

**3.1 - Personal and Political**

**OPENER** - Analyze these two quotes. What do they mean? Do you agree or disagree, and why?

**“The personal is political.”**  
- Feminist slogan of the 1960s/1970s

**“The great force of history comes from the fact that we carry it within us, are unconsciously controlled by it in many ways, and history is literally present in all that we do.”**  
- James Baldwin

**Since what feminists are fighting for is personal it is seen as a political movement for them. I agree That everything is political in this world.**

**Everything that we do is informed by history. The way we live now is structured by our history.**

**CLASS ACTIVITY**

**Choose a personal narrative to read from the five linked below:**

“Do Not Accept Nan Check,” Kiese Laymon -  
<https://medium.com/s/story/do-not-accept-nan-check-a2b31e5a41ae>

“Why I Tried to Save My Father, My Dictator,” Karla Cornejo Villavicencio -  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/03/opinion/sunday/undocumented-immigrant-father.html>

“Racism Is Terrible. Blackness Is Not,” Imani Perry -  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/racism-terrible-blackness-not/613039/>

**“You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body Is a Confederate Monument,” Caroline Randall Williams -** <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/26/opinion/confederate-monuments-racism.html>

“Why I Speak Up for Black Women,” Megan Thee Stallion -  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/13/opinion/megan-thee-stallion-black-women.html>