

24.191S15 LAUNCH QUESTION #3

WHAT CAN A BODY DO? DISABILITIES AND SOCIAL CONSTRAINT

In the Judith Butler / Sunaura Taylor clip from *Examined Life*, Butler considers the question "what can a body do?" She and Taylor suggest that the "can" here is not just about what bodies are physically capable of, but what constraints are imposed by society. They consider the possibility that gender and disability are similar, socially speaking, because there are substantial social constraints on how we can use our bodies to enact our gender and/or physical capacities. What do you think? Is there an analogy here? What other social constraints are there on our embodiment?

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