

Is a Social Justice Curriculum One-Sided?

There's an interesting [imgur](#) post now floating around the internet. The image, from Montclair State University, advertises a seminar to teach elementary school teachers how to craft a social justice curriculum for their classroom. Among other things, the curriculum seeks to foster greater "self-love," fight oppression, and encourage students to "engage in activism."

On the surface, these social justice attitudes may seem like positive values to promote, for who wants to see people oppressed or hating themselves?

But is such an approach too one-sided for a classroom, particularly one filled with children in their formative years? Will children have a narrow view of life and history if they are taught to view themselves and everything else around them as victims of oppression?



Teachers as Scholars: Social Justice Curriculum Design for the Elementary Classroom- January 29, 2016

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TITLE: Social Justice Curriculum Design for the Elementary Classroom

DATE: January 29, 2016

TIME: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

LOCATION: Montclair State University-University Hall, ADP Center Room 1143

INSTRUCTOR: Bree Picower

This workshop provides a framework of social justice curriculum for elementary classrooms. The framework moves from students learning self-love and knowledge about who they are and where they come from and shift to learning respect for their peers different from their own. Students explore issues of social injustice, learn about social movements, raise awareness, and engage in activism. By designing curriculum around this framework, teachers support students to develop an analysis of oppression and tools to take action. This workshop is designed to help teachers visualize social justice education by providing examples of projects, making social justice in K-6 settings accessible, practical, and achievable. After creating a vision through examples, participants will collaboratively engage in beginning stages of curriculum design for their own classrooms.

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