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The phrase "Oppression Olympics" became popularized (first in BIPOC feminist circles) after a public conversation between Betita Martinez and Angela Davis in 1993. In her forward to Betita's book *De Colores Means All of Us* Angela Davis writes that Betita Martinez "urges us not to engage in 'Oppression Olympics' [or create] a futile hierarchy of suffering, but, rather, to harness our rage at persisting injustices in order to strengthen our opposition to an increasingly complex system of domination."

This way of looking at the world emphasizes that all oppression is interconnected and not a competition. My mother, Rosario Morales, was an active part of that movement current – then called 'third world feminism' – from the 1970s onward, challenging the racial and class politics of white women's groups.

I created the "Anti-Oppression Olympics," with knowledge of that history. The non-profit system has encouraged communities to view each other as competitors for resources. The message of this piece is intended as an antidote. —Ricardo

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Anti-OPPRESSION OLYMPICS

that's where we all
PULL TOGETHER!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 Four Puerto Rican Nationalists open fire inside US Congress to draw attention to repression against independentistas. 1954.	2	3 The Chicano Blowouts begin - high school walkouts, 10,000 strong, demanding bilingual education and Mexican-American studies. Los Angeles, 1968.	4	5 A crowd of hundreds of masked/camouflaged demonstrators destroy the construction site of the proposed "Cop City" training center outside Atlanta. 2023.	6	7
8 Needletrades women strike over wages, hours and child labor in NYC. Later commemorated as International Women's Day. 1909.	9	10	11	12 Disability rights activists spur Congress to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act by organizing the "Capitol Crawl". 1990.	13	14
15	16 Solidarity activist Rachel Corrie is killed by the Israeli Defense Forces while defending a Palestinian home from demolition. 2003.	17	18 US Postal Workers wildcat (illegal) strike begins, resulting in better wages and working conditions and the formation of the American Postal Workers Union. 1970.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire kills around 150 workers, mostly young immigrant women, in NYC. 1911.	26	27	28 Martin Luther King, Jr. leads striking sanitation workers on march in Memphis, six days before he is assassinated. 1968.
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