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)
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%)

Commercial Sexual Exploitation


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