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AMST101
Paper Assignment 2

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Two Parent (Non-divorced) Households - Divorce has become more prevalent and so non-divorced households are less frequent than before. Choosing this as the starting point reflects the nurturing of a person, which impacts their being. The family structure can look very different across cultures. This comes with different looks of support, operations, locations and function.

Vic comes from a household with her biological parents. She is connected to Kenly through the same.

Employment

The state of the economy is on a downward spiral, job security is nonexistent and people are losing jobs left and right. However, we live in a late stage capitalist society and so having a job is necessary. Each individual in this connection are one paycheck away from homelessness or running on what little savings we have.

Kenly works as a middle school teacher, They are connected to Monique through this.

Education

As a student at UNC, education is around me daily. There is an expectation that one must be educated to some degree to become successful, of course this isn't true but has been ingrained in our brains since childhood. All of my connections, I have found through my education at UNC.

Monique is a student at UNC. They are connected with Indigo through this.

Gender

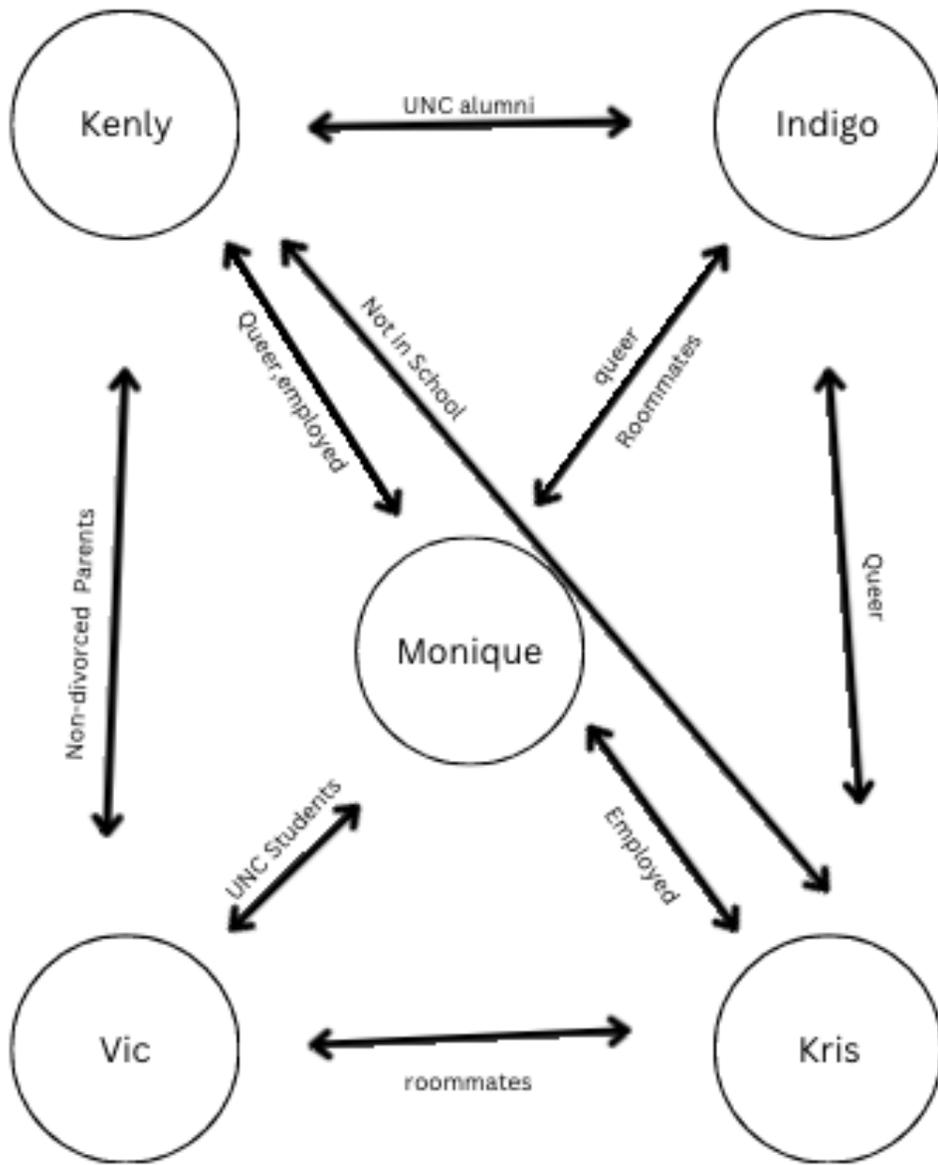
Gender affects us all in some shape or form. Our experiences are influenced by our identities, either through sexism or gender roles. People tend to be friends with people who can relate to them and so many of my friends are non-binary as well.

Indigo is non-binary. They are connected with Kris through this.

Living Situation

There are many reasons someone may live with another individual, whether it be financially motivated, social interests or circumstantial. People my age tend to live with other people, which creates more connections with people.

Kris lives with two other people, Vic is one of those people.





Kenly



Kris



Vic



Indigo



Monique

Through this activity, I had the realization that I surround myself with individuals that I can relate to. As seen in the social circle, each person is connected to one another in some way. Kenly and Kris have never met but through me they are only 1 degree away from each other, but both come from very different backgrounds. I have found a sense of community through these people, a trust that I can rely on in times of need. Through the visualization I can see how my friends are connected even without me, they all can relate to one another in some way. In another time, they could even be friends without my introduction. The people I included are my current friends, those who I speak with frequently and know the ins and outs of their lives. These are the one's I chose because I consider them my community. I could have picked people that would have larger gaps between to reflect a large bridge but those are not *my* people, just people I know. Each of us have similarities but there are many differences between us, allowing us to appreciate the diversity around us.

Reflecting on this activity, I begin to wonder what type of experiences I am missing out on based on the people I surround myself with. Or conversely, what experiences I have undergone *because* of this group. For example, my partner Indigo is white and so I now have first hand experiences with something that I never have. The shoe visualization is interesting because it demonstrates either their style or their needs in uniform. Kris for example needs to wear sneakers often because they are very physical on their feet the majority of the day at work. Indigo can wear sandals because they currently are unemployed and do not have requirements of uniform and wear what is most comfortable.

Overall I have been able to take a step back and see who I consider my community, and what they mean to me. Also, it has shown me what connections mean and without one, people may have never met. This was an interesting assignment!