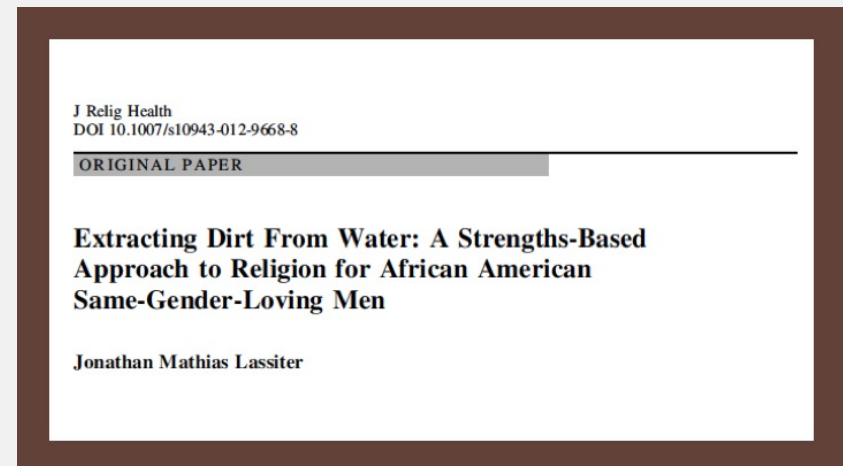
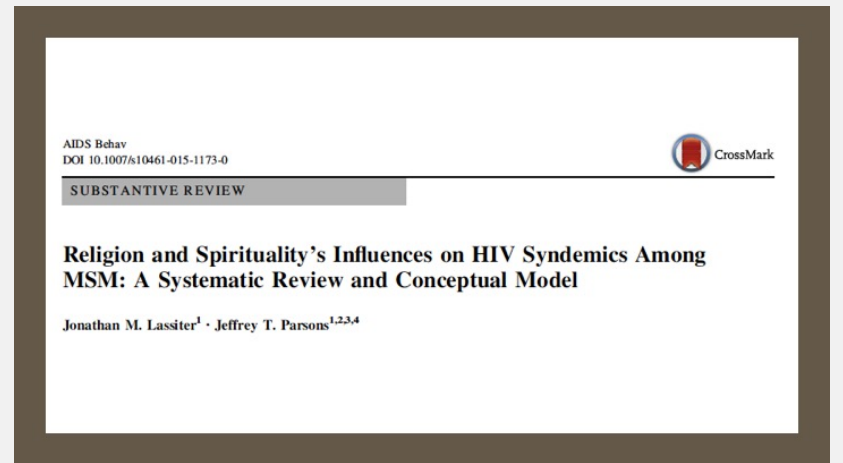
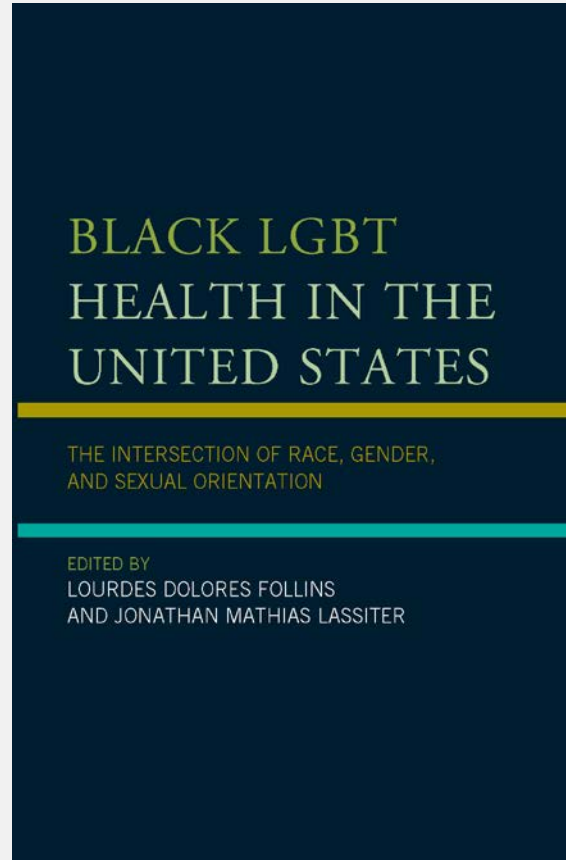


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**THE STATE OF BLACK LGBT HEALTH:  
