

Question:

In the article “Doubleweaving Two-Spirit Critiques” by Qwo-Li Driskill (Cherokee), Driskill stresses how there is a lack of literature, theories, perspectives that focuses on Native Americans and the Queer community. I found this article interesting in that it is very true, when individuals think of queer studies; there are hardly ever any perspectives focused on people of color within marginalized population, including Native Americans. Thus, my question is, why do you think there is a lack of dialogue/studies on people of color and queer studies. Chimamanda Gnozi Adichie discussed “The danger of a single story” in her TED talk video. How might the lack of dialogue/studies on Native Americans and queer studies contribute to this idea of a single story? In other words, how might this impact how white individuals see people of color who identify with the queer community?

Quote:

My quote is from “From the Myth of Formal Equality to the Politics of Social Justice: Race and the Legal Attack on Native Entitlements,” by Courtney Daum and Eric Ishiwata. Daum and Ishiwata indicated: “social justice imposes obligations on lawmakers and attempts to increase the opportunities for the marginalized relative to the privileged and it enables activists to ask the courts to use the law to compensate for previous acts of discrimination the interest of crafting solutions that are morally and ethically just,” (2010, p. 868). I thought this quote did a good job of summarizing the article with the context of going beyond ‘color blindness’ in order to focus on real social change around equity. Throughout the article, it mentioned how Americans are striving towards equality, when in reality we need to be striving for equity. In other words, as a

society, we must provide resources and opportunities so that everyone can have an equal playing field. This quote was also interesting because it indicated how we use “law to compensate for previous acts of discrimination.” I would like to dissect that sentence a bit further and ask why we need to react to systems of oppression on marginalized population after the math. In my opinion, we should be doing more to educate everyone (not just college students, though we still struggle with educating college students) around social justice. By doing so, we are acting towards equality and equity versus reacting.

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