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**Roots & Resistance Presented by Yamikani Msosa, Specialist, Ryerson University Office of Sexual Violence Support & Education**

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# Roots and Resistance

Sexual Violence and Anti-Black Racism

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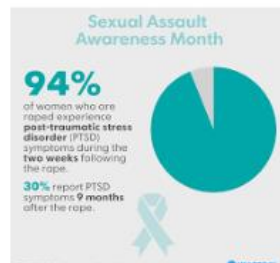
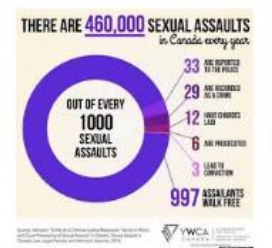
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“Black women in Canada are being subjected to significant levels of sexual violence and coercion with little to no support”

**Llana James, 2007 ( Censure and Silence)**







**From da roots'**

**Anti-Black Racism and Sexual Violence**






**Anti-Black Racism** describes the nexus of intersecting oppressions experienced by Black people in Canada because of their skin colour. It is rooted in legacy of slavery and colonial rule, historical practices that construct Black people as questionable subjects or non-humans. It provides a lens to understand how racism works to devalue Black lives, with the effect that Black people are disadvantage at all levels of social life (e.g. social economic and political). ( Giwa, Sulaimon, 2016)





# MISOGYNOIR

Misogynoir (from the word misogyny; [miso-: hater, gyn-: woman, noir: Black]; specific anti-Black misogyny—where race and gender together are factors and often this misogyny creates a binary with White women (where White women represent “good” womanhood and Black women do not) or has levels that include other women of colour, but only insofar as Black women are the most degraded and placed at the bottom. This binary creates invisibility for Black women’s pain and hypervisibility for what are deemed inherent flaws based on Black womanhood, as the ultimate conception of “non-womanhood,” as possessed by a woman. This is why even with cis privilege, cis Black women are masculinized as a tool of violence and hypersexualized as a tool of violence; as undesirable objects to be controlled and disposed of and as hyper-desirable objects for sexual use and disposal, simultaneously.

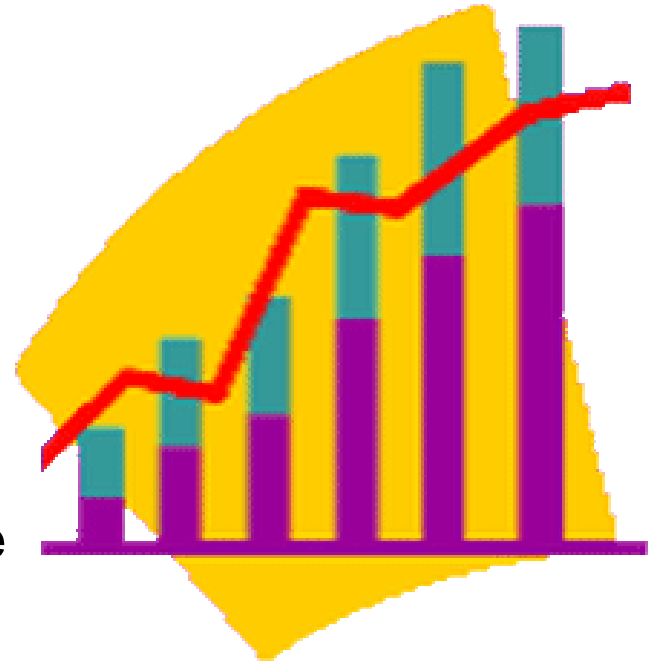




# Statistics

- Black women are also less likely to report their assaults. 1/15 Black women will report sexual violence.
- Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive sexual contact by age eighteen

(National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2015)

