

BLACK STUDENT UNION GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006
INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIPS: BLACK COMMUNITY
ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

Does the Black Community really accept interracial relationships, or reject them? Is love color blind?

Patterns of interracial relationships:

- 40 out of the 50 states at one point in time banned the marriage of persons of color and whites
- It was not until 1967 with Loving vs. Virginia that the supreme court brought an end to such statutes

Questions

- 1) How do you feel interracial relations are perceived today?
- 2) Are there stigmas that follow behind interracial marriage or relationships?
- 3) Is there a shift in racial attitudes that reflect a modern commitment to the social norm?
- 4) Is there a difference in acceptance when a person is merely dating out of their race rather than getting married to that person?
- 5) How does an interracial marriage affect the Black Community, if at all?
- 6) Will we ever be on the verge to a world where a person's ethnicity when it comes to marriage does not matter? Are we close to that now?

UPCOMING EVENTS: SICKLE CELL CHARITY AUCTION WITH ALPHA BETA SIGMA SORORITY, INCORPORATED SEPTEMBER 30TH 2006

Interracial Relationships: Black Community Acceptance or Rejection

General Meeting September 20th, 2006

- 1) Treasure Report
- 2) Historian Report
- 3) Announcement about Publicity
- 4) General Announcements (Parties go last)
(community service update)

*****We are focusing on Black and White/ 2 polar extremes**

- I. **Historical Background**
 - a. **Patterns of Interracial Relationships**
 - i. **Laws barring the marriage of persons of color and whites existed in 40 of the 50 states**
 - ii. **Loving vs. Virginia Supreme Court in 1967 brought an end to such statutes (anti-miscegenation)**
 - iii. **Throughout history Black Men in comparison to Black Women have "out married" to a far greater extent than Black Women to all other ethnicities**
 - iv. **New York State (1919-1964) Found in only 2 years the percentage of Black females interracially married was greater than the male percentage (1919 & 1935)**
 - v. **Over the years males have accounted for between 41-90% of all black mixed marriages**
- II. **Relevant History/Facts**
 - a. **Highest incidence of "out marriage" is namely in the western states**

Useful Statistics

Are Interracial relationships negatively impacting the Black Community?

Current interracial marriage disparities

In 1967, the Supreme Court ruling in *Loving v. Virginia* struck down the last of the anti-miscegenation laws in the United States, and with this, the frontier of available marriage choices shifted out. The number of interracial marriages in the United States has been on the rise: 310,000 in 1970, 651,000 in 1980, and 1,161,000 in 1992 according to the U.S. Bureau of the census 1993. Interracial marriages represented 0.7% of all marriages in 1970 to 1.3% in 1980, to 2.2% in 1992. With the introduction of the mixed-race category, the 2000 census revealed interracial marriage to be somewhat more widespread, with 2,669,558 interracial marriages recorded, or 4.9% of all marriages (census 2000 PHC-T-

19). (Here, marriages between two mixed-race persons, or where they are the same race but one is Hispanic and the other not, are not counted as interracial.)

Although mixed-race partnering has increased, the United States still shows huge disparities between African American male and African American female endogamy statistics. The 1990 census reports that 17.6% of African American marriages occur with White Americans. Yet African American men are 2.5 times more likely to be married to white women than African American women to white men. In the 2000 census, 239,477 African American male to white female and 95,831 white male to African American female marriages were recorded, again showing the 2.5-1 ratio. Despite this, slightly more white men are married than white women.

Cohabitation and interracial marriage

African American men are 2.5 times more likely to be married to a white spouse and 3.3 times more likely to be cohabitating with a White American, as compared to their African American female counterparts. Research yields that 7% of married African American men are with white wives and 15% of African American men cohabit with white women

Immigrants and interracial marriage

It is found that racial endogamy is much stronger for immigrants as compared to natives; it is 4.9 times more likely for immigrants of African descent than for African Americans. Additionally, immigrants of African descent have the highest rates of endogamy of immigrants. Also, African immigrants are much more likely to marry other same-race immigrants and African Americans, than to out-marry racially. Native-born White Americans are also 1.6 times more likely to marry a native-born African American than an immigrant of African descent. Female immigrants of African descent are generally more likely to marry native-born whites than their male counterparts.

Prison Rates: In 2004, more than 2.1 million Americans, or roughly 1 out of every 138, were in prisons or jails approximately 40.2% of the prison population is black, while 32.1% of the population is Hispanic

Black or African American 12.8% or 37.9 million,

Black Community has changed ultimately from where it was in the past

- 1) On one hand in the past it was never accepted
 - 2) Now it is more widespread from Black Males perspective
- Black Men enslaved historically by white men**
Black women enslaved historically by white men/females – separation with their children – Stigma to raise their black daughters to marry black men because they saw it as a degradation of their family (own