R&B (RACIAL BIASES): Misperceptions of Domestic Violence for Women of Color

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“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.”
– Audre Lorde
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Intimate Partner Violence
Misperceptions Vs Barriers
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Relationship Violence and Women of Color

Relationship Violence: An intentional pattern of behavior a person uses to gain/maintain power and control over an intimate partner.

Types of Violence:

- Emotional/Psychological
- Physical
- Verbal
- Sexual

“No matter who you are, no matter where you come from, you are beautiful.”
-Michelle Obama
Relationship Violence and Women of Color

Relationship Violence Impacts:
- 1 in 4 women

Relationship Violence & Women of Color
- 2 in 5 Asian/Pacific Islander
- 1 in 3 Latinx/Hispanic
- 1 in 2 Native American/Alaskan Native
- 1 in 3 Black or African American

Latinx: Gender inclusive way of referring to people of Latin American Descent.
Stereotypes

The “Angry Black Woman” Stereotype

Cultural Appropriation vs. Cultural Exchange

- Cultural appropriation: Dominant culture gains profit and power while minority culture is marginalized and further oppressed.
- Cultural Exchange: All cultures enriched and minority culture gains profit and acknowledgment for their contribution.

Media’s Overrepresentation of Black Crime

Cultural Appropriation

How is this harmful?

Policies and Laws

Terms to know:

Cisgender: a gender identity, or performance in a gender role, that society deems to match the person’s assigned sex at birth. The prefix cis- means "on this side of" or "not across." A term used to call attention to the privilege of people who are not transgender.

Why Accurate Coverage of Crime Matters
Misperceptions v. Barriers

Misperception: The false idea that a person of color does not want to seek help.

- “They provoke it”
- “It doesn’t happen to them”
- “They don’t want help”
- “We don’t need counseling”

“Unfortunately, due to a long history of systemic racism and classism in the US, the violation of Black women’s bodies is often rendered invisible” - Forbes Magazine

Barrier: A person of color wants help; however, these are some reasons they cannot, or are not receiving the help they need.

- Community attitudes
- Traditional Value System
- Access to Agencies

Racism and Oppression
Barriers for people of color on college campuses

• Individual Barriers

• Campus Barriers

• Agency Barriers

“The process begins with the individual woman’s acceptance that American women, without exception, are socialized to be racist, classist and sexist, in varying degrees, and that labeling ourselves feminists does not change the fact that we must consciously work to rid ourselves of the legacy of negative socialization.”
– bell hooks
Having A Seat at the Table

- What can we do to support women of color when they experience relationship violence?
- What can members of the dominant culture do to support women of color when they experience violence?

**Power and Purpose**

- Understand dynamics of abuse & barriers
- Build partnerships within the community, on and off campus
- Recognizing Privilege
- Marketing/Outreach programs
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“PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE MORE THAN A QUOTA”
– Janaya Green

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