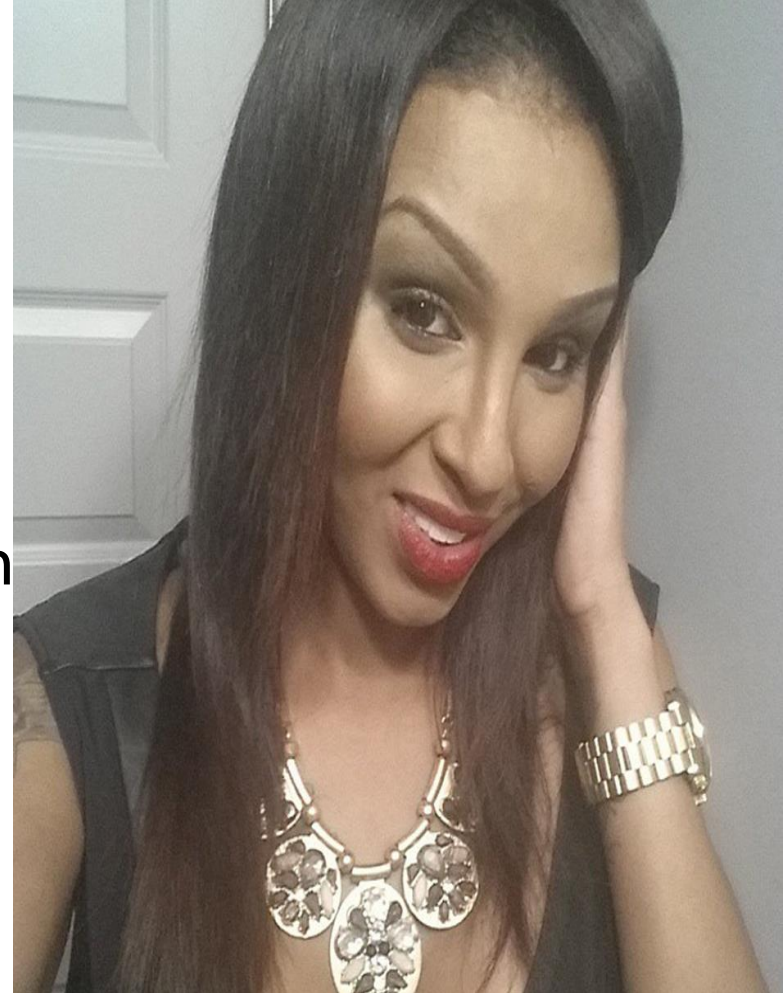




# Statistics

Transwomen of colour, **2.6 times** more likely to experience a form of violence and discrimination within an intimate relationship

(National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 2014)



Sumaya Dalmar, found dead in Toronto 2015



**From da roots'**

**Historical and Contemporary Context**











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## Migrating children and women, suffer 'sexual violence, exploitation, abuse and detention' – UN agency





**NO!** **THE RAPE DOCUMENTARY**  
*Break the Silence, Stop All Forms of Sexual and Gender-based Violence*



**Mammy** the Black woman is characterized as maternal, nurturing, family-oriented, and a church lady who is completely self-sacrificing where her own needs (or the needs of her family) are concerned.







