



## Some issues facing BAME women

- The gendered narrative of black criminality: how are BAME women perceived here, and what do we know about their experiences of police brutality (e.g. role of women in anti colonial movements, feminist movements in 'post colonial' societies)
- Intersection of race, ethnicity and gender based violence – intra community vs. inter community abuse
- Anti racist movements can sometimes be blind to inter community gender based violence and abuse and this can lead to silencing of BAME women in a context of racism.
- Discourse of some forms of gendered violence and abuse being 'cultural' – FGM, forced marriage, HBVA



## An example

How appropriate are feminist theories of DVA to the experiences of BAME women?



## Domestic violence

- VAW movement has focussed on DV primarily as interpersonal violence
  - Defined as violence between adults in intimate relationships (past or present)
  - Up to 90% men to women
  - Usually gender and power component
  - Physical, emotional, sexual, financial
- (c.f. Hague and Malos 2005)

## Duluth model of power and control



## Challenges

- VAW movement definitions useful but also seen as limited to the experiences of white women
- Theorisations on domestic violence internationally including South Asian women's movements have found ways to include the experiences of a diverse range of women, including mother in law violence, polygamous relationships and analyse them through a feminist prism



## Challenges by BAME women

- DV happens within and outside the intimate relationship i.e. abuse by wider family (natal or family)
- Gender and power operates but not in the same way as in IPV

However....

Overemphasis on difference can exoticise VAW in BAME communities, i.e. inter partner DVA normative and parent to child forced marriage cultural...

