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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.

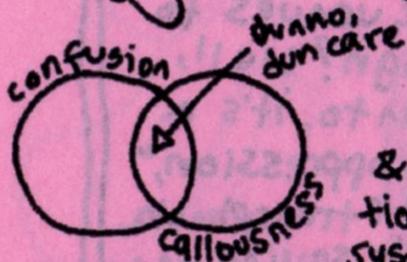
REAL QUICK:

Ya know how its pretty common at punk venues to see a "no racism, sexism, homophobia" sign? Well, that's all safer space politics boil 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 is based in caring & mutual respect. It's a humble attempt at creating spaces where folks can let their freak flags fly!

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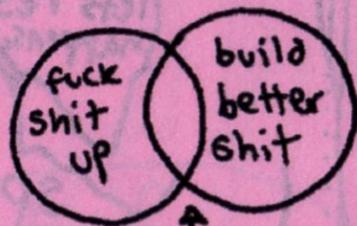
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AGREEABLE, RIGHT? SO WHY SUCH RESISTANCE?



Confusion: a lot of the text on this is scholarly/intimidating. Its 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. 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.



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fuck shit up then build better shit

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

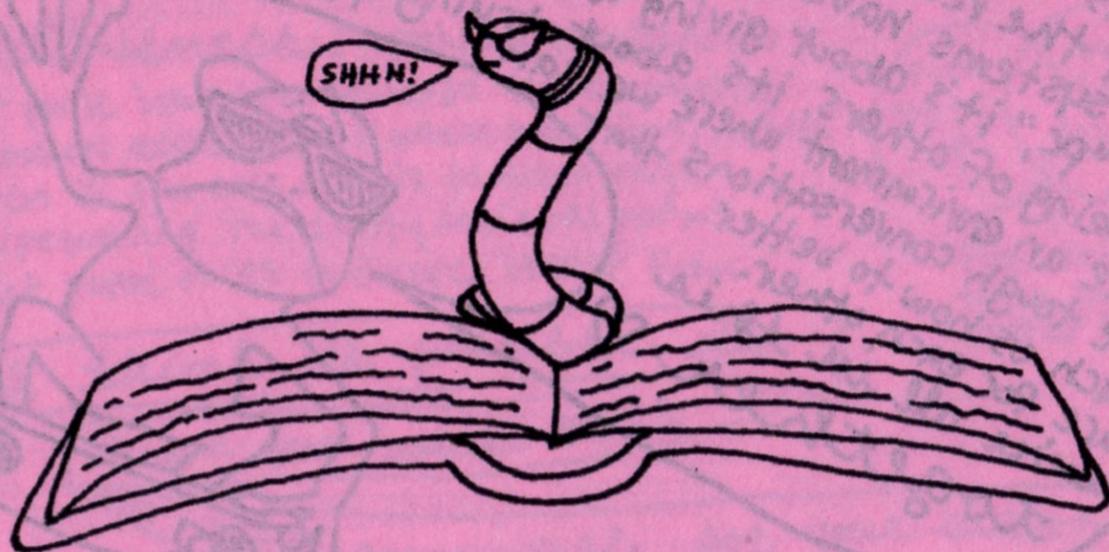
everyone gets into punk for different reasons, but i'm willing to bet most of us have felt alienated by/opposed to society's expectations of us. that's what makes punk so great, we're all weirdos here. so lets be gentle with each other & try to scrub away the residue from fucked up attitudes these systems have taught us. it's not about being "pc," it's about giving a shit about the well-being of others. its about trying to create an environment where we can have tough conversations that teach us how to better care for each other. we're all in this together ♡



recommended reading

DODIY.ORG'S "BUILDING" zine
dodiy.org/building-web.pdf

MAKING SAFER SPACES zine
fvckthedia.com/issue23/making-safer-spaces



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