

Examining a Culture of Slut Shaming Among Youth



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Introductions



API Chaya is a community based non-profit that serves the Asian, Pacific Islander, and South Asian communities by addressing issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. We are located in the greater Seattle area, but can serve anyone.

We provide free and confidential services for survivors

We coordinate, plan, and work with communities on projects that engage with issues relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

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Peer Advocates Inspiring New Thinking
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leadership program**

The goal of PAINT is to build the capacity for young people to engage with their communities around issues that connect to sexual assault & dating violence through an anti-oppression framework.



Group Agreements



- Youth oriented space
- Might have to move on because of time
- "I" Statements
- Step up – to participate
- Take care of yourself
- Consent
- Its okay to be uncomfortable with tension



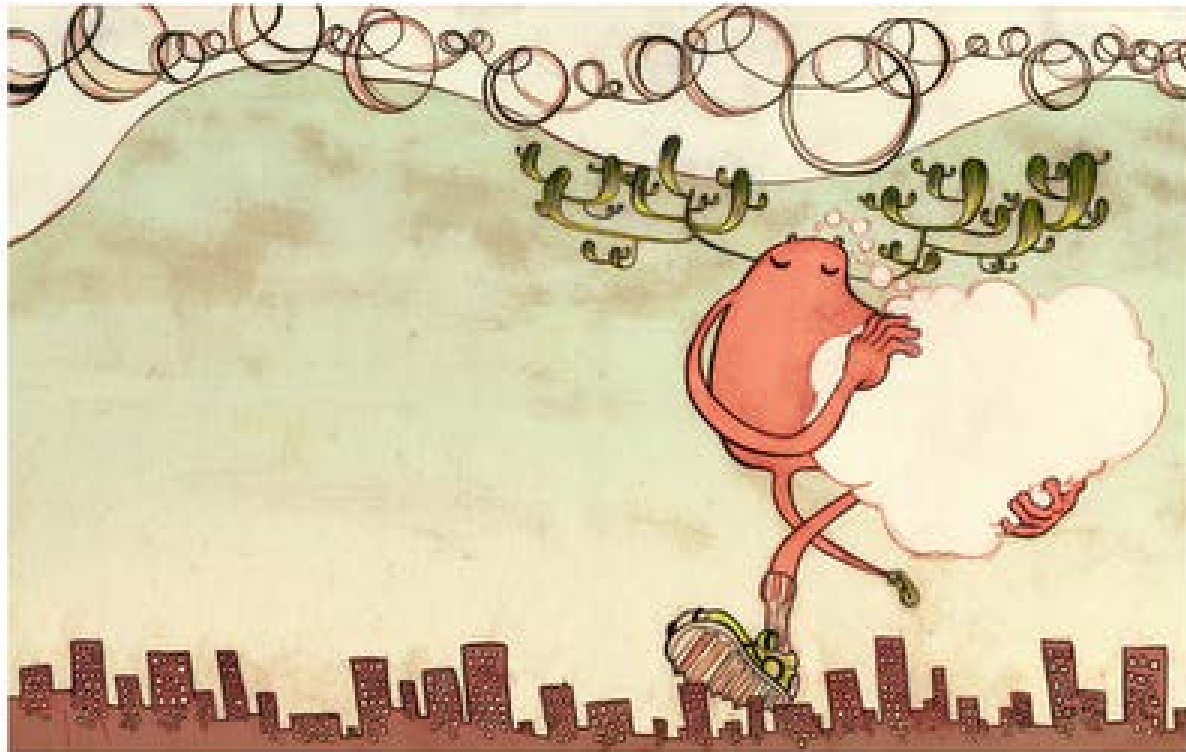
Agenda & Goal



- To explore and share the ways we have seen slut shaming culture among youth impact youth survivors of sexual assault and abuse, ultimately to understand better the context of which youth experience sexual assault and abuse.
- Agenda
 - Intro Ice Breaker
 - What is Slut Shaming?
 - Media Examples
 - Impact for Survivors
 - Closing



Intro Ice Breaker



Yes-No-Maybe!



- **Yes/No/Maybe** list is a list you can make to determine your sexual boundaries, with yourself, an intimate partner, or other people.
- **YES:** Sexual experiences you are comfortable with experiencing
- **MAYBE:** Sexual experiences you may or may not be okay experiencing, you're still exploring
- **NO:** Sexual experiences you do not want to engage

Yes – No – Maybe



- Please share something that is in your **Yes Column** of your **Yes/No/Maybe** List?

Please share your answer in the chat box. The facilitator will share answers to the group anonymously.



