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BLM and opportunities to tackle violence against Black women

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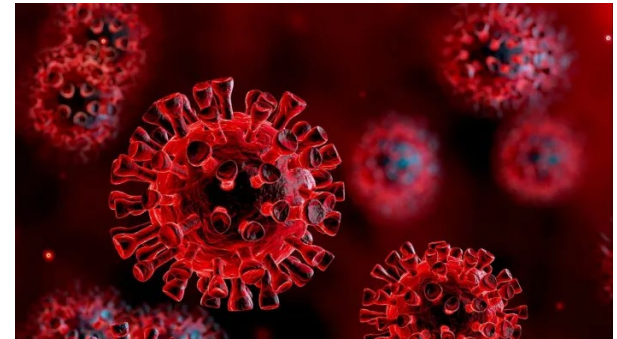
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Reflections on 2020

- Since **COVID19** came on the scene alongside the death of **George Floyd** in America everyone wants to be seen to be engaged in anti-racist work.
- However, the reality as we well know as black and minoritised communities, **the inequalities that we are seeing are definitely not new.**

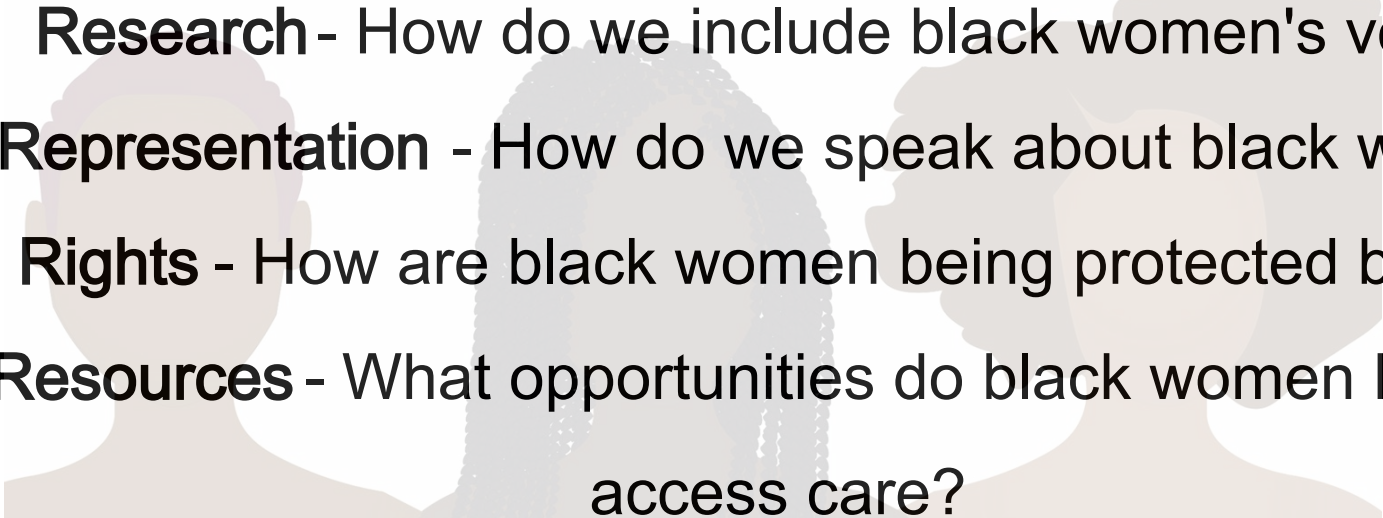


“We also have to consider that sexual harassment, exploitation, and assault not only happen on the streets, they also occur in the home and in the detention center .

In other words, black women are often targets of violence inside homes and in private spaces where people cannot easily see them or galvanize around them.”

Marcia Chatelain, Professor of history and African American studies at Georgetown University .



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- **Research** - How do we include black women's voices?
 - **Representation** - How do we speak about black women?
 - **Rights** - How are black women being protected by law?
 - **Resources** - What opportunities do black women have to access care?

Research - *How do we include black women's voices?*

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Anyone can experience intimate partner violence regardless of their gender, race, age, or ability.

However, it is well known that **black and minoritised women can experience increased risks of abuse** due to entrenched systems of discrimination and barriers to accessing care and support some of which include, **language differences, concerns about confidentiality, and cultural stigmas.**



Representation - *How are black women represented?*

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There are a range of stereotypes that provide unhelpful representations of the black woman

The Mammy who is a caregiver for everyone but herself.



The Jezebel who is highly promiscuous and sexually available.



The Angry black woman who is bad-tempered, hostile, and overly aggressive.

Rights - *How are black women being protected?*

The Ripple Effect: Covid-19 and the Epidemic of Online Abuse found that Black and minoritised women were more likely to have experienced an increase in online abuse, were more likely to modify their behaviours as a result and were more likely to feel like their complaints had not been addressed.

The government needs to implement a comprehensive public health approach to tackling online abuse.

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Black women are 84% more likely to receive abusive tweets than white women.

Amnesty International, Troll Patrol Report, 2018

Resource - *What opportunities do black women have to access care?*

Online Safe Spaces - provides a series of untraceable web pages with information on specialist domestic abuse support services, national helplines, and other resources.

Safe Spaces - which works in partnership with Boots UK, Superdrug pharmacies, Morrison's pharmacies, and independent pharmacies across the country to provide Safe Spaces in their consultation rooms for people experiencing domestic abuse.

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**There is no such thing as a single-issue
struggle because we do not live
single-issue lives.**

Audre Lorde

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