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Emma Goldman Meeting Notes 11/17

Town Hall—some of the issues discussed

- People who won't sleep with other people because of their race
- Are people racist if they won't sleep with people of a certain race?

- If you are an activist should you be an activist for everything?
- Issue: "If you care about queer rights, show up to phone bank"
- People felt guilty if they didn't come
- But—maybe that is effective advertising?

- Lots of people saying that marriage doesn't matter
- But, it legitimizes homophobia
- We need to get our argument together for marriage—lots of people think the argument is only about marriage, when it is really about a lot more
 - We need to make a stronger argument for why marriage rights are important, even for people who don't want to get married

Importance of Marriage Event

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- Cosponsor with Blaq House?

- Talk about why marriage is important

- Talk about homophobia, queer youth homelessness, etc.

- Soon? Target people who have interest (people from town hall), allies

Trans Awareness Week

- Need to contact STAMP to do the bathroom event
- Book event at Green—can't happen this quarter because the lady was out of town
- Tanya Mitchell may help us plan events
- Move to winter quarter?
- Email campaign over winter quarter
- People are bored and don't get as many emails
- Raise awareness and raise interest in the events we do after winter break

“Gay is not the new black”

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- More thoughtful than the town hall
- Queer activists need to make an effort to coalition build with communities of color, and vice versa
- People of color in the queer community—sometimes feel like they have to choose a community—we need to work harder to make the communities overlap
- Maybe we could do a project with Blacks about queer people of color?
- Also, work with Q&A? Even less represented than African American queer people

Maybe we can do a project about something that is external to all of us

- International LGBT rights
- Project where people can leave their own biases and focus on cross-cultural homophobia
- Event with lots of cosponsors with a showcase of these issues—each group researches one international issue
- Also will help us heal our own community
- This can also bring together people who are not in the queer community
- Raise money for human rights/queer rights organizations that operate in the countries that have gross violations of human rights
- Political pressure on the government to pressure Uganda to reject their new legislation to make homosexuality punishable by death or life in prison
- Next meeting—map the world and map our campus (map which student groups would have an interest in each country/issue)
- We can do initial research, then go to their meeting and present to them and ask for their support in x, y, z ways

Big Sib/ Little Sib!!

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- For those of you who went to Camp Wellstone, you know the importance of community building within activist communities

- Send Cathy (cbonn@stanford.edu) an email if you want to sign up
- Include your name and whether you want to be a big or little sib
- This will be really chill, you will just hang out with your sib(s) a couple times per quarter (go to coffee or whatever)—not a huge time commitment