**Jezebel**







CBCnews

SENATE CANADA SÉNAT

SENATE COMMITTEES SOMETIMES STUDY THE SUBJECT-MATTER OF A BILL BEFORE ITS INTRODUCTION IN THE SENATE

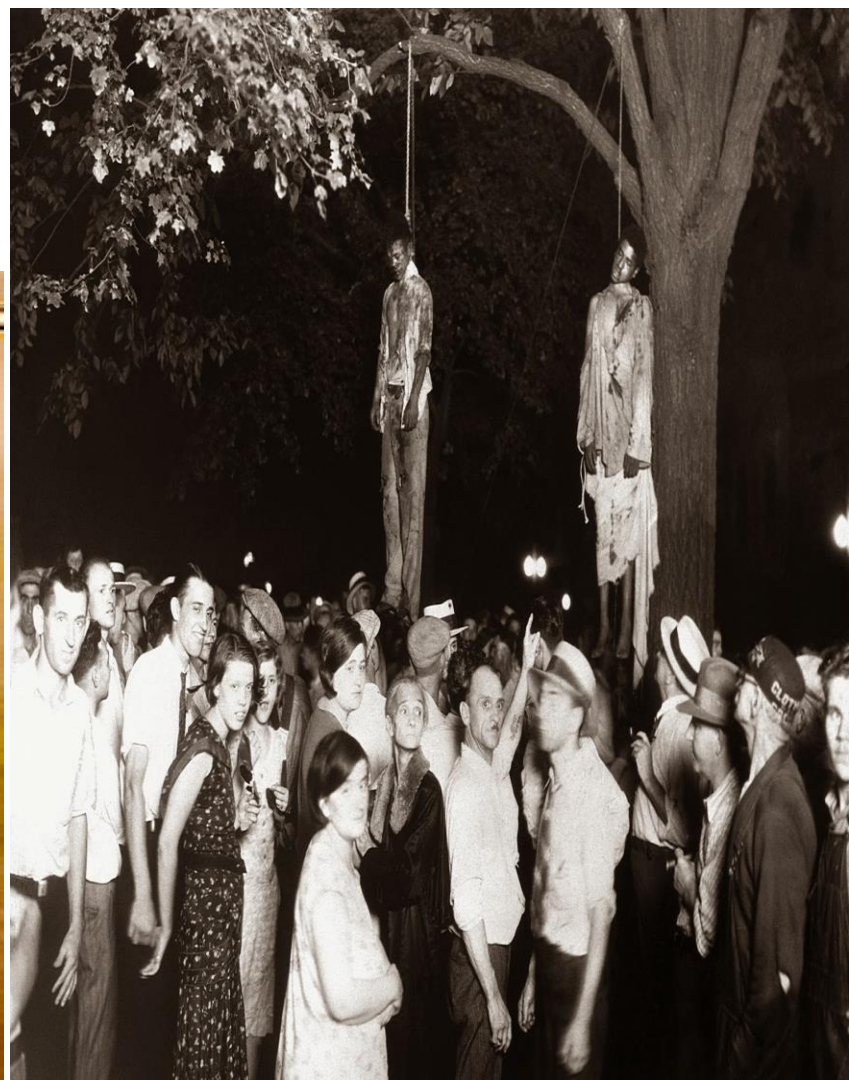
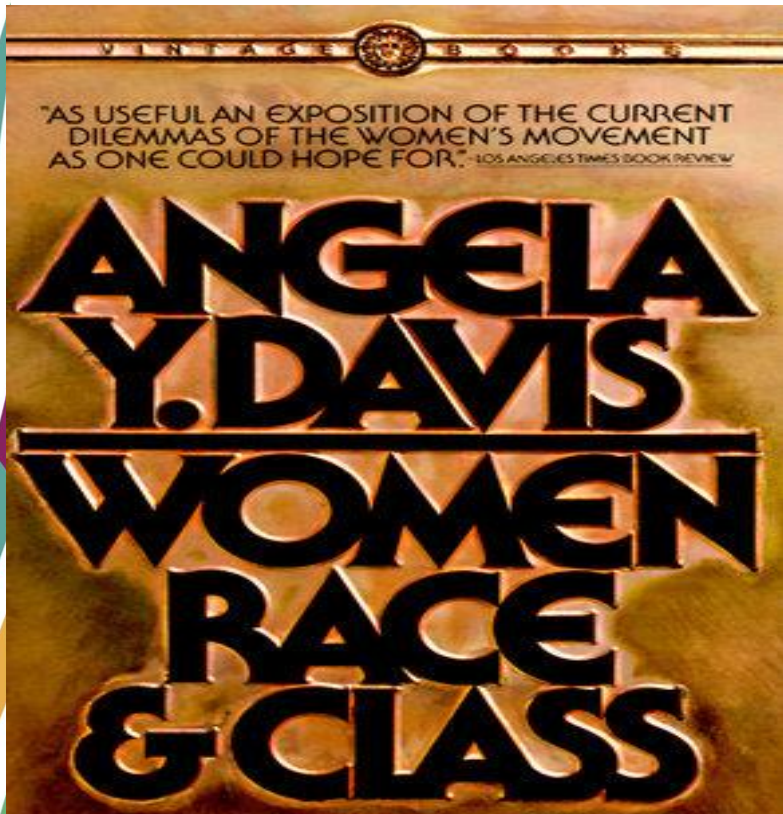
UN COMITÉ SÉNATORIAL PEUT EXAMINER LA TENEUR D'UN PROJET DE LOI AVANT SON INTRODUCTION AU SÉNAT  
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the angry,  
hostile,  
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lazy woman



