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“Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color”

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| **Text** | **In My Own Words** |
| …Focusing on two dimensions of male violence against women – battering and rape – I consider how the experiences of women of color are frequently the product of intersecting patterns of racism and sexism, and how these experiences tend not to be represented within **discourses** of either feminism or antiracism. |  |
| Because of their intersectional identity as both women *and* of color within **discourses** that are shaped to respond to one *or* the other, women of color are **marginalized** within both… |  |
| Where systems of race, gender, and class domination [come together], as they do in the experiences of battered women of color, intervention strategies based [only] on the experiences of women who do not share the same class or race backgrounds will be of limited help to who because of race and class face different obstacles… |  |
| …[In 1990…] Under the… [Immigration and Nationality] Act, a person who immigrated to the United States to marry a U.S. citizen or permanent resident had to remain “properly” married for two years before even applying for permanent resident status…many immigrant women were [afraid] to leave even the most abusive of partners for fear of being deported… |  |

**Important Vocabulary:**

**\*discourse**: conversation about a topic

**\*marginalize**: treat someone as unimportant, to put in the margins

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| Reports of the tragic consequences…put pressure on Congress to…[amend] the…rules to allow for [a] **waiver** for hardship caused by domestic violence. Yet many immigrant women, particularly immigrant women of color…are unable [get] the evidence required…[like]‘…reports…from police, medical personnel, psychologists, school officials, and social service agencies.’ |  |
| For many immigrant women, limited access to these resources can make it difficult for them to [get] the evidence needed for a waiver. And cultural barriers often further discourage immigrant women from reporting or escaping battering situations…” |  |

**Important Vocabulary:**

**\*waiver**: document saying you don’t have to meet the usual requirement

WHAT IS THE AUTHOR SAYING?

The **main idea** of this writing is…

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