

### Transforming Ourselves and Society to Achieve Belonging



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Unraveling Justice: Taking Action

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Dr. King's Legacy is a Call for Belonging



## "Othering," defined...



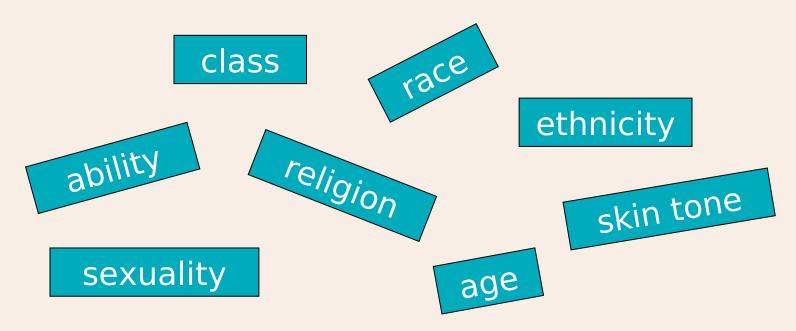
We define othering as a set of processes, structures, and dynamics that denies full humanity and belonging across any of the full range of human differences. Othering and marginality can occur on a group basis or at the individual level.



## Dimensions of othering.



Dimensions include but are not limited to, sex, religion, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, and skin tone.



## As diversity grows, so does anxiety.



Increase in diversity



Increase in anxiety Breaking

Leadershi p, Meta-Narrative



Fear, anger, othering

Empathy, belonging, inclusion

# Narratives of Othering and Belonging





**Breaking:** When a group turns inwards and explicitly pushes away from other groups who are seen as dangerous or a threat

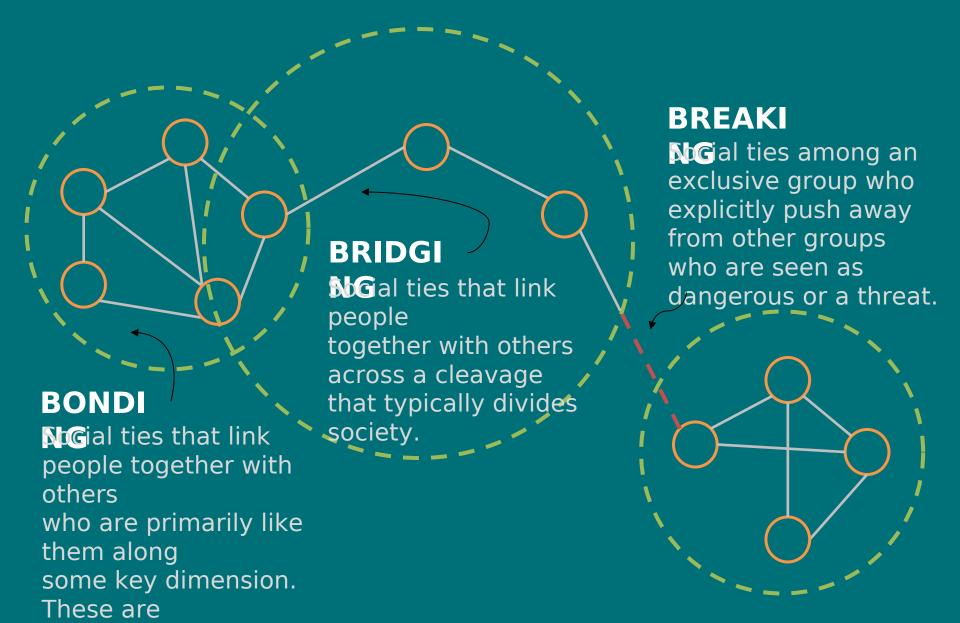


**Bonding:** Connecting to people like you in some important way

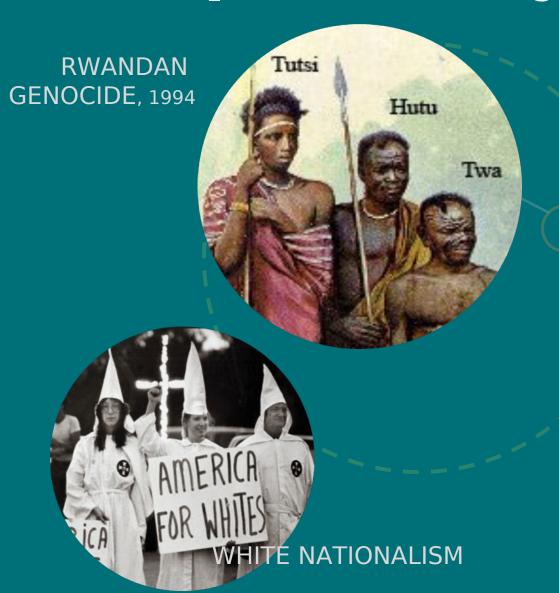


**Bridging:** Ties to people who are unlike you in some important way; stories, structure contact

## Putnam's types of social capital:

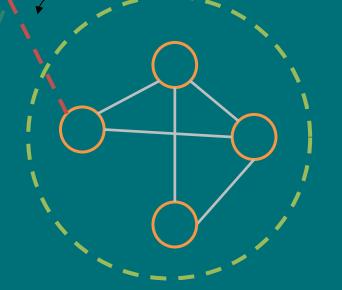


## Examples of breaking social capital:



#### **BREAKI**

Mcial ties among an exclusive group who explicitly push away from other groups who are seen as dangerous or a threat.