# Myth of the Black Rapist





# **Resistance Criminal (In)Justice System**





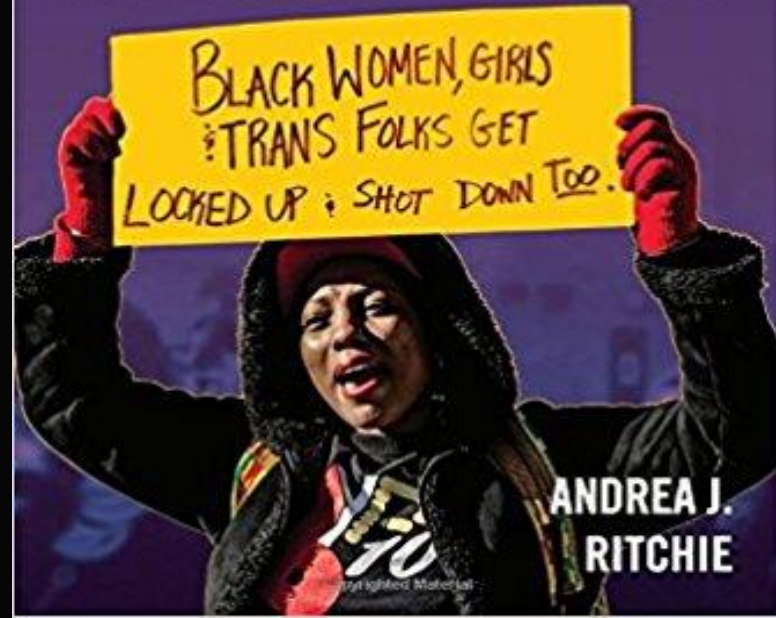
# 100 Black Women & Girls Killed by Police

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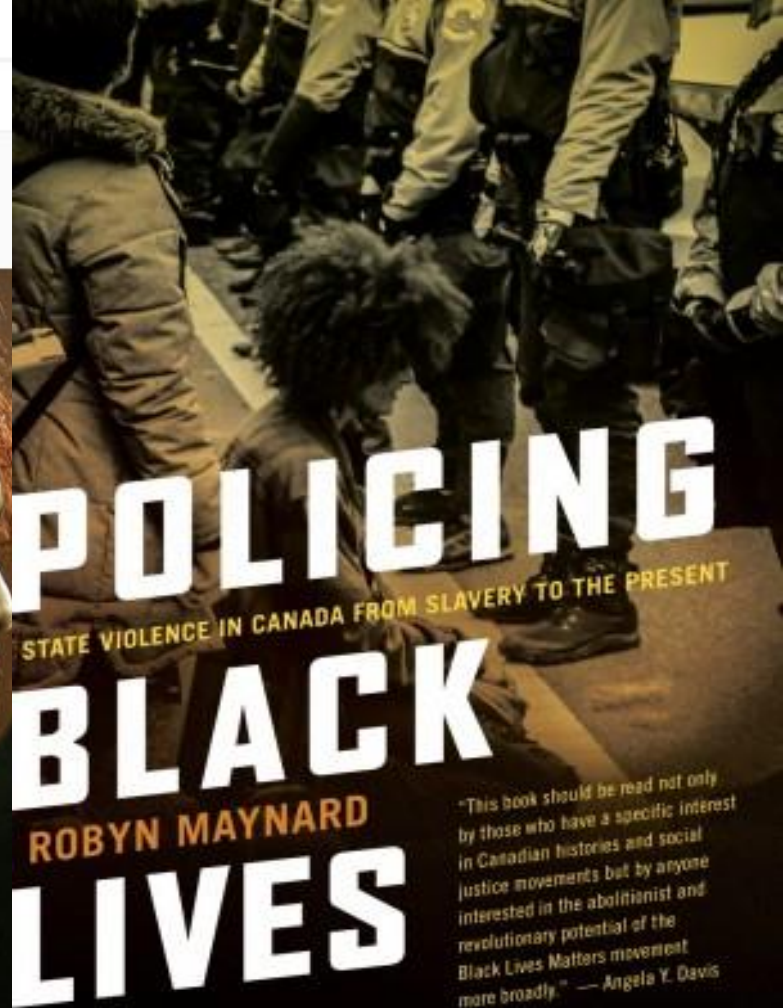
POLICE VIOLENCE AGAINST  
BLACK WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR



## A victim of racial profiling



Jacqueline Nassiah of Mississauga appears at a news conference on May 17, 2007 after winning a racial profiling case against Peel police at the Ontario Human Rights Commission. (TARA WALTON / TORONTO STAR)



**POLICING  
BLACK  
LIVES**  
ROBYN MAYNARD  
STATE VIOLENCE IN CANADA FROM SLAVERY TO THE PRESENT

"This book should be read not only by those who have a specific interest in Canadian histories and social justice movements but by anyone interested in the abolitionist and revolutionary potential of the Black Lives Matters movement more broadly." — Angela Y. Davis



## \$5,000 award in race-related arrest

By **EMILY MATHIEU** Staff Reporter

Wed., Nov. 18, 2009



On the morning she was arrested, Sharon Abbott was out delivering newspapers to a west Toronto neighbourhood, a job she has held for 12 years.

