

# Gendered Islamophobia



A Panel Discussion with the Partnership to End Gendered Islamophobia

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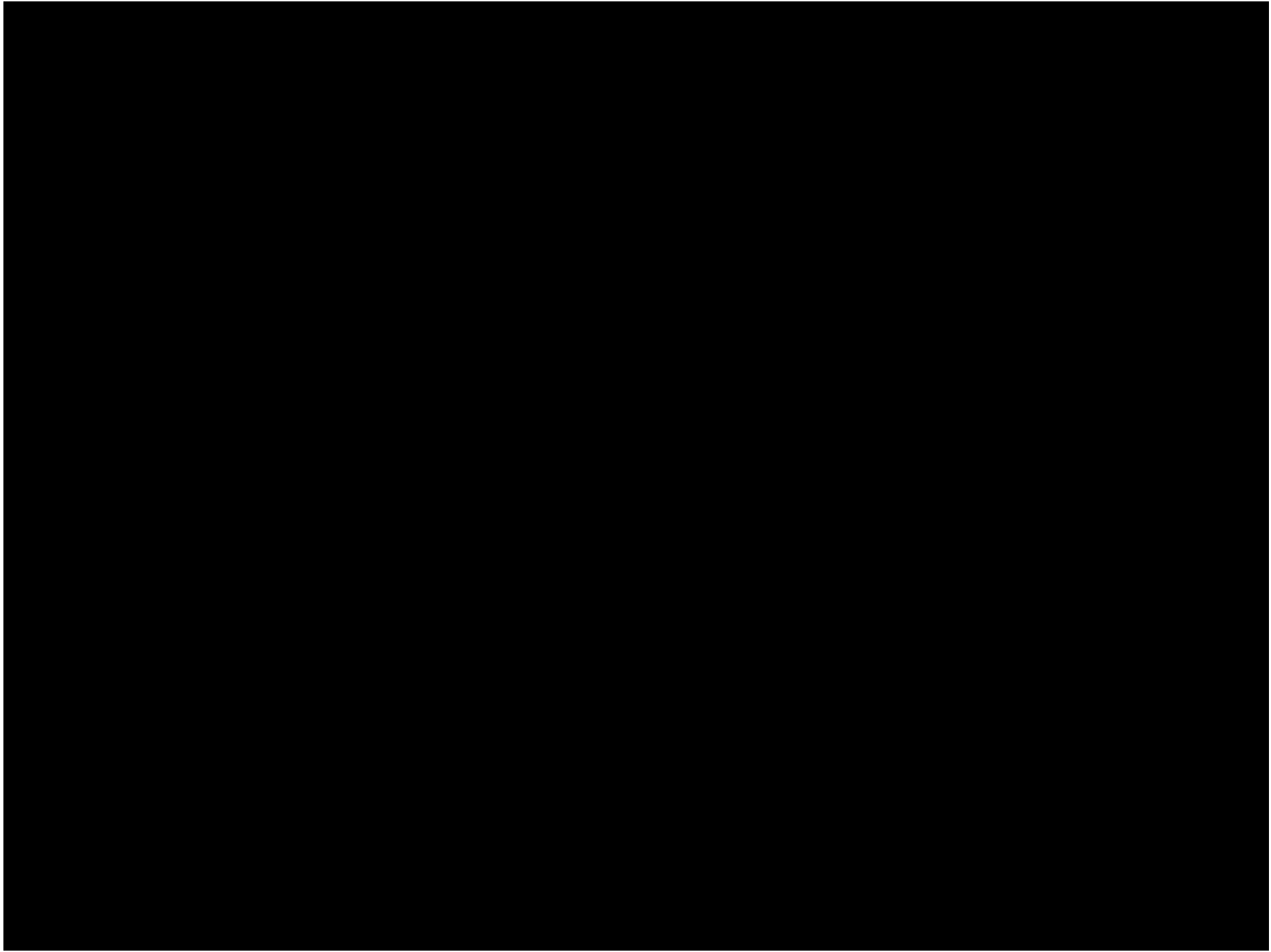
# Who are we?





