



Southerners On New Ground

WORKSHOP

THE INTERSECTIONAL COMMUNITY MAP:

Land, Body, Work, Spirit

This tool was originally developed as part of the SONG Organizing School

TIME: 1 Hour

OBJECTIVE: This tool is used to analyze what is happening in our communities and show the interactions and intersections of the conditions, good and bad, that affect all parts of our lives.

GOALS:

- Build relationships based on an understanding of our common realities and struggles
- Build analysis based on shared values and the ability to think critically
- Build critical vision

TOOLS AND MATERIALS:

Big paper, tape, markers

PREPARATION: 5 Minutes

Put 2 or 4 pieces of big paper together and draw a graph with 4 quadrants. At the top of each write: Land, Body, Work, Spirit

Framing/ Taking the Temperature of this Moment: 30 MINUTES

This is a group brainstorm about how things are going down in our communities right now. What is happening in terms of: **Land, Body, Work, Spirit?**

SONG uses Land, Body, Work, and Spirit because EVERYONE has a relationship to all 4 of these elements of life, whether contradictory or positive.

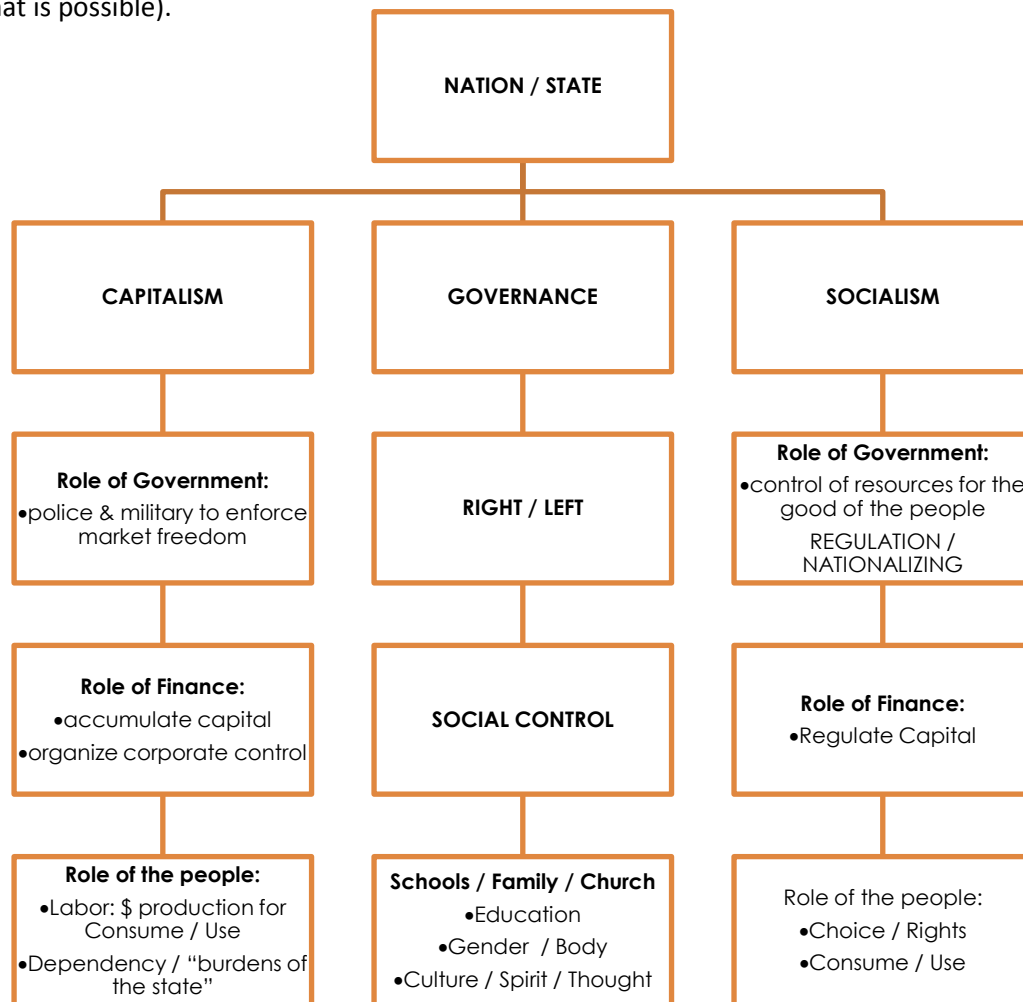
Ask:

- What is happening in our communities around work right now? Who has work? Who does not? What kind of work do people have?
- What is happening in our communities around bodies right now? How are our bodies doing? What do we need? Are we getting what we need for our bodies?
- What is happening in our communities around land right now? Who has control of land? Who can/is using land to grow food and live on, etc.?
- What is happening in our communities around Spirit right now? How are our spirits?

DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS: 20 MINUTES

Part of mapping out these 4 areas of intersectionality is examining the ways in which 'social control' is used in controlling the, because it is critical to establishing a conservative political ideology and nationalist agenda. One way to look at it is how [Project South](#) unpacks the *Role of Governance & the People Under Opposing Systems such as Socialism & Capitalism* (see chart below)

- What are ways in which Body, Work, Spirit & Labor are affected by the role of finance under capitalism? How is it related to sexuality & gender?
- What are ways in which Body, Work, Spirit & Labor affected by the role of the people under capitalism? How is it related to sexuality and gender?
- How can queers & trans folks who sit at the intersections of oppression affect the way we think about re-structuring power structures that demand a different kind of safety net? (again, not idealizing Socialism as a 'perfect' systems of economics, but as a jump off point for thinking of what is possible).



CLOSING: 5 Minutes

Close out by asking everyone what they're taking away from the workshop.

Have questions, need support or technical assistance on this tool?
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