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These definitions of VAW as being gender-based are seen by some to be unsatisfactory and problematic. These definitions are conceptualized in an understanding of society as patriarchal, signifying unequal relations between men and women. Other critics argue that employing the term gender in this particular way may introduce notions of inferiority and subordination for femininity and superiority for masculinity. A man beating a woman is shown in the back. Burning witches, with others held in Stocks Sati a Hindu practice whereby a widow immolates herself on the funeral pyre of her husband ceremony. X-ray of bound feet , China The history of violence against women remains vague in scientific literature. This is in part because many kinds of violence against women specifically rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence are under-reported, often due to societal norms, taboos, stigma, and the sensitive nature of the subject. For example, dowry violence and bride burning is associated with India , Bangladesh , Sri Lanka , and Nepal. Acid throwing is also associated with these countries, as well as in Southeast Asia , including Cambodia. Honor killing is associated with the Middle East and South Asia. Female genital mutilation is found mostly in Africa , and to a lesser extent in the Middle East and some other parts of Asia. Marriage by abduction is found in Ethiopia , Central Asia and the Caucasus. Abuse related to payment of bride price such as violence, trafficking and forced marriage is linked to parts of Sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania. There is also debate and controversy about the ways in which cultural traditions, local customs and social expectations, as well as various interpretations of religion, interact with abusive practices. These justifications are questionable precisely because the defenses are generally voiced by political leaders or traditional authorities, not by those actually affected. There has also been a history of recognizing the harmful effects of this violence. In the s, courts in the United States stopped recognizing the common-law principle that a husband had the right to "physically chastise an errant wife". A study in estimated that at least one in five women in the world had been physically or sexually abused by a man sometime in their lives, and "gender-based violence accounts for as much death and ill-health in women aged 15â€”44 years as cancer, and is a greater cause of ill-health than malaria and traffic accidents combined. For example, acts of violence against women are often not unique episodes, but are ongoing over time. More often than not, the violence is perpetrated by someone the woman knows, not by a stranger. This document specifically refers to the historically forever-present nature of gender inequalities in understanding violence against women. This Declaration, as well as the World Conference of the same year, is often viewed as a "turning point" at which the consideration of violence against women by the international community began to be taken much more seriously, and after which more countries mobilized around this problem. This was followed by a WHO report in see below. The report specifically noted the sharp rise in civil society organizations and activities directed at responding to gender-based violence against women from the s to the s. As a particular case study, here are some developments since the s in the United States to oppose and treat violence against women: Two national coalitions, the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence , were formed, to raise awareness of these two forms of violence against women. Attorney General created the Department of Justice Task Force on Family Violence, to address ways in which the criminal justice system and community response to domestic violence should be improved. Passage of the Violence Against Women Act or VAWA, legislation included in the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of , sponsored by then-Senator Joseph Biden, which required a strengthened community response to crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault, strengthened federal penalties for repeat sex offenders and strengthened legislative protection of victims, among many other provisions. President Clinton signed into law the VAWA of , further strengthening federal laws, and emphasizing assistance of immigrant victims, elderly victims, victims with disabilities, and victims of dating

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violence. President Bush signed into law the VAWA of , with an emphasis on programs to address violence against youth victims, and establishing programs for Engaging Men and Youth, and Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services. President Obama signed into law the VAWA of , which granted Native American tribes the ability to prosecute non-Native offenders, and regulated reports of sexual assault on college campuses. Experts in the international community generally believe, however, that solely enacting punitive legislation for prevention and punishment of violence against women is not sufficient to address the problem. For example, although much stricter laws on violence against women have been passed in Bangladesh, violence against women is still rising. Violence against women often keeps women from wholly contributing to social, economic, and political development of their communities. Apart from that, the causes that trigger VAW or gender-based violence can go beyond just the issue of gender and into the issues of age, class, culture, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and specific geographical area of their origins. Importantly, other than the issue of social divisions, violence can also extend into the realm of health issues and become a direct concern of the public health sector. These studies show that one of the best predictors of inter- and intranational violence is the maltreatment of women in the society.

