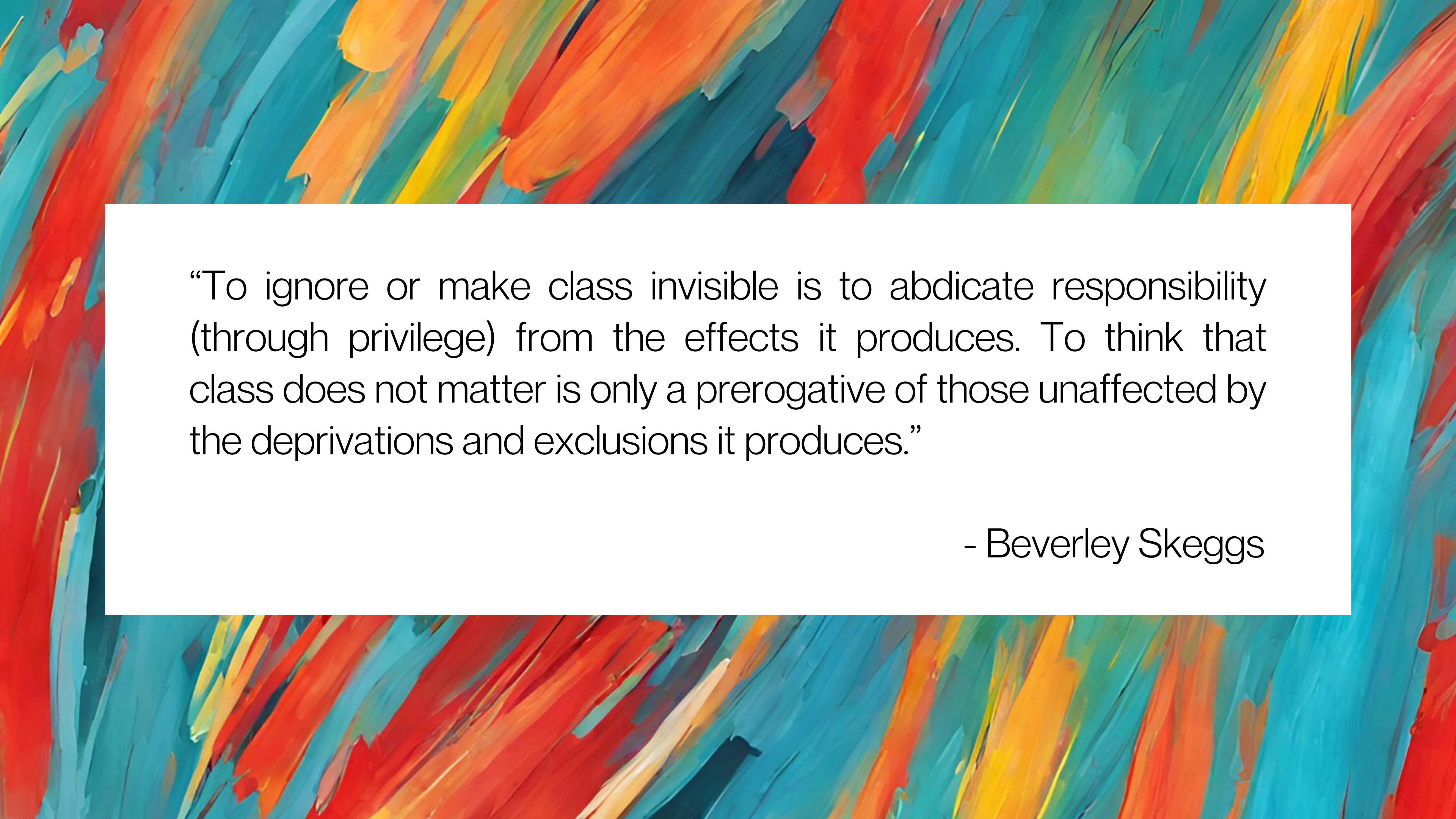


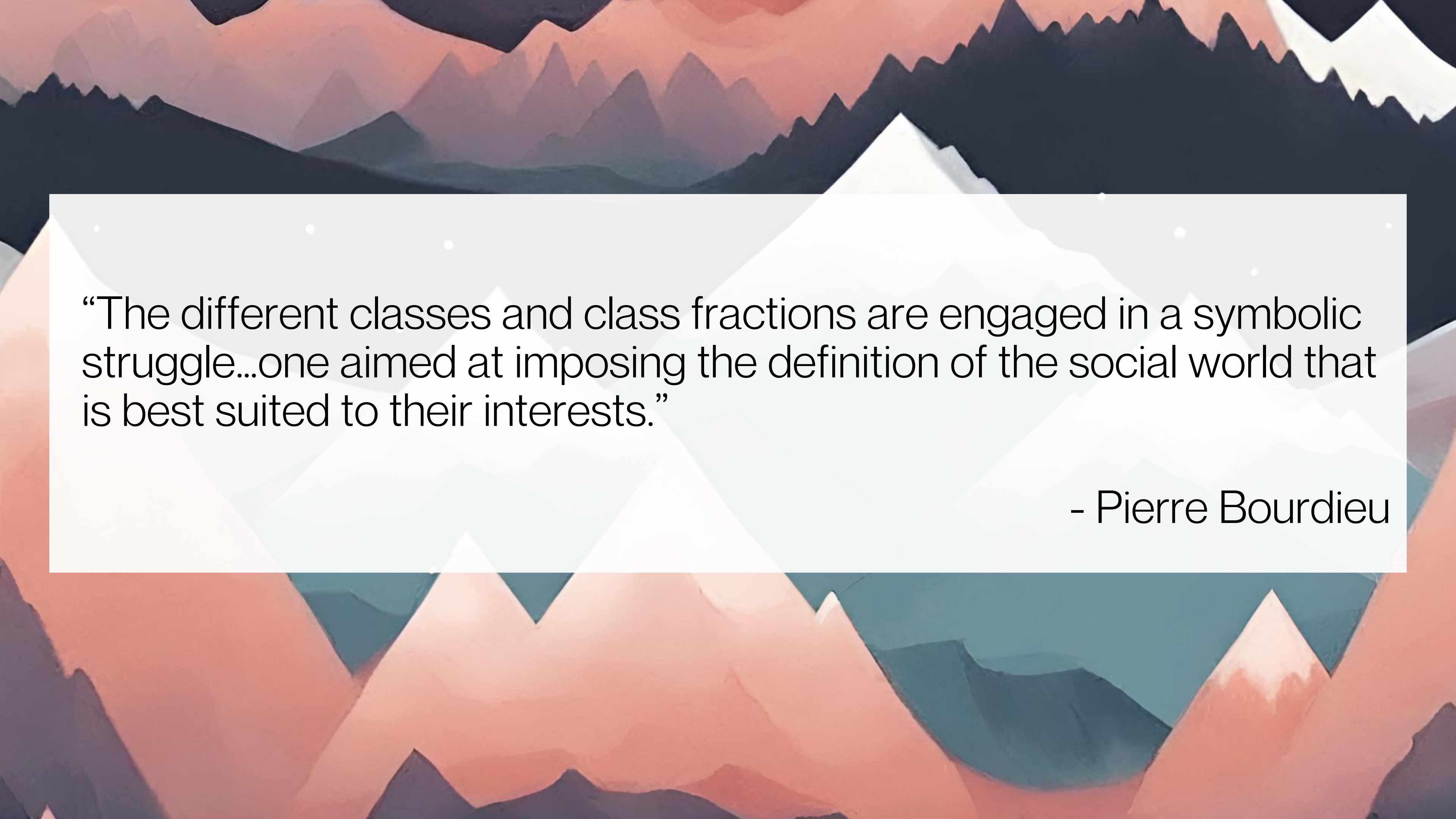
**THE DEGROWTH MOVEMENT'S
ERASURE OF THE WORKING-
CLASS STRUGGLE**

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“To ignore or make class invisible is to abdicate responsibility (through privilege) from the effects it produces. To think that class does not matter is only a prerogative of those unaffected by the deprivations and exclusions it produces.”

- Beverley Skeggs



“The different classes and class fractions are engaged in a symbolic struggle...one aimed at imposing the definition of the social world that is best suited to their interests.”


- Pierre Bourdieu

What is Classism?

When “people occupying lower social class levels are treated in ways that exclude, devalue, discount, and separate them.”

- Bernice Lott





“I see a lot of the greens [the Green Party] as very—as a very middle-class dominated movement. I don’t see it as something that is relating to the day-to-day issues of ordinary working people.”

“I genuinely didn't want to get involved [in Extinction Rebellion] simply because ... it is very white, very middle class.”

“Yet Marx and Engels were also white middle-class Northerners. If it took some time for Marxism to establish some connections with the world’s working class, could it be that it will also take some time for degrowth.. to establish some connections with various agrarian, urban and environmental justice movements?”

- Julien-François Gerber



**CLASS IS NOT JUST A FUCKING
LABOUR RELATION**

**“HOW HAS ONE STRAND OF
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bridging
the
class divide
and Other LESSONS for
Grassroots
Organizing

with a Foreword by
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Linda Stout

Founder of the Piedmont
Peace Project

“Too often, progressive organisations have failed to organise across class, race and gender lines (which means not only bringing in diverse members, but also constantly working to enable a diverse group to work together).”

We shouldn't talk about class tensions because...

- It's divisive
- We need unity
- There's no such thing as the middle class



“What drives me a bit batty is the ways in which the left is so self-assured and morally righteous, when it clearly has not been able to build the kind of power or majoritarian politics to achieve any of its political goals.”

- Matt Huber

