

INTERPRETIVE PREROGATIVE*

*Means that people who are a part of a discriminated or marginalized group have the right to define how this is expressed, what is experienced as degrading, and how the activist movement should be. People who are not a part of the group can still be allies or give their thoughts and opinions, but these are not as important.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LEAVE INTERPRETIVE PREROGATIVE?

- Do not speak for another individual or group in a context where that person or group could speak and represent themselves. In that case, use your privilege to give that person the space to speak.
- When someone expresses that they feel subjected to unfair treatment that you have not experienced, take a step back and listen.
- Speak with people, not about them.
- If you want to know more about marginalization, use Google instead of asking someone a lot of personal and private questions because you think they represent that group.

NOTE: Interpretive prerogative does not mean that everyone within a group has the same opinions.

