Podium Presentation

A Primary Target: The Assassination of the Black Family in the U.S.

Breeia Little

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Alphonso Simpson Jr.
African American Studies Department

The black family is slowly dying at a rapid pace. What I mean by this is that in a just a short span of time the black family has begun to literally fall apart. According to Dr. Julian Hare, Director of the San Francisco Black Think Tank, “The Black family has crumbled more in the last 30 years than it did in the entire 14 decades since slavery.” To actually fathom this statement is crushing to the future of Black America.

In this presentation, I aim to expose the underlying causes that have aided in the destruction of the Black family unit. I will observe the pre-Civil Rights Movement family structure which has been deemed as the “Golden Age of the Black family,” as I compare and contrast it to today’s black family. One of the changes that I will be speaking about is the decline in marriage since the Civil Rights movement, or more specifically within the last 30 years. This presentation will explore how the criminal justice system, gentrification, lack of inner city jobs, and lack of funding for predominately black K-12 schools affects the black family. This presentation will also expose myths about the black male. It has been portrayed to us that black males don’t wish to be a part of their children’s lives, yet research shows the exact opposite. The researcher’s in-depth review of literature along with published statistics helps to form the basis for the formulation of the conclusion of the research question. (250)