

# Give Back-tivism: Fighting Tensions through Feminist Education and Organization

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# What is the project?



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# Theoretical Framework

Chela Sandoval's "U.S. Third World Feminism: The Theory and Method of Oppositional Consciousness in the Postmodern World"

Oppositional Consciousness

1. Equal rights
2. Revolutionary
3. Supremacism
4. Separation
5. Differential

Aili Mari Tripp's "Challenges in Transnational Feminist Mobilization"

Tensions:

1. Hubris in Transnational Assistance
2. Oversimplifications and Disregard of Context
3. Rescue Paradigm
4. Homogenizing and Essentializing Partners



So, who will star on the panel?





## Panelist Questions:

- What was your project about?
- What tensions arose while conducting your project? How did you navigate them?
- How did your project navigate hegemonic feminist discourse?
- What was the moment(s) that lead to you wanting to be an activist in general?
- Why is your particular kind of activism relevant and important?



# Women's Leadership for Social Change



- Showcasing young feminist leaders
  - Awareness
  - Innovation
  - Creativity
  - Support
- Giving back to the IWL
  - Marketing
  - Paying it Forward



You have a problem; you need to fix it.

You never get it right the first time.

It's always okay to ask for help.

Everything you do can be a radical act.

The perfect inspiration can be right in front of you.



*Things I've Learned*



# Looking Ahead...



## Grand scheme:

- Demonstrate innovative social change
- Providing a safe space

## Leadership Scholars:

- Could become “a thing”
- Validating the work that can be (and has been) done

Thank you!



Any questions?

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