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In the United States, Native American women are more than twice as likely as White women, Asian women, and Black women to experience sexual violence. The FBI investigates the crime and the office of the United States Attorney decides whether to prosecute. In order to protect victims on reservations, recognizing sovereignty and affording Native tribes the right to prosecute non-Natives who commit crimes against Native Americans on reservations has been called an extremely important first step in a series of legal changes that would affect how these violations are responded to and viewed at the community, state, and federal level. The research was done for the report in and in three different locations with different policing and juridical arrangements. Amnesty International interviewed victims of sexual assault, tribal, state, and federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and tribal judges for the report. While finding officials to interview for the report, the Executive Office of US Attorneys told them individual US attorneys cannot participate in the survey. The report opens with the story of a young Alaskan Native woman raped by a non-native man. In July, the woman was raped and rushed to the ER where she was treated as a drunk. They later sent her to a non-native shelter for women where she was also treated as a drunk because of her trauma. *Maze of Injustice*, 1. Another story that the article reported was the story of a young Native woman who was raped by four men and later died. The case was closed because of questioning of jurisdictions. *Maze of Injustice*, 6. Each woman that shared her story in the report had a common element in their stories. The injustice these women faced were mainly based on stereotypes. Rather their trials took place on a Federal or State level the women were viewed as drunks and some blame was put on them. When pursuing justice women go through a maze between tribal, state and federal law. The women are first asked "was it in our jurisdiction and was the perpetrator Native American?" It takes a lot of time just to have your case heard so women give up. *Maze of Injustice*, 8. The Amnesty International report goes on to list reasons why they believe these injustices are occurring. The first reason for injustice described is the lack of training and delay or failure to respond of police officers. *Maze of Injustice*, If the police officers are not the first to respond the women lose confidence in pursuing a case against the perpetrators. Also, the federal government limits the number of prison sentences tribal courts can make. The federal government also prohibits tribal courts to prosecute Non-Native suspects because of the *Oliphant v. On a federal level the issue of discrimination and limitations on prosecution of sexual assault is a reason for injustice. Things are a little more complicated on a State level. The distance of courts, language barriers, lack of funding for prosecution, and cultural competency are main causes of injustice for Native victims on a State level. Maze of Injustice*. The Amnesty International gives their audiences suggestions as to how to stop violence against Indigenous women. Some of their recommendations include: The federal government should take steps "including by providing sufficient funding" to ensure the full implementation of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, particularly Title IX Tribal Programs. Law enforcement agencies should recognize in policy and practice that all police officers have the authority to take action in response to reports of sexual violence, including rape, within their jurisdiction and to apprehend the alleged perpetrators in order to transfer them to the appropriate authorities for investigation and prosecution. In particular, where sexual violence is committed in Indian Country and in Alaska Native villages, tribal law enforcement officials must be recognized as having the authority to apprehend both Native and non-Native suspects. Federal authorities should ensure that tribal police forces have access to federal funding to enable them to recruit, train, equip and retain sufficient law enforcement officers to provide adequate law enforcement coverage which is responsive to the needs of the Indigenous peoples they serve.