## Examples of bonding social capital:



## Examples of bridging social capital:

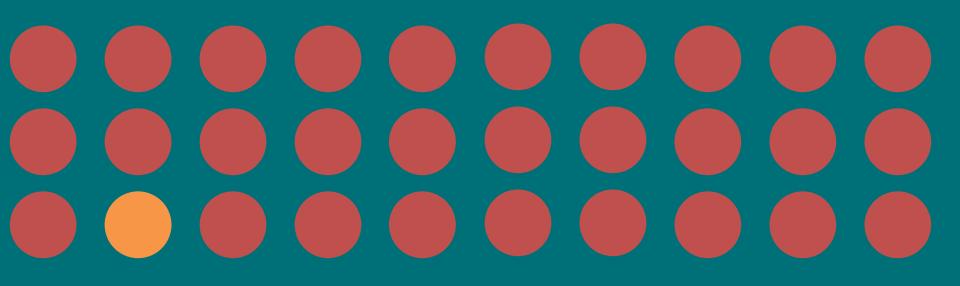




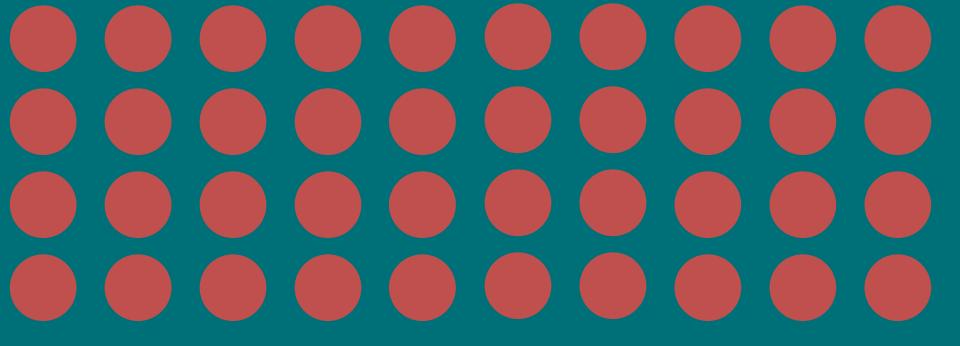
THE LEFT'S RESPONSE TO OTHERING —

"I don't see race. I am colorblind."

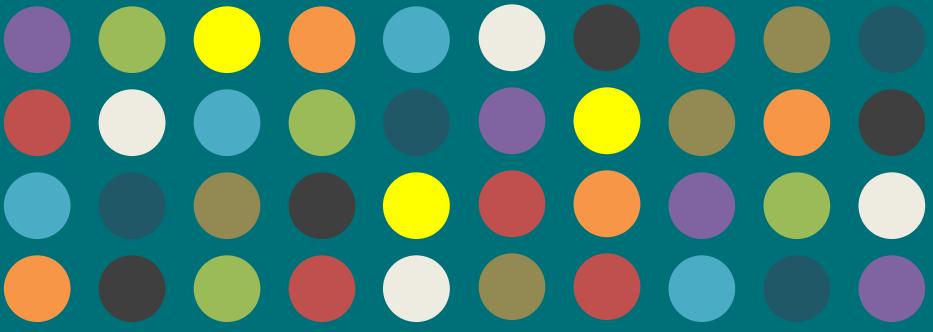
"You & I are human. We are the same."



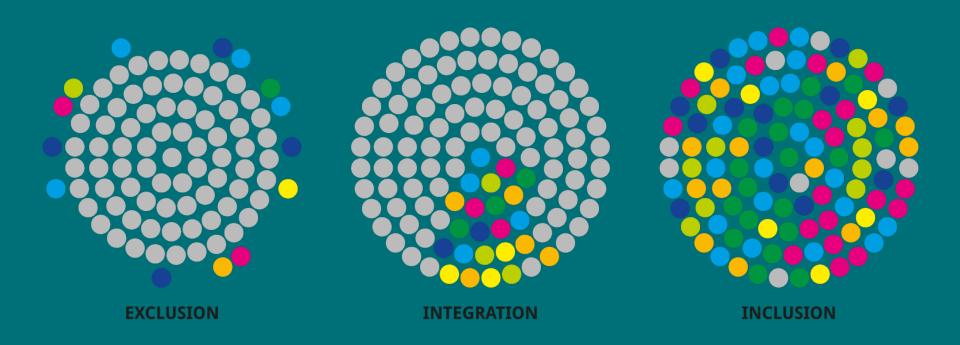
The opposite of Othering is not "saming."







# Belonging – Moving towards structural inclusion



**Belonging** connotes something fundamental about both how groups are structurally positioned within society as well as how they are perceived and regarded.



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transforming our conceptions of self and other to build an inclusive society

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