Black Maternal Mortality: A result of the haunting past

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What is the Issue?

Issue #1
Black women Have the highest rate of maternal mortality.

Issue #2
84% of these deaths are preventable.

Issue #3
The Rates of Maternal mortality only continue to rise.
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<th>What can be done?</th>
<th>Address racism</th>
<th>More data</th>
<th>Eliminate MCD</th>
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<td>HCP can better understand BW's experiences.</td>
<td>With more data researchers can find solutions.</td>
<td>Build and expand healthcare facilities.</td>
<td>Support organizations &amp; initiatives.</td>
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Theoretical Framework

Mistreatment of Bw Bodies
- Medical racism
- Sexual exploitation

Controlling Images
- Jezebel
- "Angry Black women"

Racial Segregation
- Jim Crow
- Structural racism

"The legacies of slavery today are seen in structural racism that has resulted in disproportionate maternal and infant death among African Americans"
-Dr. Deirdre Owens
Lost Mothers

Dr. Chaniece Wallace
1990-2020

Shamony Gibson
1988-2019

Kira Johnson
1976-2016
"Giving birth to my baby, it turned out, was a test for how loud and how often I would have to call out before I was finally heard."

Serena Williams