MULTIPLE CHOICE POLL



- Is there anyone that comes to mind when you hear the word slut?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Maybe

Personal Writing Reflection

1 min Freewrite



- First memory of hearing the word “slut” “ho” “whore”
- *Write about your first memory of hearing the word “slut” “Ho” or “Whore” or any derivative*
 - ✦ Consider: How old were you? How did it feel? Who was the word being directed at? Was it clear what the word meant?

**free write consists of writing continuously without stopping.
Your free write will not be shared and is only for you.*

Multiple Choice Poll Results



- Debrief Multiple Choice Poll

Is there anyone that comes to mind
when you hear the word slut?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Defining slut



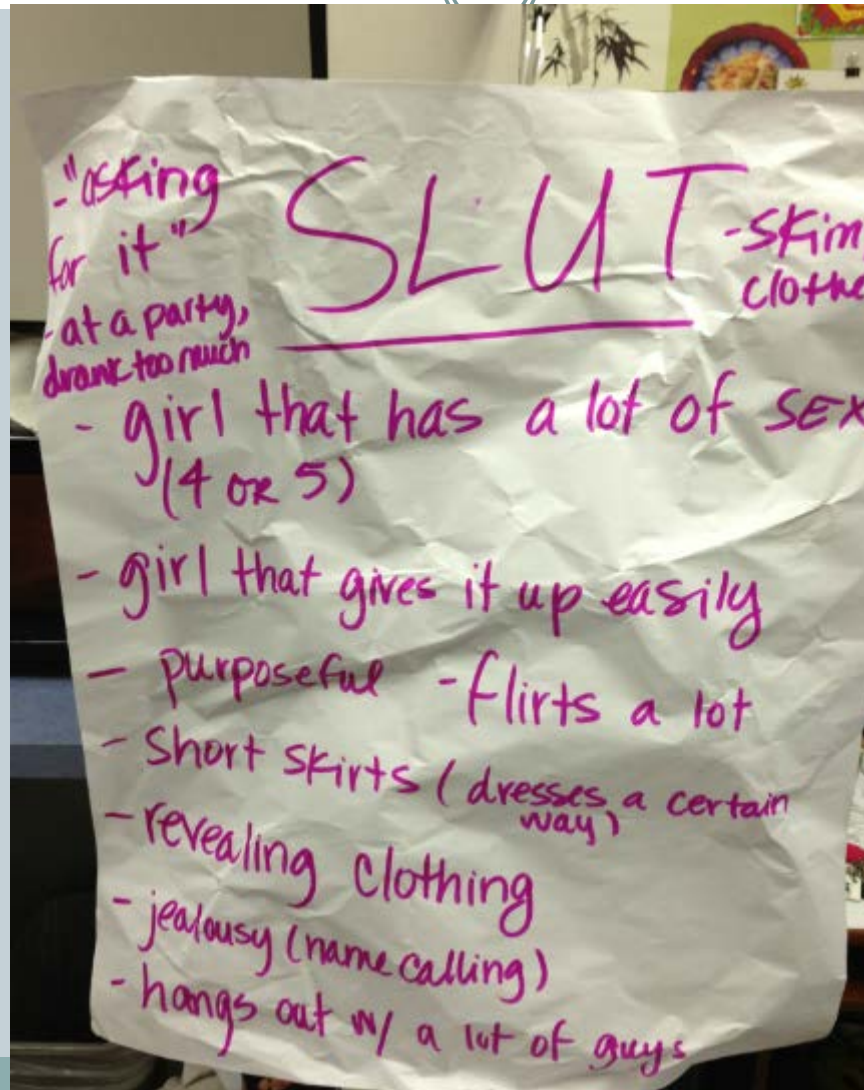
SLUT



- *How does our society define "Slut"*
- *What additional words or images come to mind when you hear the word slut?*

Please share your thoughts in the chat

Slut – Youth Perspectives



Slut - Summarization



- Gender and sexuality
- Behavior and clothing
- Men
- Policing and shame

Positive Expressions for a Sexually Active Man

Stud
Player
Ladies Man
Pimp
The man
"getting it"

Positive Expressions for a Sexually Active Woman

Hot
Sexy

Negative Expressions for a Sexually Active Man

Womanizer

Negative Expressions for a Sexually Active Woman

Slut	Hooker
Whore	Nympho
Tramp	Bimbo
Ho	Loose
Bitch	Easy
Hoochie Mama	Skank
Prostitute	"Ran through"

Slut shaming



What is Slut Shaming?



- Laci Green Video – Defining Slut Shaming

*the video clip plays during the recorded webinar

What is slut shaming?



- “Slut shaming is when we insult a women because she expresses her sexuality in a way that we don’t like or approve of.” –Laci Green

What’s missing from this definition?






Please share your thoughts in the chat box!

