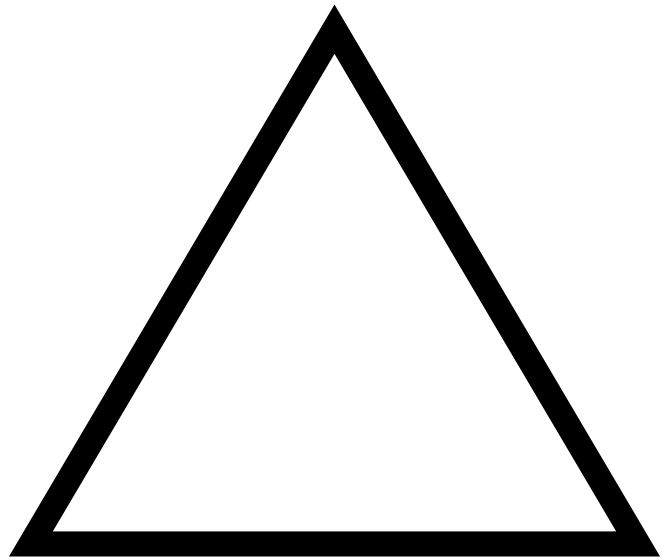


Your Place in the Hierarchy

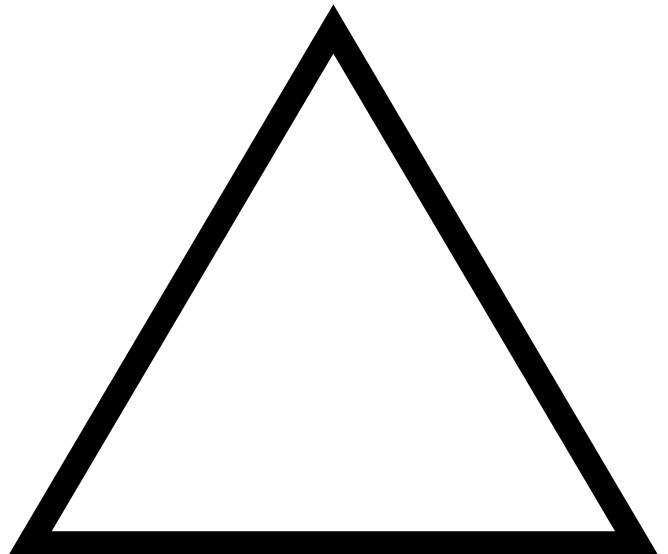
Exercise #2



What do oppressive hierarchies look like in your country?



Where do you fall on that hierarchy?



Your Place in the Hierarchy

-Reminders-



As you figure out where on the hierarchy of oppressions you fall, consider what your activism should look like with keeping the following in mind:

- Stop following mainstream white-led and focused/activism and groups – their single-issue tactics don't work for other communities and cultures!
- Find your place in the hierarchy as defined by your own culture and society and then, focus your activism on your community.
- Understand issues affecting your community and brainstorm how these affect or influence nonhuman animal rights in your city and country.
- How do these issues prevent people from embracing nonhuman animal rights?
- Let marginalized groups lead their own advocacy and activism – you cannot advocate within groups you don't belong to.
- Understand that the only person and choices you can control are your own, and you must focus on your own community while leaving members of other communities to address their own when it comes to nonhuman animal rights.
- You cannot advocate efficiently within communities where you are an outsider and may not understand the issues that keep people from embracing veganism/animal rights.
- Nonhuman animals benefit when we address root issues and interconnected oppressions.
- Nonhumans are harmed when we force privileged views and perspectives on those that do not experience the benefits that we have been awarded through our place on the hierarchy.
- The idea is not to fake social justice and solidarity with other groups. You **MUST** recognize that a social justice that includes nonhuman animal rights is one that is aware, interconnected, and consistent.