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The following discussion examines how racism affects African-American women in terms of domestic violence. Racism alters how African-American women receive treatment through domestic violence resources and how they perceive resources. Therefore, because of racism African-American women have specific concerns when making decisions about domestic violent relationships and what resources would be the best for them. These concerns include the view of the race as a whole, the perceptions of African-American men, how African-American families are treated by American society, economic concerns, and how American public protectors such as the police and judicial system treat victims and batterers in the system. Racism Against African-American Women Within the Sphere of Domestic Violence Racism is an additional obstacle for the African-American victim of domestic violence in obtaining adequate resources to leave an abuser and continue a life free from abuse. Professor of Law and domestic violence expert Zanita E. Fenton expounds on the history of African-Americans and the current status of an African-American female as a domestic violence victim: Enslaved black women performed the same tasks as their male counterparts while still fulfilling traditional female roles. Thus, the prevailing stereotypes of black women do not allow them to fit within the stereotype of the "good girl" or "victim," making interactions with the justice system that much more complicated. African-American women are stereotyped as the opposite of the stereotypical, traditional middle and upper class white woman. The historic stereotype of the white woman is that she is small, delicate, soft, passive. The African-American woman, however, is not small, delicate, soft, or passive. Rather, in the words of author and domestic violence advocate, Evelyn White, she is in part the "strong black woman. Specifically, for centuries, African-American women have been compared to white women and considered immoral and sinful. Being viewed as the "strong black woman" is positive, but unfortunately, it leaves African-American women in caregiver roles with no opportunities when they need care. Therefore, the African-American woman must first demonstrate herself to be a victim in general, and then a victim of domestic violence. She must show that she is a victim of circumstances that are not her fault. The problem of not recognizing African-American women as victims as immediately as white women impedes their ability to utilize resources, and may put the African-American victim in a more imminent position of danger. Even when an African-American woman overcomes obstacles to obtaining domestic violence resources, the African-American woman still has to prove that she is a victim. Hopefully, with more awareness of domestic violence and knowledge of how abusers seek to gain and retain power over women, African-American women will not have to first disprove the stereotypes in order to attain the assistance they need to leave and stay safely away from the batterer. A manifestation of racism within the domestic violence movement appeared in the last quarter of the twenty-first century when domestic violence among minority and marginalized populations was ignored while white domestic violence issues were emphasized. One example of how the dismissal of non-white domestic violence occurred is exemplified in the television program 48 Hours. In discussing the Violence Against Women Act of , 48 Hours presented the stories of seven women who experienced domestic violence. All but one of the women were white. The white women were humanized for the audience with personal stories of their lives. The one black woman was left nameless and only depicted with a picture of her beaten face. The audience was not given a chance to relate to her violence. The shift in focus came with the realization that domestic violence is also a problem for white, middle and upper class mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. Consequently, domestic abuse became part of the political agenda. As domestic violence rose to gain national attention, little thought to women of color occurred and the only gains for them were consequences of gains in the white community. The positive result of the creation of new

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methods and tools to fight domestic violence in society is apparent, but these new resources do not reach all victims equally. All domestic violence victims must confront a number of issues when trying to leave an abusive situation, but the racism against African-American women imposes additional issues on women already burdened. The fact that African-American women face race-based obstacles in obtaining domestic violence resources is the reason that racism within the movement against domestic violence and within the legal system must be brought to the forefront. Racism must be fought within the domestic violence movement and in the legal system in order to successfully help all victims of domestic violence. Concerns Specific to African-American Victims of Domestic Violence in Light of the Effects of Racism "[F]or white women and women of color, the experience of battering is quite similar but at the point of seeking help or escape from the abuse, women of color face many problems that white battered women generally do not. Like all victims of domestic violence, African-American women consider many issues when making the decision to leave an abusive situation. Addressing these concerns while developing domestic violence resources will create better resources with equal effectiveness for all domestic violence victims. If the resources took into account all victim concerns and realities, the victims would likely feel more comfortable using the resources. The fact that a victim has children or a disability affects what the victim needs to live a life without domestic violence. Our society has made race matter. Race as a Whole A culturally specific concern for African-American victims is the racial repercussions of reporting domestic violence. Evelyn White described this concern by stating, "[w]e know what the risks are if we abandon each other. Nevertheless, victims perceive that reporting violence in the African-American community is an opportunity for the public to use the information to reinforce negative stereotypes of the African-American community. African-American women hesitate to report abuse by African-American men because of the "readiness of the outside society to label or blame these acts of violence as racially predictable. The African-American woman "may be ostracized within [her community] for contributing to racial stereotypes" by reporting domestic violence by an African-American man. This fact creates a dilemma for African-American women because "[p]reserving cultural identity often requires strong allegiance to the community as a whole, causing women to choose between fear of rejection or continued violence. Thus, the victim may determine that it is "better" for her to stay in the abusive situation. Victims may even be told by other African-American women, who themselves have experienced some type of violence, not to report the violence. Domestic violence victims cannot simply leave an abuser without help. Most need money, a place to stay, emotional support, childcare services, and cooperation from the legal system to keep the abuser away. Many times this help can be found within the community, family, friends, and local domestic violence programs. When victims fear that reporting will violate the "unwritten code" that "prohibits the reporting of African American male violence against African American females," the community where the victim may naturally look for support may no longer exist for her. African-American Men Another major concern connected to racism and domestic violence is the status of the African-American man within the United States. Unfortunately, African-American victims of abuse receive the message that to report abuse by an African-American man is to feed the stereotype of African-American men as violent. Research, which the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence relies on from , concluded that an African-American woman was more likely to feel protective of her abuser than a white woman. The reason for this reaction is a manifestation of the effects of discrimination and the "hard times" the African-American male has faced in the United States. The African-American female feels an obligation to support and assist her male counterpart emotionally in order to preserve the family. The reality is that "police brutality and blatant racism in the criminal justice system" exist, and when an African-American victim reports the abuse she is not only reporting abuse, but she is subjecting the abuser to the biased system. The choice for African-American women is not just whether to stay with the abuser, but whether to make a decision that may, on the surface, look to others in the community as selfish. If she reports the abuse, and the batterer is arrested, she does take the chance that the batterer will experience racism by the police or within the legal system. The victim is forced to make a choice between the violence she experiences and the racism that her batterer may experience.

