Pyramid of Power
Definitions

- **Power** = the capacity to control circumstances in your favor

- **Institution** = an influential organization or structure that helps to establish and maintain the norms and rules of society

- **Institutional Power** = the control that institutions have over the way society is constructed and maintained
The Power of the People

THE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEIR TRUE POWER.
The power that all of us have as everyday people to collectively make change in the world
Definitions

- **System** = a group of institutions, social relations, and cultural norms working together (to function as a complex whole)
- **Oppression** = when an individual or group(s) of people are held down by injustice
Definitions

- **White privilege** = the system that gives white people power and privilege at the expense of people of color and minorities.

- **Capitalism** = the economic system we live under where rich people gain profit and power from the exploitation and oppression of poor and working class people.

- **Male privilege** = the system we live under where men gain profit and power at the expense of women.

- **Ableism** = the system that gives power and privilege to able-bodied people (people who are not differently-abled) at the expense of people who are differently-abled.

- **Heterosexism** = the system we live under where heterosexuals gain power and privilege at the expense of LGBTQ people.
Capitalism/Corporate Greed

YOUR GREED IS HURTING THE ECONOMY!

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE
(Male) White Privilege

“What’s the matter?
It’s the same distance!”
Institutional Racism

You have a permit?
White Privilege/Institutional Racism

A concise history of black-white relations in the U.S.A.
Hetero, Able-bodied, Cis, Rich, White Privilege

Why are you people complaining? Can’t you see I’ve got a burden, too?

The Straight, Ablebodied, Cis, Rich, White Man’s Burden
This country is being ruined by immigrants.

Tell me about it.