Sometime while delivering *The Globe and Mail*, Abbott said she was followed by a Toronto police sergeant who acted aggressively toward her, pinned her to a police car, handcuffed her and held her for 45 minutes before issuing seven tickets and releasing her.



## Ottawa Sgt. Steven Desjourdy guilty of discreditable conduct for leaving prisoner topless

An Ottawa police officer who left a female prisoner topless for hours after an infamous cellblock strip search nearly six years ago is considering fighting a disciplinary decision that found him guilty of discreditable conduct.



SHAAMINI YOGARETNAM, OTTAWA CITIZEN

[More from Shaamini Yogaretnam, Ottawa Citizen](#)

Published on: April 9, 2014 | Last Updated: May 20, 2014 4:13 AM EDT



Sgt. Steven Desjourdy was acquitted of the criminal charge of sexual assault in 2013 but faced an internal police disciplinary hearing in January for the same incident to determine whether he breached Ottawa police policy by waiting several hours to issue disposable clothing to a woman he had left topless and in urine-soaked pants. **PAT McGRATH / THE OTTAWA CITIZEN**



## Montreal woman, allegedly roughed up by police, discovers she faces criminal charges

Majiza Philip says she's shocked to find out she's facing charges after an officer allegedly broke her arm

CBC News - Posted: Aug 05, 2015 7:54 PM ET | Last Updated: August 5, 2015



In 2003 Chevranna Abdi, a 26-year-old black transgender woman in Hamilton, was arrested by police and dragged down seven flights of stairs face-down.

By the time they reached the lobby, she was not breathing. She died in police custody. Her death was ruled "accidental."