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Racism, when considered a more serious problem, can keep African-American women from trying to end the violence. The African-American Family Along with the concerns about the African-American race and the status of African-American men, the family is another reason that prevents African-American women from reporting or seeking out resources for domestic violence. Fenton best describes this reality: They feel that to break up the family would just add to the problems of both their own families and the problems of the black community. White states that African-American women are sacrificing themselves in order to maintain African-American families. African-American women face pressure to keep the family together to combat racist views concerning the African-American family, thus ignoring the abuse for the sake of others. This concern again forces the African-American woman to place societal perceptions of her and her family above the reality of the violence within the home. The presence of domestic violence in an African-American family can be used as reinforcement for bigoted or racist beliefs about violent African Americans. Consequently, African-American women face pressure to ignore the violence and thus quiet the racists and the bigots.

Economic Concerns To understand the plight of the African-American domestic violence victim, we must recognize her economic position in our society. Over half of homeless families nationally are African-American, while African-Americans only make up twelve percent of the total population. A study entitled Profile of Working Women finds that nearly two thirds of all minimum wage earners are women. Socioeconomic status is not an indicator of domestic violence. However, the two factors produce the effect that African-American women of lower socioeconomic status as well as all women of lower socioeconomic status who are victims of domestic violence are more likely than middle and upper class white women who are victims of domestic violence to need "extensive services and support" in order to leave an abusive relationship. Therefore, while the option of calling the police offers immediate safety for the victim of domestic violence, the victim may not see this as an option when the abuser is needed to support the family financially. The alarming rate of poverty among African-American women is evident and has significant affects on African-American domestic violence victims. More than half the African-American women interviewed in a study stated that they stayed with their batterers because they did not think they could support themselves and their children alone. As the data from the status of African-American women reveals, a disproportionate amount of African-American women in the United States are living in poverty, and that creates an obstacle for many African-American domestic violence victims. The choice is not just about the enormous risk of leaving the abuser, but the additional question, "how will I keep my family fed and sheltered? Many women of color, for example, are burdened by poverty, child care responsibilities, and the lack of job skills. Where systems of race, gender, and class domination converge, as they do in the experiences of battered women of color, intervention strategies based solely on the experiences of women who do not share the same class or race backgrounds will be of limited help to women who because of race and class face different obstacles. The resources offered to domestic violence victims cannot always focus solely on physical violence. For an African-American victim of domestic violence, financial support may be as urgent a need as mandatory arrest laws. Views of the Public Protectors Racism affects African-American victims within the informal structures of society and economics, as well as within our formal infrastructures of the police and judiciary. Racism within these formal structures can have immediate, detrimental affects on victims and their families through arrest, collection of evidence, and sentencing, among others. Evidence shows that many within the African-American population do not have a trusting relationship with the police. White stated in an interview, "[t]he police have historically been no friend to the Blacks. The result is that "many women of color simply will not call the police for fear of what will happen to themselves or their abusive partner in the hands of law enforcement officers. The Court System and Lawyers Along with distrusting the police, a general distrust of the court system and its actors also exists for many African-Americans. Whether she is a plaintiff, defendant, or witness, the African American woman in the courtroom faces numerous obstacles to being considered a believable, reasonable person. Documented juror and judicial attitudes concerning the veracity of African-American women inhibit not only the African-American female at trial, but African-American women

