

# Diversity among Black Women

- Race/ethnicity
- Social Class
- Marital status
- Gender Identity
- Age
- Sexual Orientation
- Religious affiliation



# Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Women



- Unsolved Black LGBT Murders: Where's the Outrage? (VIDEO)
- <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/earnest-winborne/unsolved-black-lgbt-murders-b-4098430.html>

# What about immigrant Black women immigrants?



- How is rape similar and different from U.S. born Black women?
- It's complex—depends on reasons for immigration, generational status, level of acculturation, history.



# Other Vulnerable Black Women

- Black college women
- Low-income Black women
- HIV+ Black women
- Incarcerated Black women
- Black women in the military
- Black women with a history of child sexual abuse
- **OTHERS?**



# Characteristics of Sexual Assault

- Primarily intra-racial (Black-on-Black)
- Primarily acquaintances, boyfriends, intimate partners
- Range of assaults: attempted/completed, forced oral sex, unwanted genital or breast fondling
- **Other types of sexual violence?**

# Reproductive Coercion

When compared to other racial groups, Black women reported higher rates of reproductive coercion in the form of pregnancy coercion (25.9%), birth control sabotage (27%), and unintended pregnancy (49.9%)

Nikoolajski, C. (2015). Race and reproductive coercion. *Women's Health Issues, 25(3)*, 216-223.





# Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Kruger, A. (2013). Sexualized and Dangerous Relationships: Listening to the Voices of Low-Income African American Girls Placed at Risk for Sexual Exploitation. *Western Journal of Emerg Med.* 14(4): 370–376.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3735385/>

- In 2010, African American teenagers made up 56.6 percent of the entire arrests for commercial sex or prostitution.