what's the deal with safe spaces
If I had a nickel for every time "Safe Space" was the butt of a joke at a show, I could have paid for a run of this zine.

REAL QUICK:

Ya know how it's pretty common at punk venues to see a "No racism, sexism, homophobia" sign? Well, that's all safer space politics boils down to. It's a more convenient way to say "no oppression," instead of listing every single kind (transphobia, queerphobia, ableism, ageism, etc.). It's saying, hey, let's respect each other, and when disrespect happens it will be addressed. It's based in caring & mutual respect. It's a humble attempt at creating spaces where folks can let their freak flags fly!

ACCEPT • RESPECT • UNDERSTAND • INCLUDE

Shadow, not sheer pee
AGREEABLE, RIGHT? SO WHY SUCH RESISTANCE?

Confusion: a lot of the text on this is scholarly/intimidating. It's a new-ish concept & might require dipping one's toes into intersectional feminist theory, gender & sexuality, systematic oppression & social justice stuff to fully get it.

Callousness: applying the "fuck you" of punk inwardly towards the community. A common excuse "just wanna have fun, no rules" even if the only rule is to discourage perpetuating the shitty societal norms that punk tries to divorce itself from.

I think it's possible to have fun while still being accountable for your actions!
recommended reading

dodiy.org's "building" zine
dodiy.org/building_web.pdf

making safer spaces zine
fvck-themedia.com/issue23/making-safer-spaces

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