# Grounding

Land Acknowledgement, Deep Breath, Clear Mind



**This is Gendered  
Islamophobia**

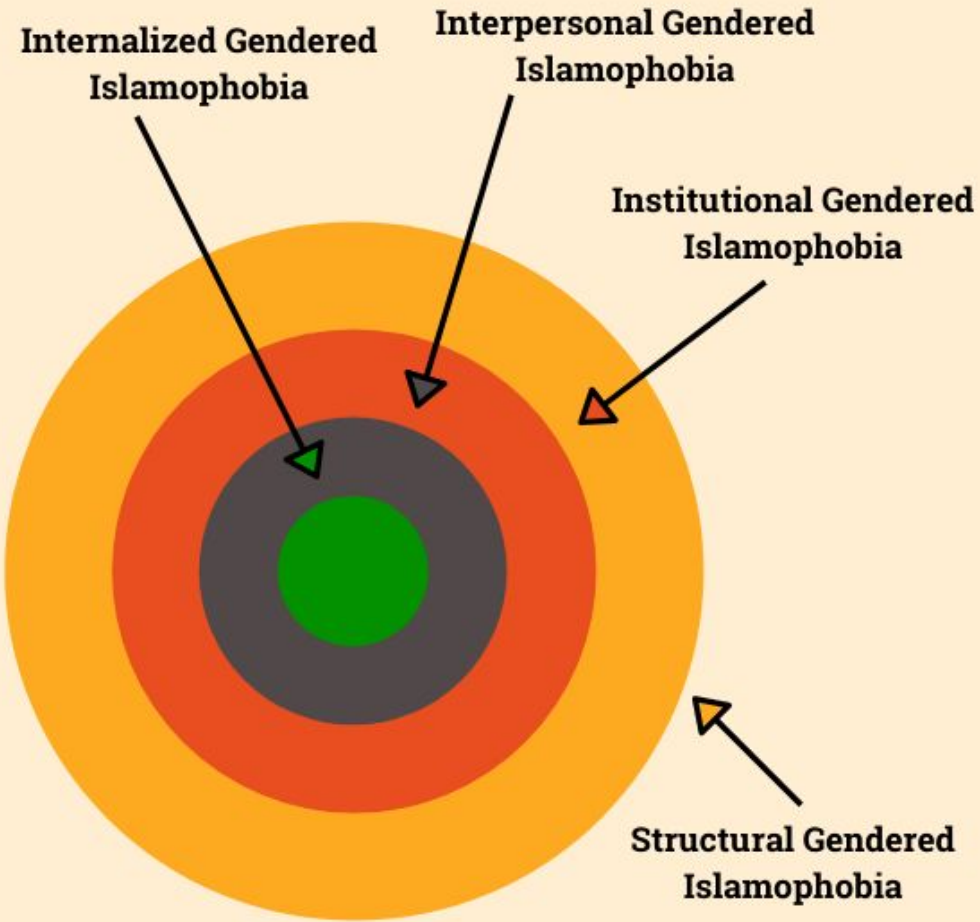
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*“Gendered Islamophobia consists of the ways the state utilizes gendered forms of violence to oppress, monitor, punish, maim and control Muslim bodies”*

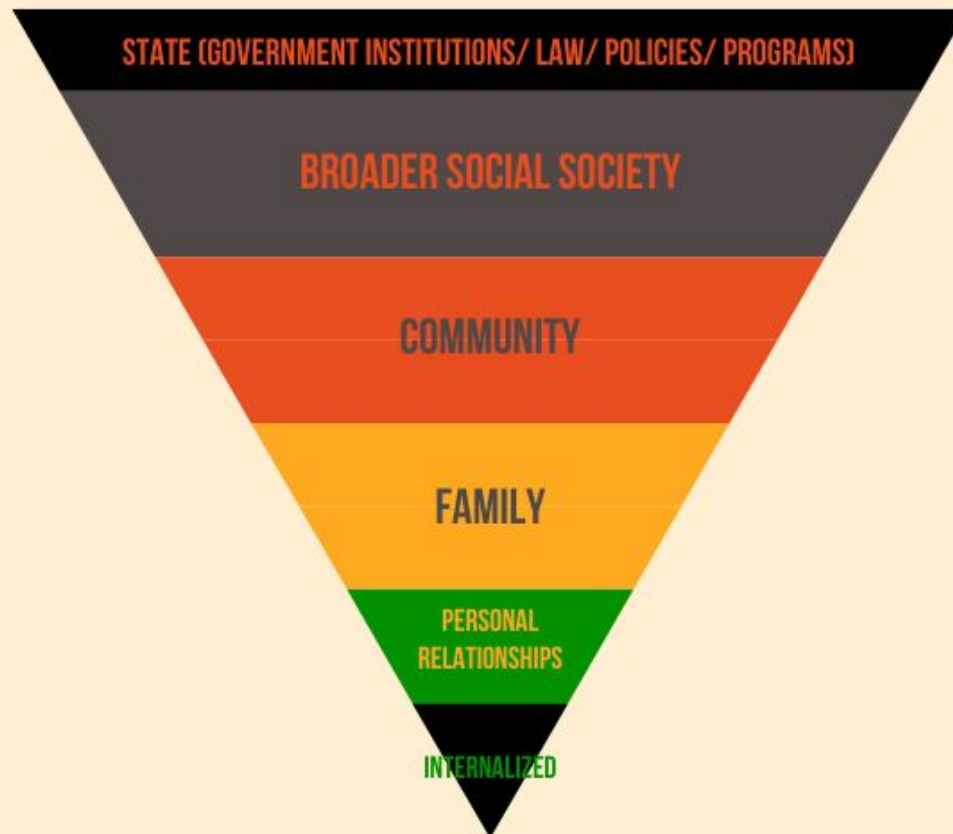
*(Justice For Muslims Collective, 2019).*

