Queer Necropolitics: Social Justice, Adi Kuntsman, and the Politics of Death



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Queer necropolitics is a term coined by Adi Kuntsman to describe the ways in which queer people are disproportionately subject to death and violence. Kuntsman argues that this violence is not simply a matter of individual acts of hatred, but rather a systemic issue that is rooted in the ways in which queer people are excluded from and devalued by society. In this article, we will explore the concept of queer necropolitics and its implications for social justice. We will examine the ways in which queer necropolitics operates in a variety of contexts, including the criminal justice system, the healthcare system, and the media. We will also discuss the ways in which queer people have resisted and challenged this violence, and the importance of building alliances with other marginalized groups.

What is Queer Necropolitics?

Kuntsman defines queer necropolitics as "the ways in which queer people are subject to death and violence, and the ways in which this violence is

justified through discourses of morality and normalcy." Queer necropolitics is not simply a matter of individual acts of hate violence, but rather a systemic issue that is rooted in the ways in which queer people are excluded from and devalued by society. Kuntsman argues that queer people are seen as a threat to the social order, and that this threat is used to justify violence against them.

Queer necropolitics operates in a variety of contexts, including the criminal justice system, the healthcare system, and the media. In the criminal justice system, queer people are more likely to be arrested, convicted, and sentenced to prison than heterosexual people. They are also more likely to be subjected to violence and abuse while in prison. In the healthcare system, queer people are often denied access to basic care, and they are more likely to experience discrimination and mistreatment. In the media, queer people are often portrayed as deviant, dangerous, and disposable.

The Impact of Queer Necropolitics

The impact of queer necropolitics is devastating. Queer people are more likely to experience poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. They are also more likely to suffer from mental health problems and substance abuse. Queer youth are particularly vulnerable to violence and suicide. The cumulative impact of queer necropolitics is a shortened life expectancy for queer people.

Resistance and Resilience

Despite the challenges they face, queer people have a long history of resistance and resilience. Queer people have organized protests, marches, and boycotts to demand their rights. They have created their own

communities and institutions to provide support and safety for each other. Queer people have also developed their own cultures and art forms to express their experiences and challenge the dominant narrative about queerness.

In recent years, there has been a growing movement for queer social justice. This movement is working to build alliances with other marginalized groups and to challenge the systems that oppress queer people. The queer social justice movement is a powerful force for change, and it is making a real difference in the lives of queer people.

Queer necropolitics is a serious problem that has a devastating impact on the lives of queer people. However, queer people have a long history of resistance and resilience, and they are fighting for their rights. The queer social justice movement is a powerful force for change, and it is making a real difference in the lives of queer people. We must all work together to build a more just and equitable world for all.

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