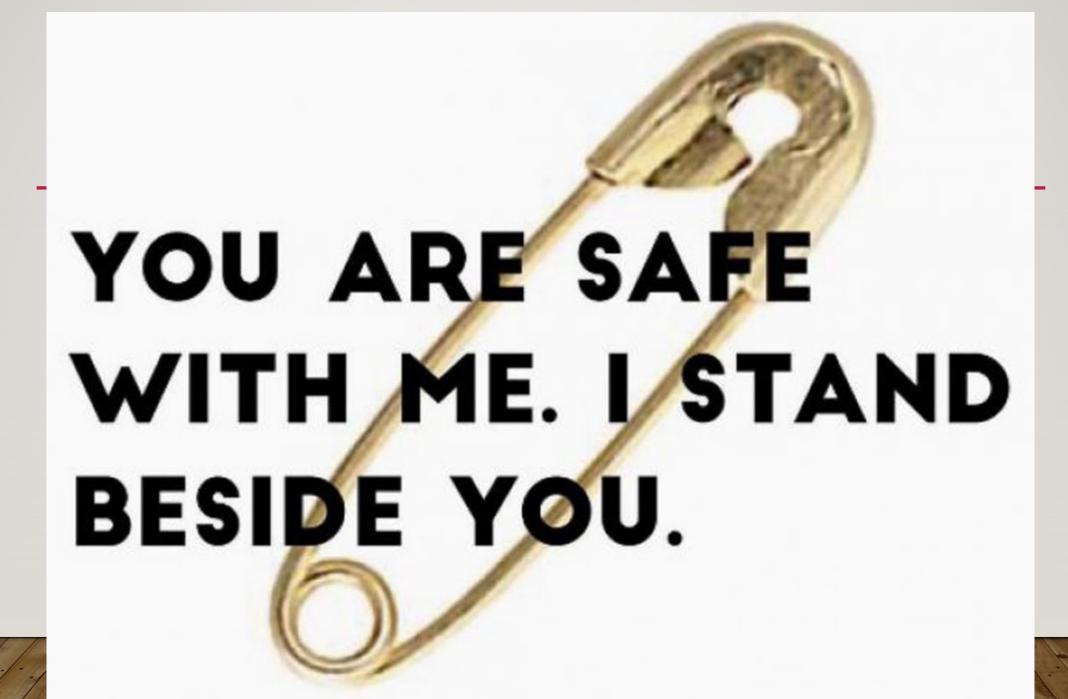
If you're unaware, I'll make it my responsibility as someone who enjoys the same unearned privilege as you, to take the risk and bear the consequences of making you aware.

If you're uncomfortable hearing this, I can offer a hug, but also know your privilege makes you feel entitled to comfort.

If you need me, I'll be that conscious person who is with you and who will use our shared privilege to help you use yours toward justice. All I ask is that you take my critique not as attack, and be with me too.



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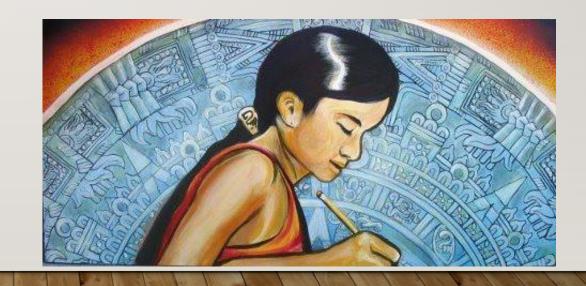
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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT ROOMS

- What is an ally?
- If you identify as an "ally" in whatever capacity, what does that mean to you?
- Do you have the right to bestow the title of ally upon yourself? Can you name yourself an ally? Are
  you an ally simply because you say you are?
- What aspects of privilege do you have access to, and what measures can you take within your institutions to make space and not just take space?
- How can you apply the work of accompliceship beyond allyship—whether that be in your ministries, in your coaching, in relationship to institutions, or in interpersonal conversations—toward the agency of those at the margins? In other words, what are some strategies you can conceive to "get your people"?