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# WHAT IS GENDERED ISLAMOPHOBIA?



# GENDERED ISLAMOPHOBIA VIOLENCE PYRAMID





# GENDERED ISLAMOPHOBIA VIOLENCE SPECTRUM

- Construction of Muslim women as inherently oppressed and in need of saving
- Construction of Muslim women as security and cultural threats who need to be monitored, controlled and surveilled
- Acceptance of Islamophobic political speech and dehumanizing narratives against Muslim women and girls.

- Culture of impunity flourishes and acceptance of violence on a mass scale
- Collusion between abusers and the State
- Muslims internalize dominant State narratives

Harmful Narratives

Escalated Violence

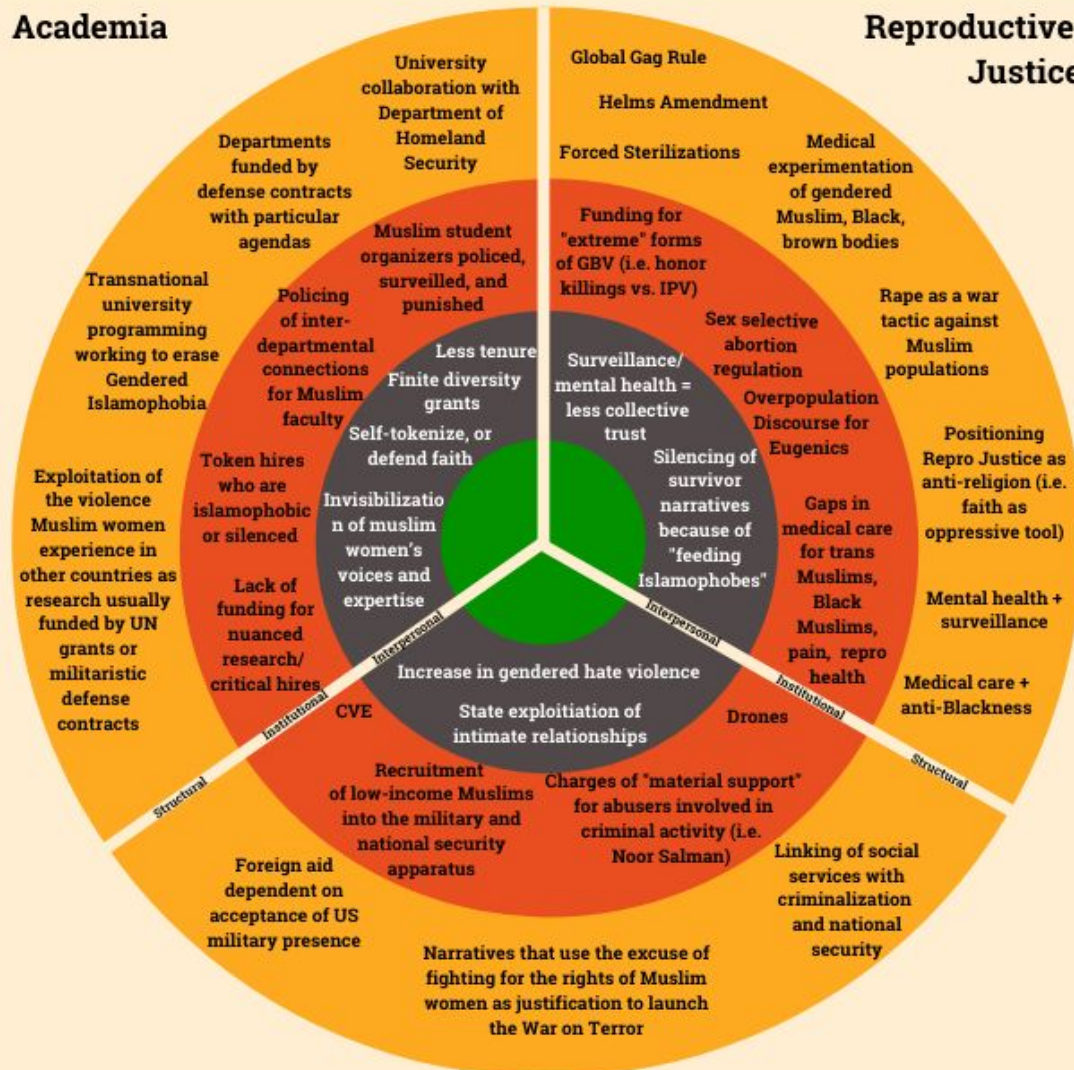
- Verbal + Psychological violence
- Tolerance for discrimination and exclusion
- Microaggressions by members of society
- Lack of prioritization as a group by community members worthy of advocating for and minimizing the gendered violence Muslims experience