Examples



- Gendered differences – what are our expectations of gender and how our relationships are supposed to look?
 - Sexual relationships outside of marriage
 - Casual relationships
- Behaviors that aren't necessarily connected to one's sexuality but are perceived to be
 - Clothing

Central Park 5

				
YUSEF SALAAM, 28	KEVIN RICHARDSON, 28	RAYMOND SANTANA, 28	KHAREY WISE, 30	ANTRON MCCRAY, 28
Convicted as a juvenile of first-degree rape and robbery. Sentenced to five to 15 years.	Convicted as juvenile of second-degree attempted murder, first-degree sodomy, first-degree rape and first-degree robbery. Sentenced to five to 10 years.	Convicted as a juvenile of first-degree rape and robbery. Sentenced to five to 15 years.	Convicted as an adult of first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree assault and first-degree riot. Sentenced to five to 15 years.	Convicted as juvenile of first-degree rape and robbery. Sentenced to five to 10 years. .
SERVED 6 ½ YEARS	SERVED 6 ½ YEARS	SERVED NEARLY 8 YEARS	SERVED 11 ½ YEARS	SERVED 6 YEARS

In 1989 a white women was brutally raped in Central Park in New York.

5 young black men were wrongfully convicted

“But why did rape merit the death penalty only in cases where the accused was black and the victim was a white woman? The Civil War ripped apart the Southern social structure; white men were no longer the unquestioned masters of their region. The threat of white-black racial amalgamation coupled with post-slavery black competition in social and economic spheres struck fear into the hearts of white men across the South and compelled them to reassert their power over both “their” women and the black men who were their competition.”

From “Lynching to Protect White Women”

<http://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/354>

DNA Exonerations since 1989



- There have been 311 post-conviction DNA exonerations in the United States since 1989
- **Races of the 311 exonerees:**
 - 193 African Americans
 - 94 Caucasians
 - 22 Latinos
 - 2 Asian American

http://www.innocenceproject.org/Content/DNA_Exonerations_Nationwide.php



He lost his virginity when he was eight years old, to a local girl who was 14 or 15. Seriously? "Yeah, really. Uh-huh." He grins and chuckles. *"It's different in the country."* Brown grew up with *a great gang of boy cousins*, and they watched so much porn that he was raring to go. "By that point, we were already kind of like hot to trot, you know what I'm saying? Like, girls, we weren't afraid to talk to them; I wasn't afraid. *So, at eight, being able to do it, it kind of preps you for the long run, so you can be a beast at it. You can be the best at it.*" (Now 24, he doesn't want to say how many women he's slept with: "But you know how Prince had a lot of girls back in the day? Prince was, like, the guy. I'm just that, today. But most women won't have any complaints if they've been with me. They can't really complain. *It's all good.*")

<http://www.theguardian.com/music/2013/oct/04/chris-brown-rihanna-interview-x>

Why does this matter?



- Different oppressions are happening at the same time
- Not just one part to our identity
- Our histories shape our identities
- Inclusive movements for POC
- Honor, acknowledge

Intersectionality



How does the perception of race change the dynamics of rape culture?

- Rape culture: Rape Culture is an environment in which rape is prevalent and in which sexual violence against women is normalized and excused in the media and popular culture.

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Many Western men have misconceptions about **Asian women**. These are some of them.

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Because of the patriarchal nature of Arab society, Arab men enslaved more **black women** than men, and used more black female slaves than males. The men ...

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40 000 **Latin women** for dating. Brazilian women, Colombian Women, Peruvian Women, Latin brides. **Latin women** online dating.

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Second, the use of the more general masculine form as a modifier in referring to women as in "Bush Appoints **Latino Woman** to U.S. Court" (headline in the ...

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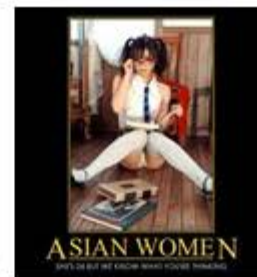
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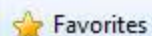
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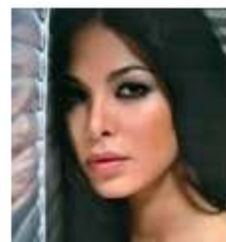
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In response to Katy Perry's recent performance at the AMA's where she portrayed herself as a geisha

<http://blogs.wsj.com/speakeasy/2013/11/25/memories-of-a-geisha-katy-perrys-amas-performance-stirs-debate/>

"But Perry's whiteface/yellowface performance was also a harsh reminder of how deeply anchored the archetype of the exotic, self-sacrificing "lotus blossom" is in the Western imagination"

"the thing is, while a bucket of toner can strip the geisha makeup off of Perry's face, nothing can remove the demeaning and harmful iconography of the lotus blossom from the West's perception of Asian women — a stereotype that presents them as servile, passive, and as Perry would have it, "unconditional" worshippers of their men, willing to pay any price and weather any kind of abuse in order to keep him happy."

