SYSTEMIC Wheel of **RACISM Intimate Partner** VIOLENCE INTIMATE Power and **PARTNER** Control in the THREATS, **ECONOMIC African** INTIMIDATION, **ABUSE COERCION** American/Black Taking/controlling money she earns Threats of: arrest, violence to other or her welfare check. Blaming her family members, calling authorities, Community* because he is unable to support (public benefits, child services). **USING** her or family, especially when Using guilt of possible she is the only or higher police violence. Using **MALE** SEXUAL paid breadwinner in the family, friends, **PRIVILEGE EMOTIONAL** home. Jeopardizing neighbors to cause stable housing. fear. "Snitches **ABUSE** Using cultural beliefs, such as Interfering get stitches.' "men are in charge" and "women Using skin tone, hair texture, body with her job. should submit" to justify abuse Ō type, incest, shame, and stereotypes Using harmful sexist language (ho, a (angry, promiscuous, big mama, "B") against her. Forcing her into welfare queen) against her. Spitting to traditional female roles (cleaning, cause humiliation. Criticizing strength. cooking, child care). Toxic masculinity. Power & Ш Control **ISOLATION USING RELIGION** Loyalty trap, not wanting to send Using scripture and faith leaders to abuser to jail, told: "pray on it," "don't tell justify abuse. Preventing practicing EONYPES anyone your business, "the 'man' faith or turning to faith community **USING** DENYING. won't help you," "What happens for support or help. **CHILDREN** in this house stavs **BLAMING**, in this house. **MINIMIZING** Calling her a bad mom Telling kids to disrespect Counting on victim to fight and abuse mom. Questioning back, describing violence as paternity. Ignoring custody mutual, normalizing violence, agreements, withholding/controlling justifying the abuse by calling her blueprint child support. Meddling with other an 'angry black woman.' "As long intimate partner relationships as everybody else is okay, I'm for safety "An abusive parent is better fine." "Live and let live." than an absent parent. African American **OVER-POLICING**

KEY

The outer circle represents the structural societal level factors that most impact the African American/Black community in regards to intimate partner violence. These terms further reflect how historical trauma manifests in the community today.

The middle circle represents types of violence used by the batterer to reinforce control over their partner.

The inner spokes represent specific examples of how batterers exercise coercive control.

*Created by Black women for Black women

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Resources for Further Exploration

The Wheel of Intimate Partner Power & Control in the African American/Black Community

The following resources were utilized by the New Orleans Blueprint for Safety Disparate Impact Strategic Planning Committee throughout the process of creating the *Wheel of Intimate Partner Power & Control in the African American/Black Community*. These resources may serve as a starting point for deeper learning and understanding of how the concepts on the outer circle of the Wheel intersect with Black women's lived experiences of intimate partner violence.

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