



Mother Nature? Yes.

Ecofeminism and the Ethics of Care.

Overview

1. What is ecofeminism?
2. What is the ethic of care?
3. Why are these two concepts important?
4. Why are they relevant?
5. How it can be apolitical and a force for individual and communal good.



(ECO)FEMINISM



- Ecology is the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.
- Feminism is the advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.

So... why ecofeminism?

- The concept is a theoretical framework that can be complex because of its broad implications. However, the underlying theme and attitude is simple.
- Ecofeminism attempts to expose the connection between the oppression and exploitation of women to that of the environment



Ahuh...

- The processes and harmful practices that exploit the environment overlap with the social structures that oppress women.
- Why? Because we live in a capitalistic and patriarchal society that rewards exploitation and oppression for profit.

Oh boy here we go again ...

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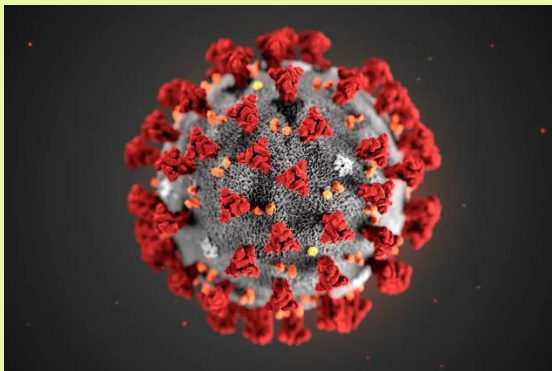
— This shouldn't be seen as a political issue. As much as there is plenty to critique both about the capitalistic system and ecofeminism as a theoretical framework, ecofeminism offers a lens of respect and compassion for others as well as the environment we all live in and that should be a worldview we all should strive for.

Ethics of Care

- Carol Gilligan's Ethics of Care provides a structure that the ideal of care is thus an activity of relationship, of seeing and responding to need, taking care of the world by sustaining the web of connection so that no one is left alone.

Why this is relevant now

- With the Global Pandemic of COVID-19 we have witnessed communal solidarity and active pursuit of mutual concern for the health of the community.



Compassion

- What ecofeminism has to offer is compassion and care of others. It seems only that in times of crisis are we reminded of this crucial value. We are one with the environment and we should all care for it because it means you care for others.



Thank You

