

Dominant Narrative Worldview/The Death Star—the visual representation of 4 discrete cultural stories that shape, perpetuate, and justify injustice and power imbalances.



- **Boot Straps Individualism:** Where playing fields are level individuals have the ability and therefore the responsibility to self determine. Individuals who fail to succeed according to the US value of independence must, therefore, be personally deficient.
- **Structural Discrimination is a Thing of the Past:** When we believe people have equal opportunities it allows us to avoid a deeper analysis of power and resources.
- **Small Government:** Where life is fair, and every individual has the opportunity to succeed, we don't need so much government interference or nannying.
- **Free markets** make sound decisions for business, and businesses make sound decisions for communities.

The Grassroots Policy Project (GPP) says—this is the dominant narrative—not necessarily, YOUR narrative. And/but, it's important to recognize the ways in which this construct has been dominant across the political spectrum in the United States regardless of party/ideological affiliation. We must acknowledge the likelihood that this construct influences our interpretation of the world, even if we consciously reject it.