



Grit and Agency

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Definitions

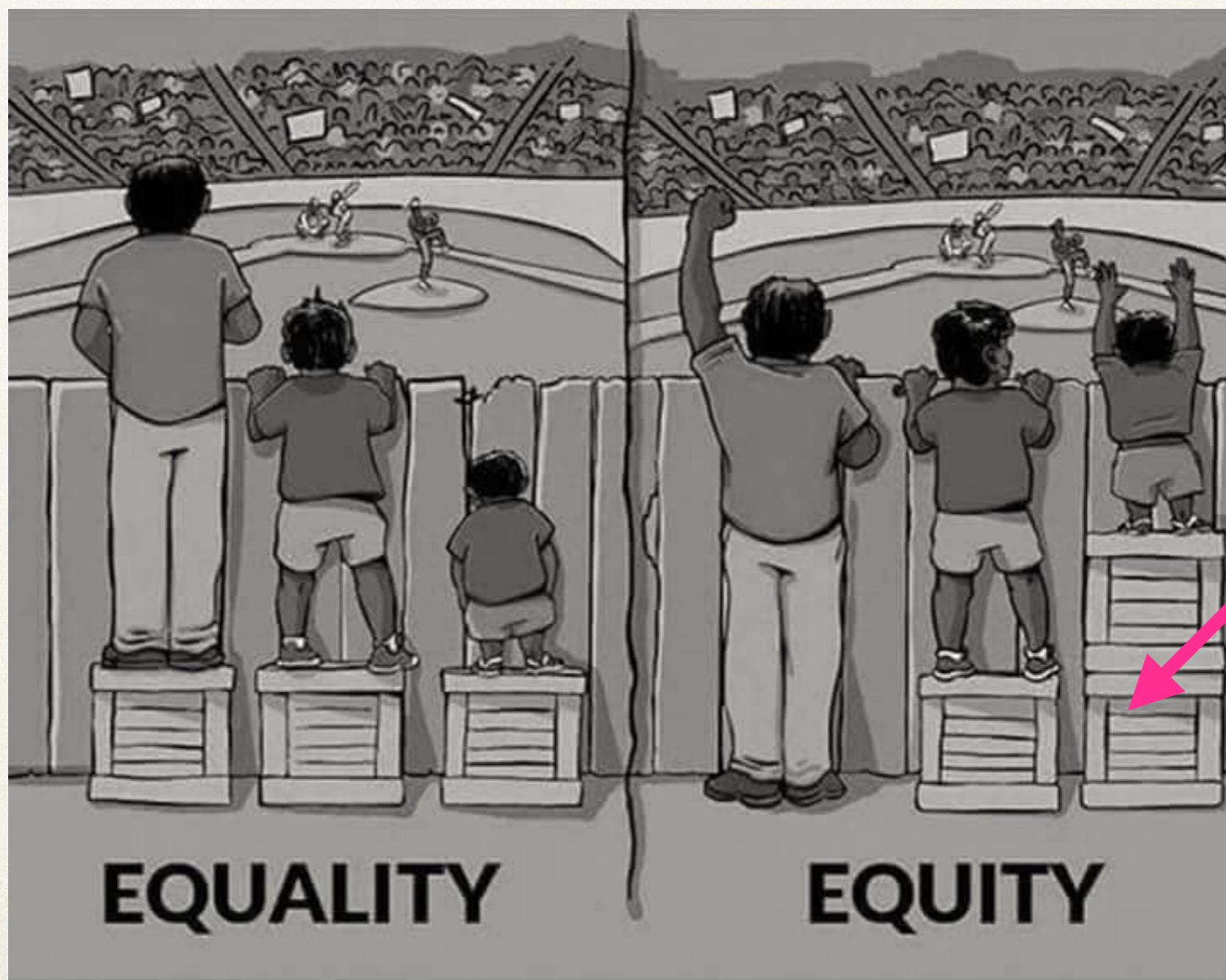
- ❖ Grit

- ❖ Our perseverance of effort combined with the passion for a particular long-term goal
- ❖ How much effort we put towards a goal

- ❖ Agency

- ❖ Our specific capacity to actually overcome the obstacles we are facing and navigate the system given our circumstances
- ❖ “Grit without agency just leaves people tired.” - *Dr. Pedro Noguera*

Equality vs Equity



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How do we add Agency through Equity in our classroom?

- ❖ Social support (allow students to talk during class)
- ❖ Transparent assignments
- ❖ Mentorship
 - ❖ Know your students names
 - ❖ Email / communicate with your students

How do you get students to connect with you?

- ❖ Same as anyone else
 - ❖ Look like them
 - ❖ Talk like them
 - ❖ Face them
 - ❖ Be interested in them (listen)

Class Introduction

- ❖ Raise your hand if you are an extrovert, or you like to ask questions when in class
- ❖ Everyone take a look at each other
 - ❖ if you are raising your hand find a partner who is not
 - ❖ if you are not raising your hand find a partner who is

Class Introduction Activity

- ❖ Ask your partner about themselves. Both people need to ask each other these questions (as well as anything else that comes up).
 - ❖ What is your name?
 - ❖ What is one of your goals for this class or your future?
 - ❖ What are you most worried about this class?
- ❖ The partner who raised their hands will then present the information on themselves and their partner to the class.

Project, Scripting in Linux

- ❖ What is Linux?
- ❖ What is scripting?
 - ❖ List of commands that will get a Linux computer to do what you want.

Commands

- ❖ `cd foldername`
 - ❖ allows you to enter a directory (folder)
- ❖ `mkdir foldername`
 - ❖ allows you to create a new directory (folder)
- ❖ `touch filename`
 - ❖ allows you to create a new file (word like document)

Script Format

```
#!/bin/bash
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```
command 1
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command 2
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command 3
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command 4
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Class Project

- ❖ You are taking a new class and you need to create directories and files to support the new class content
- ❖ Create a directory, use a context specific name
- ❖ Enter the directory
- ❖ Create a file, use a context specific name

Group Project

- ❖ You are starting a new project and you need to create directories and files for it
- ❖ Enter the directory “projects”
- ❖ Create a directory
- ❖ Enter the directory
- ❖ Create a file

Individual Project

- ❖ You are starting a new script (software program) and you need to create a file that will describe the script and then a directory that will contain the script
- ❖ Create a file
- ❖ Create a directory
- ❖ Enter the directory

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