In this project, students created memes to illustrate sociological concepts and research findings related to social inequality. Memes have the potential to inform and amuse and may inspire the viewer to want to know more about the subject.

Compton’s Cafeteria, in the Tenderloin, San Francisco, was popular with transgender women and drag queens who felt comfortable there after a night of partying. Compton’s had a problem with being a late night hang out and began calling the police to clear the LGBT people out. One night in 1966, the drag queens and transgender women stood up to the police, saying they had a right to eat late like anyone else. The Compton’s Cafeteria Riot occurred three years before the riots at the Stonewall Inn in NYC. Some argue it is the true beginning of the LGBT Rights Movement.

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Henry Matthews

Race is a socially constructed identity, attributed to people based on appearance and often confused with nationality. Social, economic, and political forces can also create racial categories that are assigned to people. This meme demonstrates the absurdity of creating “racial” categories since there are no biologically distinguishable categories of people by race.

Henry Matthews

Even though women have become equal to men in terms of education, they still earn less. There is a gender wage gap at every level of education. Women earn less than men with comparable skills in the same types of jobs, and female-dominated jobs tend to be paid less than those dominated by men.

Henry Matthews

The point of this meme is that prohibiting a transgender person from using the bathroom they identify with is an issue with a deep core. The North Carolina “Bathroom Bill” requires individuals to use the restroom that coincides with the sex they were assigned at birth. My meme is meant to bring awareness to this type of legislation, to recognize it for what it is: segregation and unequal treatment.

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