



understandings form a particular social positionality in racial capitalist regimes. It's not simply enough to centre blackness - to toss it into your analysis of how oppression functions and how the state functions - I specifically want to centre black womanhood because of the ways in which race is inextricably linked and co-constituted through gender.

If Anarchism is to be of any use to me, I must have an Anarchism that speaks directly to my needs and vulnerabilities as a Black woman and to Black women of all stripes and all identities. If you're unaware there have been a spate of kidnappings of Black girls and disappearances of Black women across the country. There are ongoing bold murders of Black trans women. Because Black women's safety is a non priority of the state and every predator knows this.

We are being hunted, but this hunting season is grossly un-and-under addressed because of the degendering of anti-racist politics. Because of the way that Black womanhood is made invisible through diversity language around women and people of colour that overlooks the intersections of race and gender. Because of the erasure of Black womanhood though "women of colour" because of the understandings of the ways that state violence against Black bodies tends to focus on the humiliation and emasculation and almost sole targeting of cisgender Black Men.

I hope to speak to a Black Feminist Anarchism, An identity politic, A dialectic and an analytic framework that specifically addresses these urgent material needs.

First, womanism is the social theory based on the race and gender oppression of black women rooted in materiality, lived experience and embodied knowledge. Womanist theologian Delores Williams describes this embodied activism with being associated with traditions and resistance that are formed from different conditions, events, social-cultural and contextual meaning and all of the different values that these things have within blackness.

Womanism offers two things for me in particular, it offers the opportunity to break from traditional definitions of womanhood. Where cis black womanhood is othered and black trans womanhood is doubly othered in the way that it presents a threat to gender hegemony and to the gendered anxiety of us as cis women.

The second thing that it presents to me is the emphasis of kinship and community over individuality. Womanism seeks to reconcile black womens relationships with one another and with nature most notably our deeply commodified and violated bodies over which we have historically had very little agency. Our physical environment and our spirituality.