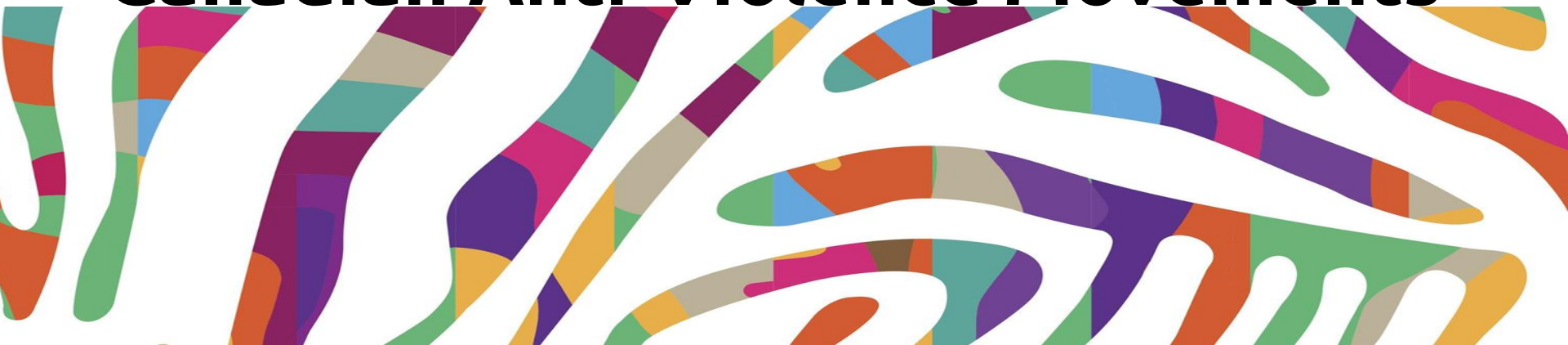


# **Prison Industrial Complex**



# **Resistance**

## **Systemic Failures of Mainstream Canadian Anti-Violence Movements**





# Children Aids Society


## Overrepresentation of black children in CAS

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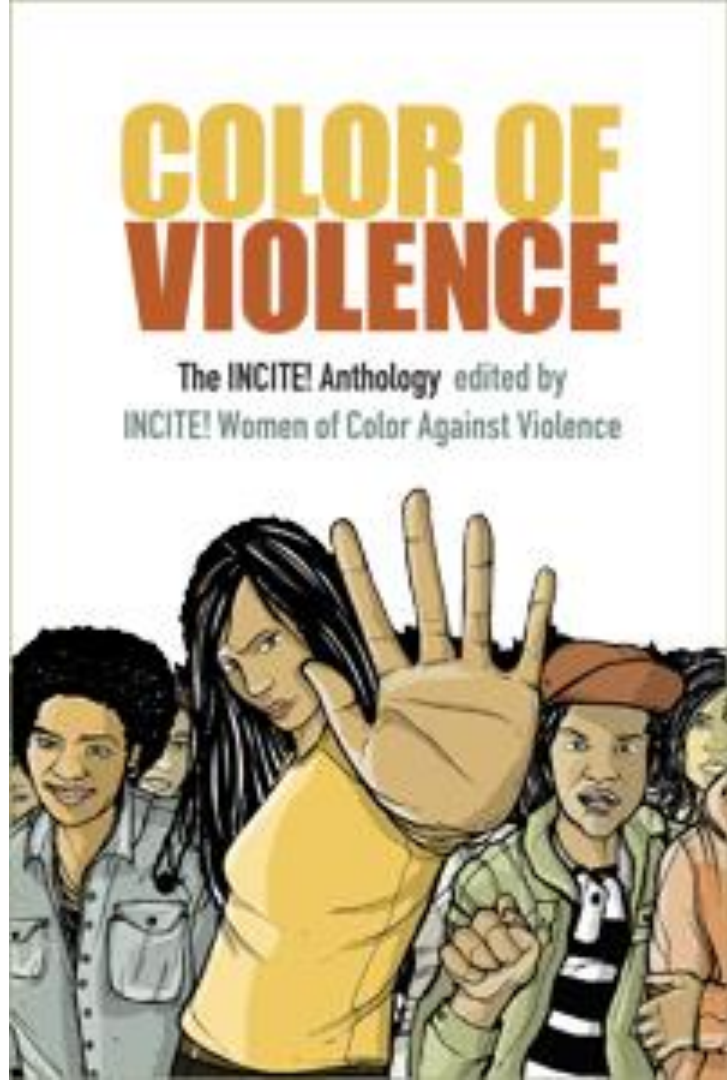
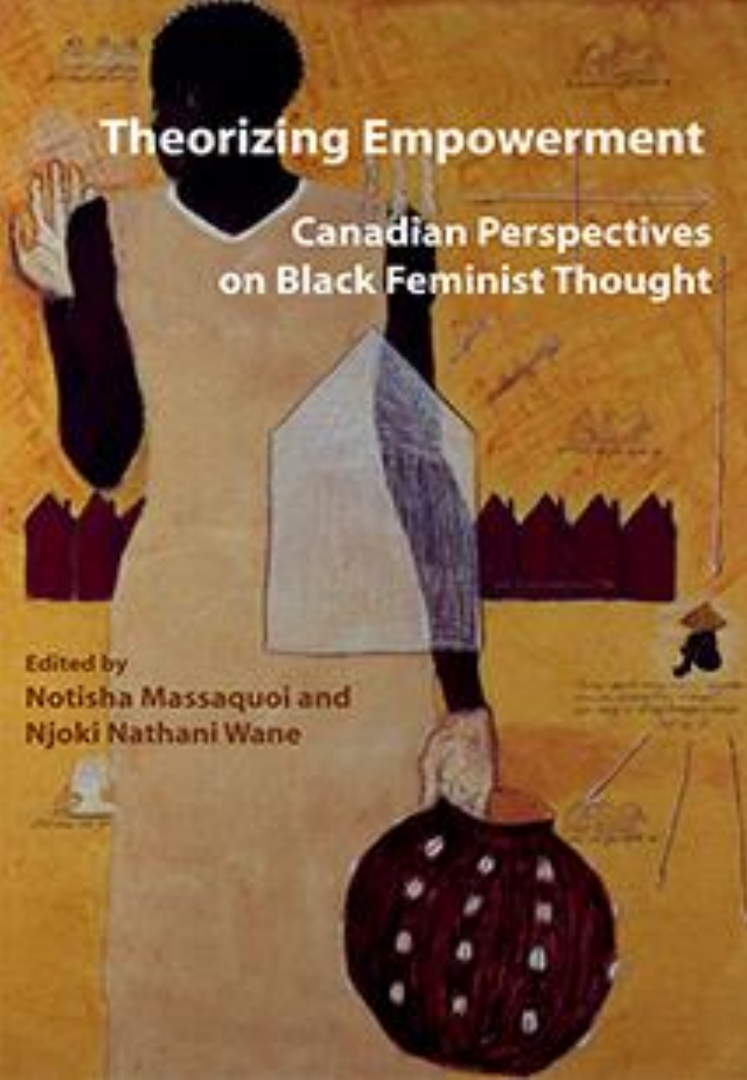
Overrepresentation of black children in CAS



