

The Experiences of Black Women Doctoral Students through the Transparency of Black Feminist Thought

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This verbal presentation bequeaths a voice to black women on communicating their distinctive experiences as doctoral students. A considerable amount of research has been conducted on the experiences on non-minority doctoral student's experiences, but there is a lack of research and discussion on the occurrences of black women as doctoral students. Does the Experiences of Black Women Doctoral Students Matter? Yes, it immensely does because black women are currently enrolling in doctoral programs in elevated proportions. Therefore, the gap that does exist in the scholarly context encourages the analysis of exploring this unfamiliar topic.

The presentation discusses three notions: (1) What it signifies to be a black woman and a doctoral student, (2) Conveying the information from interviewees who are former and current doctoral students and their experiences and (3) Applying the describe experiences through the Black Feminist Thought theory to provide a clear, concise and extensive understanding.