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in all walks of life. The obstacles of a historically founded distrust of the court system and documented discrimination against African-American women can lead African- American victims of domestic violence to turn away from state resources. Therefore, the elimination of court filing fees will probably have less of an impact on African-American victims of domestic violence because they are less likely to turn to the courts when attempting to get out of a violent relationship. Public Shelters for Domestic Violence Victims Furthermore, while the state of Wisconsin has a system of shelters and centers for domestic violence victims, not all people feel equally welcome at the shelters. A perception exists among African-American women that "shelters and institutions established to help battered women are only for the needs of white women. Racism against African-American women affects when and how they are able to utilize resources for domestic violence. The racism against African-American women creates specific concerns when African-American victims attempt to obtain resources to leave an abusive situation. The specific concerns of African-American women such as maintaining racial unity and avoiding the propagation of stereotypes against African-American men are not addressed by the common state domestic violence resources of mandatory arrest and restraining orders offered by the police and the court system.

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Part of the challenge has been calling Black men into community to reckon not only with racism, but also with racialized sexual violence and sexualized and gendered racism. Because of those important early lessons, Tanis herself has become a voice for the voiceless, and a Black transnational feminist in her own right, earning a B. Tanis is not just a talker. She puts action behind her words. Indeed, Black women and girls are under siege in the U. The culture has long accepted it as the norm to discredit, rape and tear down Black women, who receive no help from White faux feminists, claiming to be supporters, but only in rhetoric. How many White feminists are lining up to help Black women and girls, who are survivors of sexual and domestic violence as the Trump administration proposes vital cuts to anti-rape, anti-battery, and anti-stalking service programs? By asking these questions and issuing a call for accountability to the United States government and Black cultural institutions, the Blueprint joins a longstanding tradition of Black women anti-rape activists, including Ida B. The event, the first of its kind to focus explicitly on the rape and sexual assault against Black women in the United States, featured sessions at locations, including the historic Riverside Church and the Ford Foundation, both in New York City. Share This year, the gathering occurs against the backdrop of a political climate fraught with emotion. But we are resisting. Part of the challenge has been calling Black men to reckon not only with racism, but also with racialized sexual violence and sexualized and gender racism. Historically and contemporaneously, Black women and girls face multiple jeopardies and interlocking systems of oppression across race, gender, class, and sexual identities. In order for there to be a Black future where all Black people are thriving and surviving, Black men must be anti-rape activists with Black feminist and womanist political sensibilities. Share In order for there to be a Black future where all Black people are thriving and surviving, Black men must be anti-rape activists with Black feminist and womanist political sensibilities. Though Black men are victim to anti-black state violence such as lynching and are nine times more likely than other racial groups to be killed by an officer, Black feminists and womanists have long contended that Black women are not only victimized and abused by white supremacists, but also by Black men. Share To be sure, Black men have long stood up against White rapists, but where are Black men when it comes to addressing rape, incest, child sexual abuse, and the brutalization of Black women by Black men? In the midst of a Trump presidency and the Black Lives Matter movement, it is imperative that Black men get on board with not only racial justice, but also anti-rape activism. To be fully equipped for battle, one thing that Black men can do, alongside Black women, is make their way to Spelman College for the Words of Fire Conference because Black women freedom fighters are always on the frontlines for whole Black communities, risking their lives and wellbeing, even when Black men do not reciprocate. Click here for details and registration information about the conference.

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