- Physical violence, detention, incarceration, torture, hate violence, murder (state, non-state, and community actors)
- Normalization of mass dehumanization (wars, drones, murder)
- Societal and systemic exclusion

# HOW GENDERED ISLAMOPHOBIA SHOWS UP IN OUR FIELDS

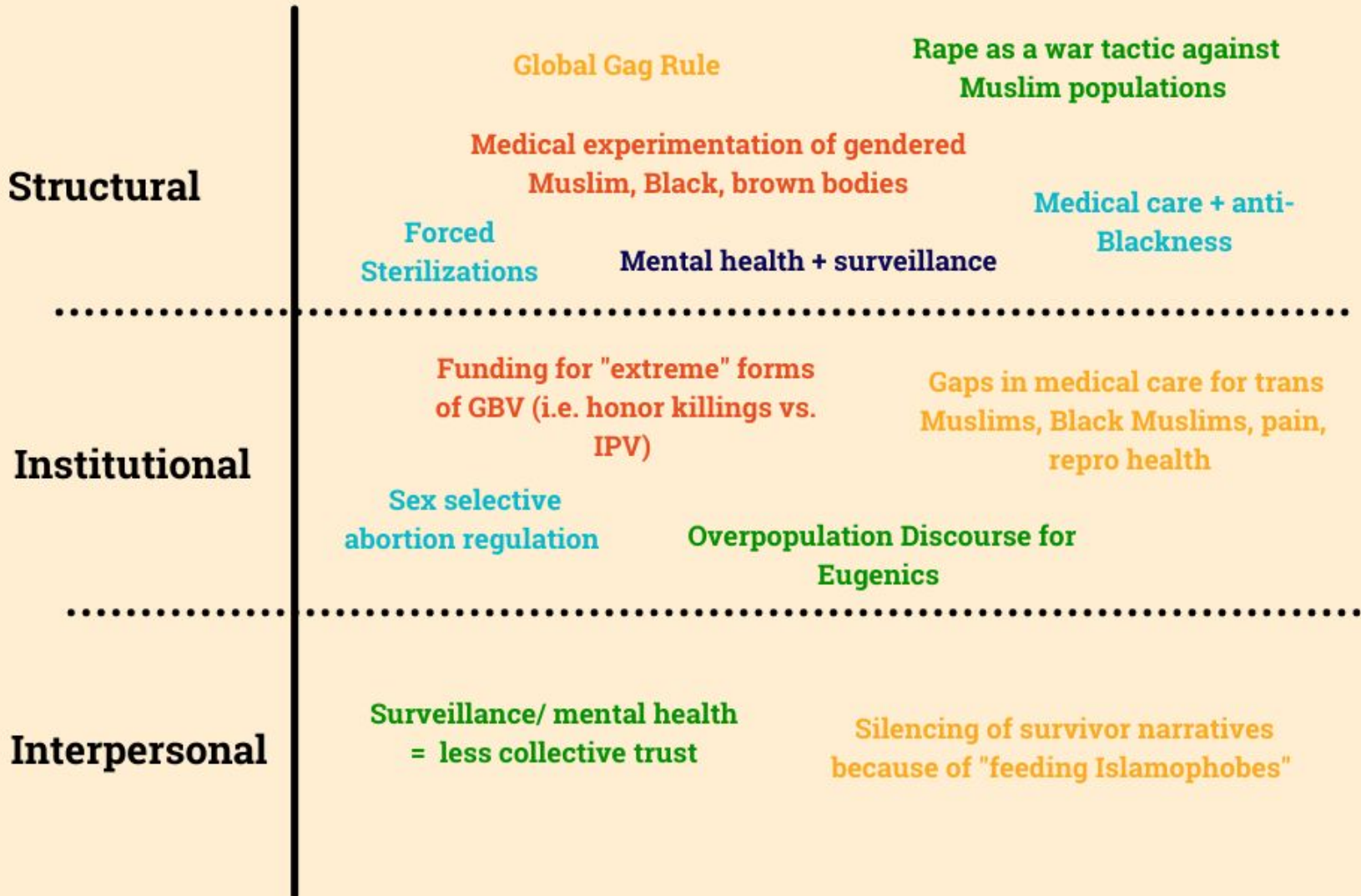
## Academia

## Reproductive Justice



## War on Terror

HOW GENDERED ISLAMOPHOBIA SHOWS UP IN OUR FIELDS: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



# Reproductive Justice

# Gender Justice

# Gender Based Violence + War on Terror

# Personal Commitment



How has this shown up in your work?

Think about your agency or personal complicity in perpetuating GI and the steps you will take to disrupt it now that you know the harm it causes.