Keeping Intersectionality at the Center



“For us the trivialization of rape and the absence of justice are viciously intertwined with narratives of sexual surveillance, legal access and availability to our personhood. It is tied to institutionalized ideology about our bodies as sexualized objects of property, as spectacles of sexuality and deviant sexual desire. It is tied to notions about our clothed or unclothed bodies as unable to be raped whether on the auction block, in the fields or on the living room television screens.”

- “An Open Letter from Black Women to the Slut Walk” - Black Women’s Blueprint

Keeping Intersectionality at the Center



- Historical contexts of race that contribute to the ways women of color are perceived, and how this impacts their own survival of sexual assault
- Narratives around masculinity & rape culture must be kept at an intersectionality framework

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Jenna Marbles – What I Don't Understand About Girls: SLUT Edition



*the video clip plays during the recorded webinar

Video Debrief



- What kinds of messages does this media example portray that contribute to slut shaming?
- What is the impact of these kinds of messages among youth?
- What does this mean for youth survivors of sexual assault or abuse?

Quotes from video



- "We need to looks out for all the sluts of the universe together, because I think they're just a little lonely and sad."
- "The idea behind *monogamy* is that it's almost a state of *higher evolution*. Anyone can be a slut, but it takes some logic and reasoning to be like 'I think I'm just gonna be with one person and not sleep with the world.'"
- "Hooking up with a lot of dudes doesn't make you cool. *Hooking up with one dude* that you care about, and know, and *have strong feelings for, makes you cool.*"

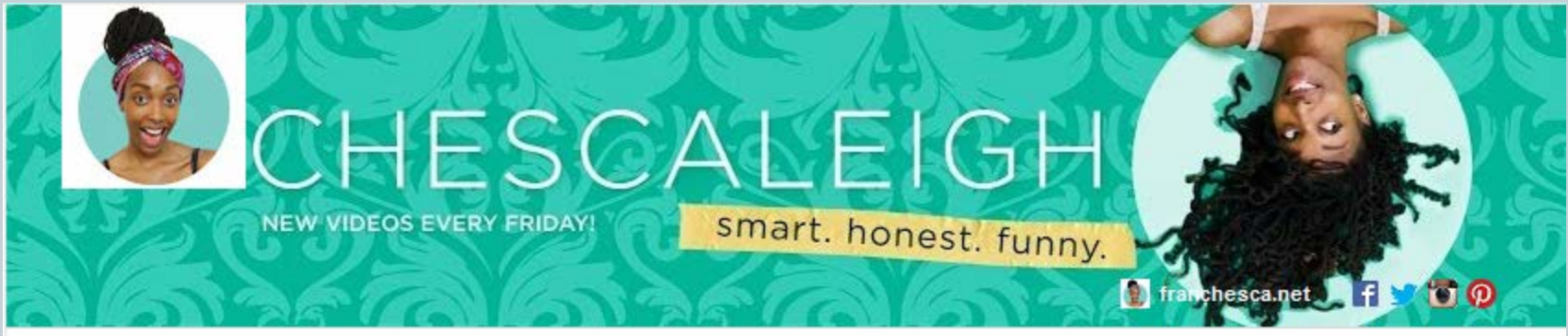
Impact of messages



- Justifies violence against women
- Shames women who choose to engage in sexual activity out of cultural norms and values
- Controlling and policing women's bodies and choices

Impact for Survivors

Youtube Video Blogger: Chesca Leigh



How Slut Shaming Becomes Victim Blaming



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Video Debrief



Please take a moment to reflect on the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this video?
- What was the impact of slut shaming for Francesca?

Please share your thoughts in the chatbox!

Summarizing Points



- Impact of the Survivor's access to healing
 - Shames and isolates survivors
 - Blames survivor for the sexual assault
 - "I wish someone told me it wasn't my fault"
- Larger Narrative of Slut Shaming Connected to oppression – Creates a harmful environment for survivors
- The good – bad victim binary – the way we think about victimhood also impacts how we treat survivors

Looking forward



Closing Thoughts



- It is important to understand the culture of slut shaming as trauma informed care for sexual assault and abuse survivors.
- **Sexual assault is experienced in a larger context of shame, blame, and isolation that comes from our society's values around gender, race, and sexuality.**
- As we continue to build the ways we can shift our community's values to support survivors better, we must remember the historical contexts from which our communities have experienced sexual assault.

Thank you! Questions?



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