

	Violence	Unsustainability	Entanglement	Depth of the Problem(s)
Deep denial (refusal to engage the critique)	No recognition of racial/colonial violence	No recognition of ecological unsustainability	No recognition of entanglement	No recognition of serious problems of concern
Interpretive denial (selective acceptance of the critique)	Racial/colonial violence is a product of exclusion from opportunities and institutions, and should be addressed through inclusion and access	Ecological unsustainability (climate change, biodiversity loss, habitat destruction, ecological degradation, pollution) is a product of inefficiency and wastefulness, and should be addressed through technological innovations, renewable energy	Relationality and responsibility are established through individual choices regarding (social, familial, political) association	The problems we face can be adequately addressed with minor changes to policy and practice, and technological solutions
Implicative denial (acceptance of the critique, but not the full implications)	Racial/colonial violence is a product of the existing system, and should be addressed through systemic changes, e.g. redistributing resources and centering marginalized voices	Ecological unsustainability is a product of corporate greed and political corruption, and should be addressed through collective public action and mass movements to create green energy/jobs/policies	Relationality and responsibility operate within collective structures that exceed individual choices and should be therefore addressed with regard to the relevant power relations and obligations	We will need to take concerted collective action and mobilize political will in order to enable the kind of transformations that can adequately address the serious problems we face
No denial (full acceptance of critique and implications)	Racial/colonial violence is the condition of possibility for the existing system and while changes to the system in the short term can be important for harm reduction, in the long-term harm will not cease until the system itself is either dismantled or falls on its own	Ecological unsustainability is a product of the economic and ecological logics of the existing system (i.e. extractivist capitalism), and while green energy/jobs/technologies are important for mitigation, we will ultimately need to surrender this way of life and enact another mode of existence	Relationality and responsibility operate at many layers, including an existential layer before will (unconditional), and a political layer that recognizes systemic violence and tries to mitigate harm (in the short term) and cease the harm to ensure collective well being (in the long term)	The depth and magnitude of the problems we face will make impossible the continuity of our existing ways of knowing, being and relating; we will need to disinvest from dominant problem-solving strategies and tap into exiled capacities to addresses these challenges

Four Denials and Four Layers of Denial