

*Existentialism: Sartre, Simone DeBeauvoir, and Homosexuality*

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In this presentation i examine the notions of Sartre's radical freedom and offer a critique of this structure due to how it is held exclusively by heterosexual white males, by comparing this structure to Simone De Beauvoir's critique of Sartre's positions from a women's perspective. From there i use the positing of women as the other created by Simone De Beauvoir in order to compare and contrast this notion of otherness with homosexuality, which Simone De Beauvoir declines has the same type of otherness as women due to the radically different sizes of these groups. From my critique of Simone De Beauvoir i expand on notions of the homosexual as other and explore not only why this is the case, but how this fits into the existential framework established by Sartre.