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## THE STATE OF BLACK LGBT HEALTH: STATISTICS & STORIES

- 1.9 million Black LGBT people
- 57% identify as Black gay or bisexual men
- 33% identify as Black lesbian or bisexual women
- 2% identify as Black transgender people
- Black LGBT people are NOT overwhelmingly closeted
- Majority do not feel connected to the “LGBT community”

# THE STATE OF BLACK LGBT HEALTH: STATISTICS & STORIES

## Health Statistics

- 80% of Black LGBT people report having a regular doctor
- Negative experiences between Black LGBT people and their providers
  - Differential medical recommendations and treatment
  - Medical mistrust
- Higher rates of breast cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and HIV

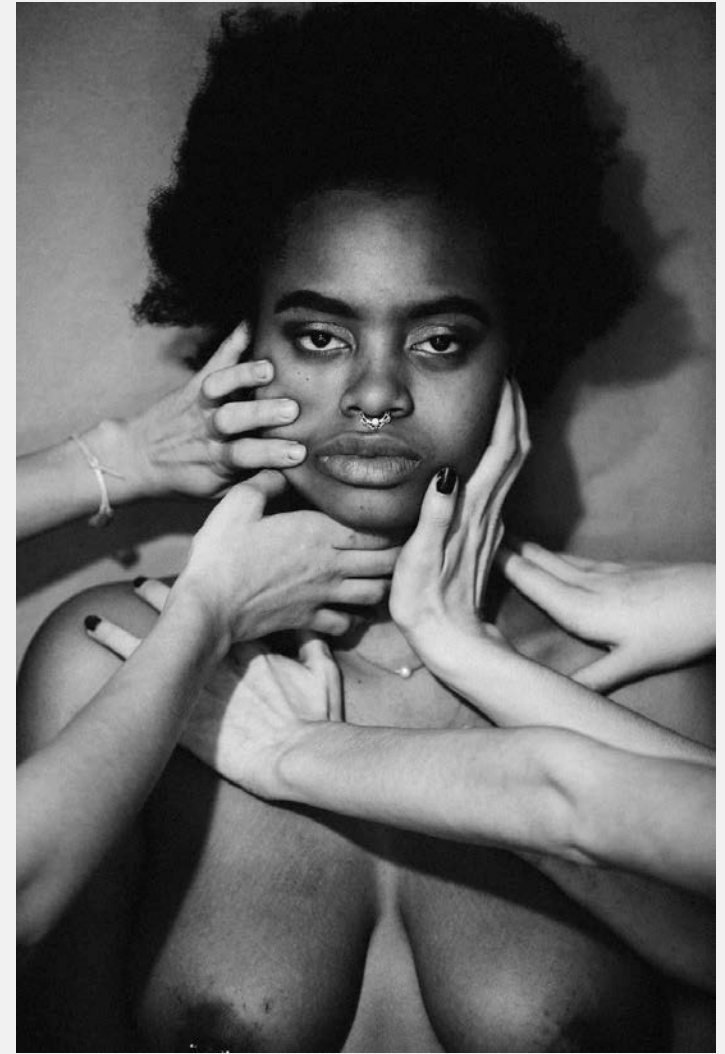
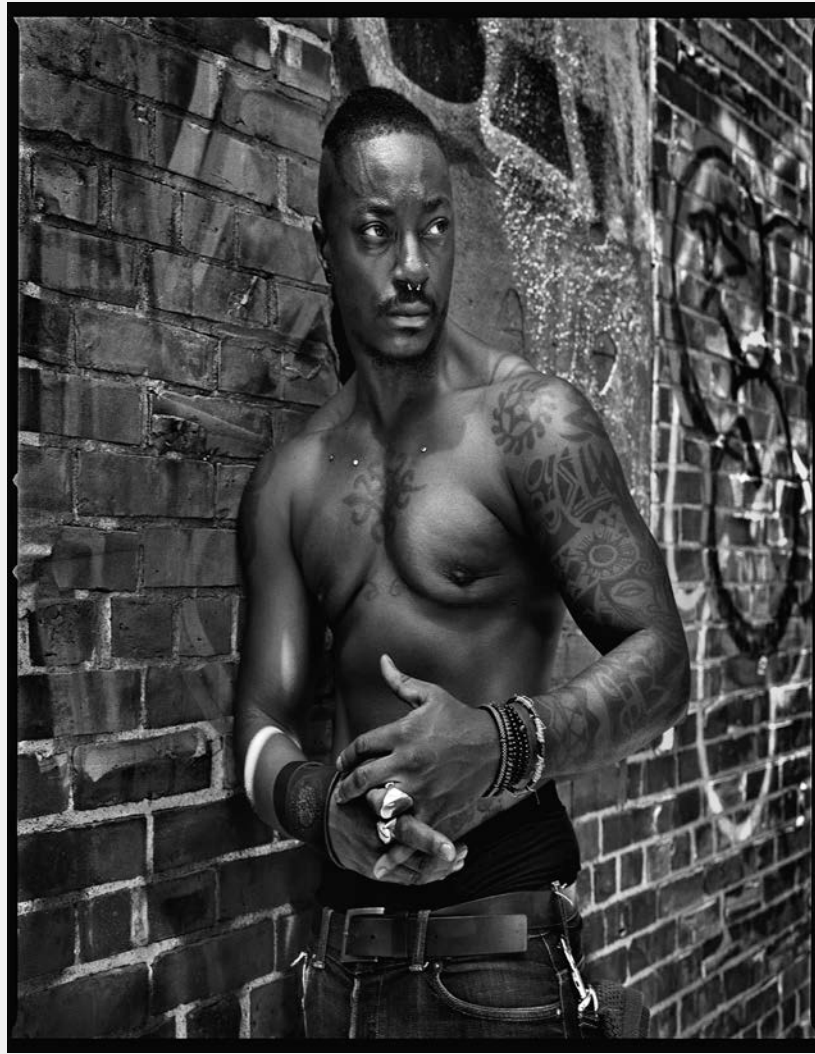
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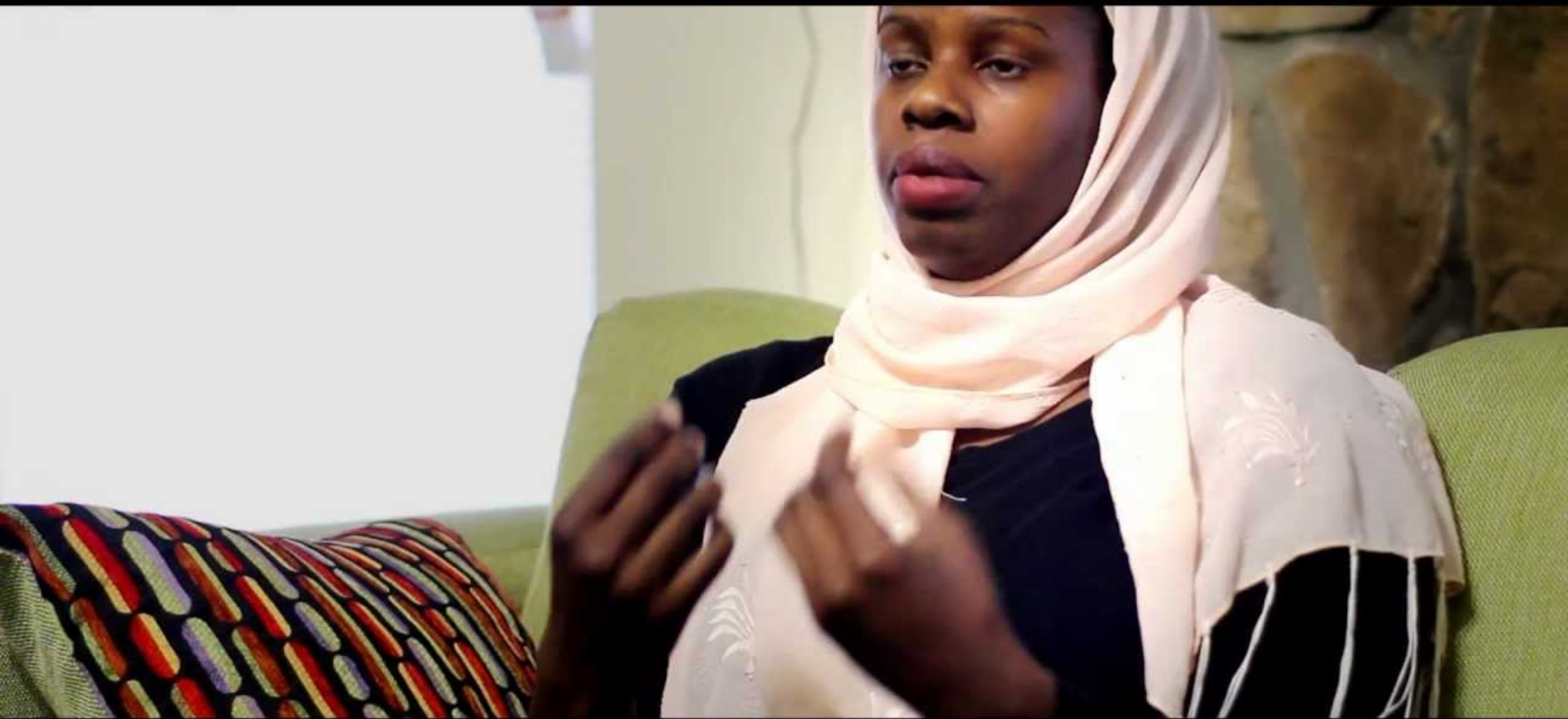
- Mass incarceration
- Housing, education, and employment discrimination