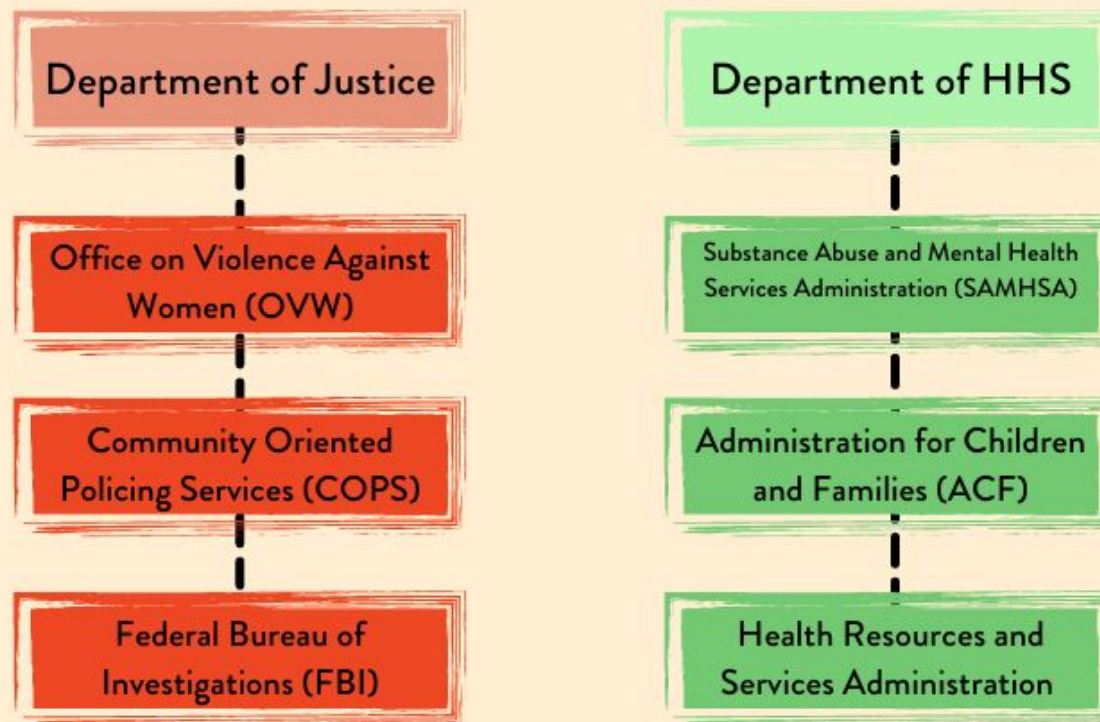


# **Gender Based Violence**

Policy Recommendations



**Recommendation: Move the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) from the Department of Justice to the Department of Health and Human Services.**



## Recommendation: Move from Criminalization to Community Driven Transformative Justice



### Criminal justice system

- lack of power and control in the process and system for survivor
- focused on law and criminalization and not healing for survivor
- resource drain with little support for survivor in long term
- temporary solution with no guarantee of changed behavior
- higher rates of criminalization for Black/brown individuals who harm - multiple charges colored with anti-Blackness and Islamophobia