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Black children make up just 8 percent of Toronto's youth population, but they account for 41 percent of the young people in care with the city's Children's Aid Society (CAS). 7:15







# **Resistance**

## **Supports for Black Survivors**



TORONTO SAFE CRISIS CENTRE // MULTICULTURAL WOMEN AGAINST RAPE

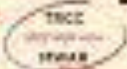
# Young Black Survivors' Support Group

#WASTEBLACKGIRL  
 EMPOWERMENT  
 COMMUNITY  
 YOU ARE NOT ALONE  
 JOURNEY  
 WORTHY  
 HEALING  
 COURAGE  
 FEMINISM  
 ADVOCACY  
 SURVIVOR  
 FREEDOM OF CHOICE  
 BREAK THE SILENCE  
 #BLACKGIRLMAGIC

Open to all Black Youth (15-29) who have experienced sexual violence  
 Weekly sessions (Wednesday 6:00-8:00pm) beginning May 30th 2016

FREE of charge  
 Snacks, tokens and childcare available  
 For more information and to register contact:  
 Naomi at [naomi@trccmwar.ca](mailto:naomi@trccmwar.ca)

ASL Interpretation available upon request



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BREAKING THE SILENCE &  
 HEALING FROM SEXUAL  
 VIOLENCE

**WHEN:**  
 AUG. 25 & AUG. 30, 2016  
 6:00PM - 9:00 PM

**WHERE:**  
 KIND SPACE  
 222 SOMERSET WEST


**WORKSHOPS:**

- BOUNDARIES / FLASHBACKS
- GROUNDING
- ANGER
- INITIMATE PATNER VIOLENCE
- SELF CARE

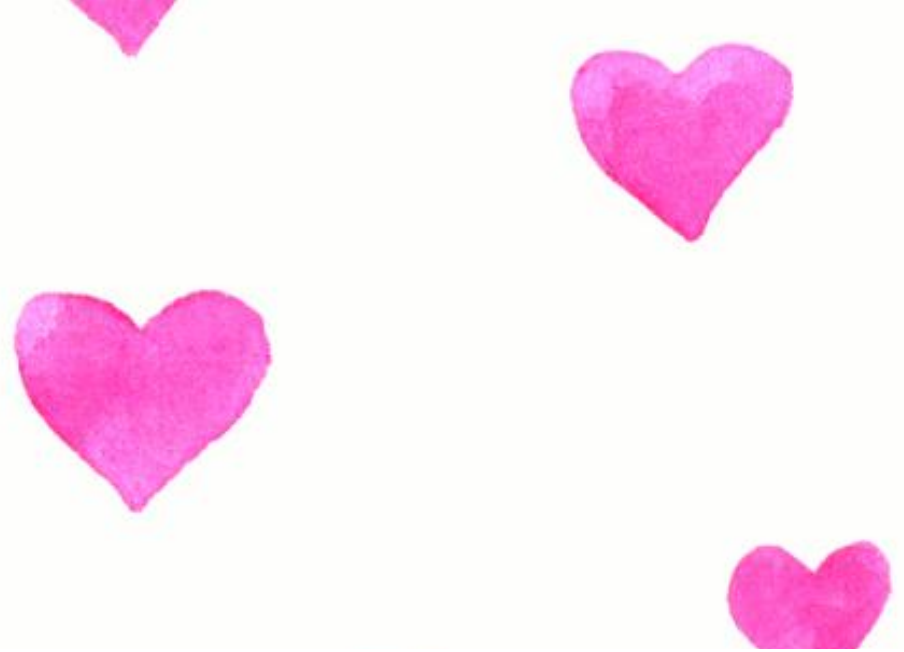








**"Because the truth is, we need each other. *We need each other.* I need you and *each and every one of you make my life more possible.* We owe our existence to each other in so many ways. *I don't know how you have survived, but I am grateful you are here.*"- Mia Mingus**



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