- Spirituality, sacred-sexual energy, racial pride, and community

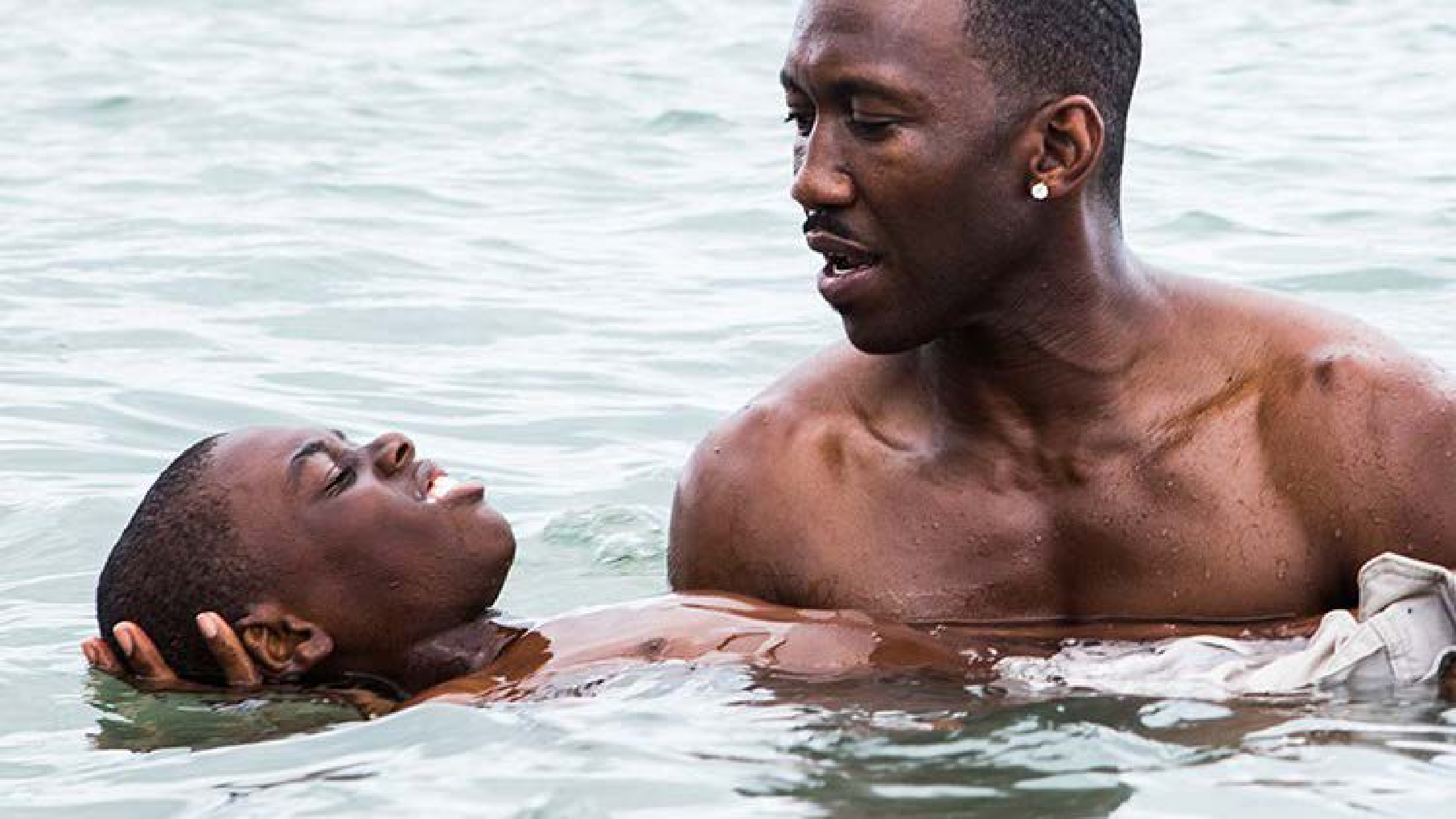


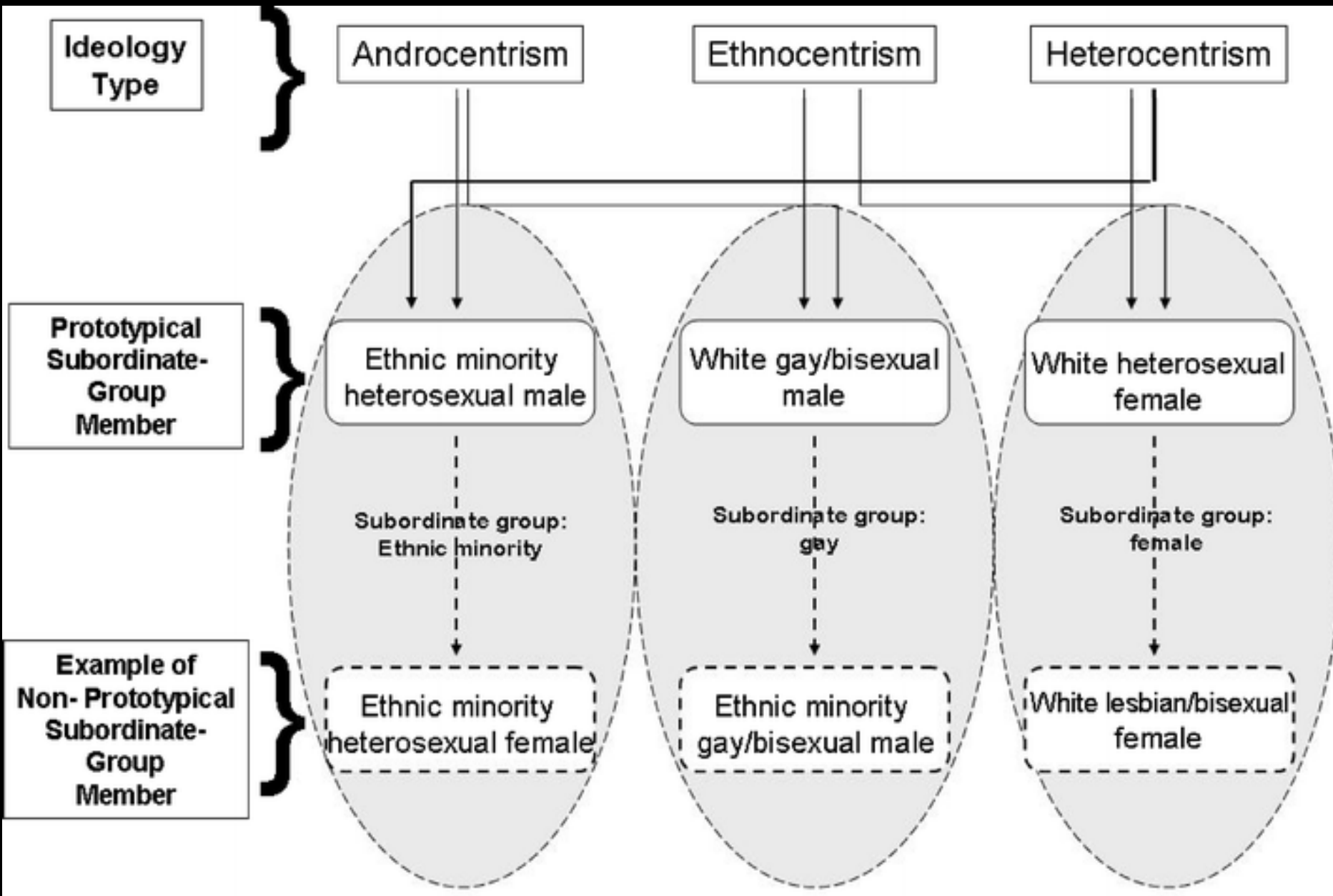
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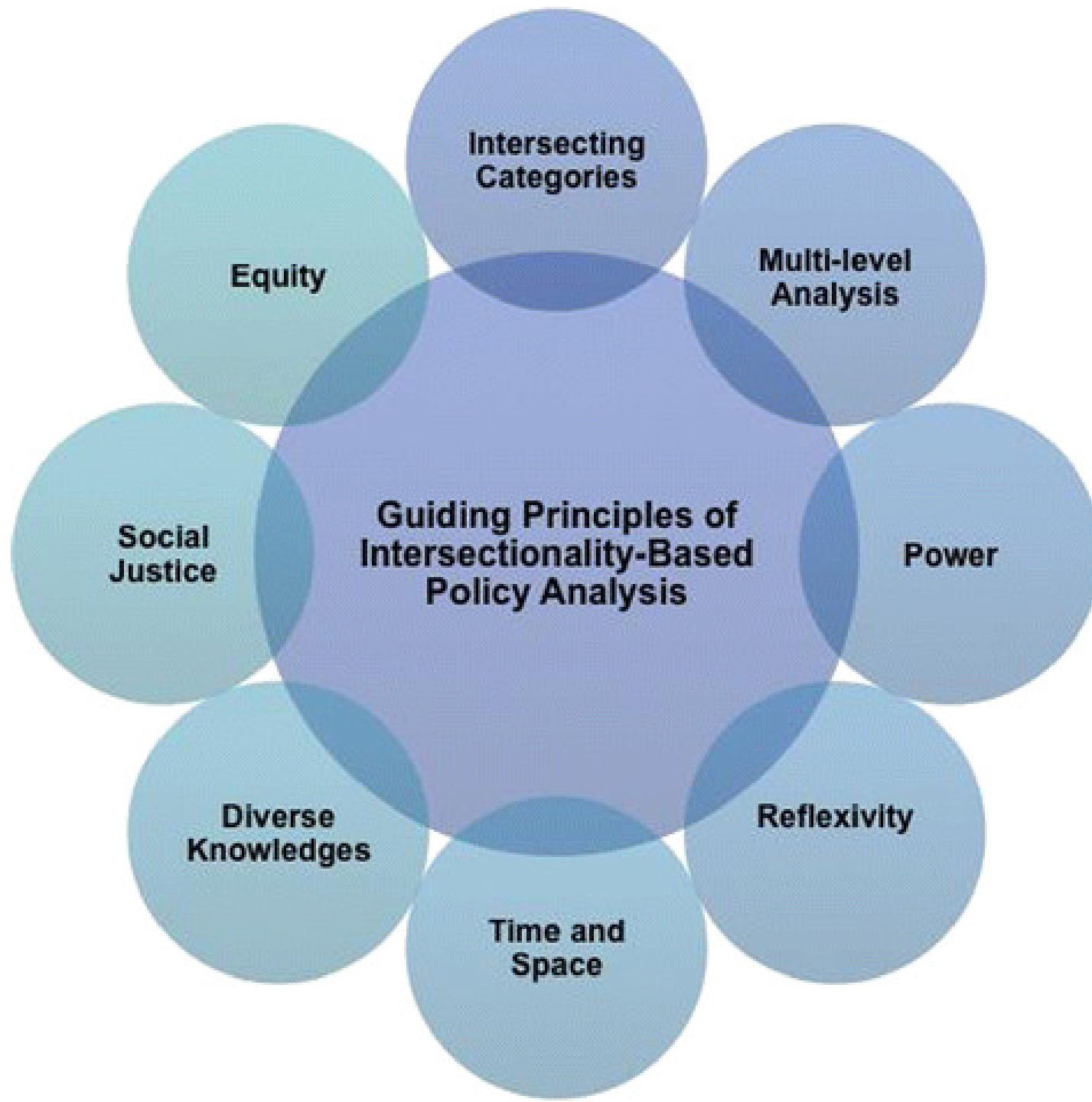




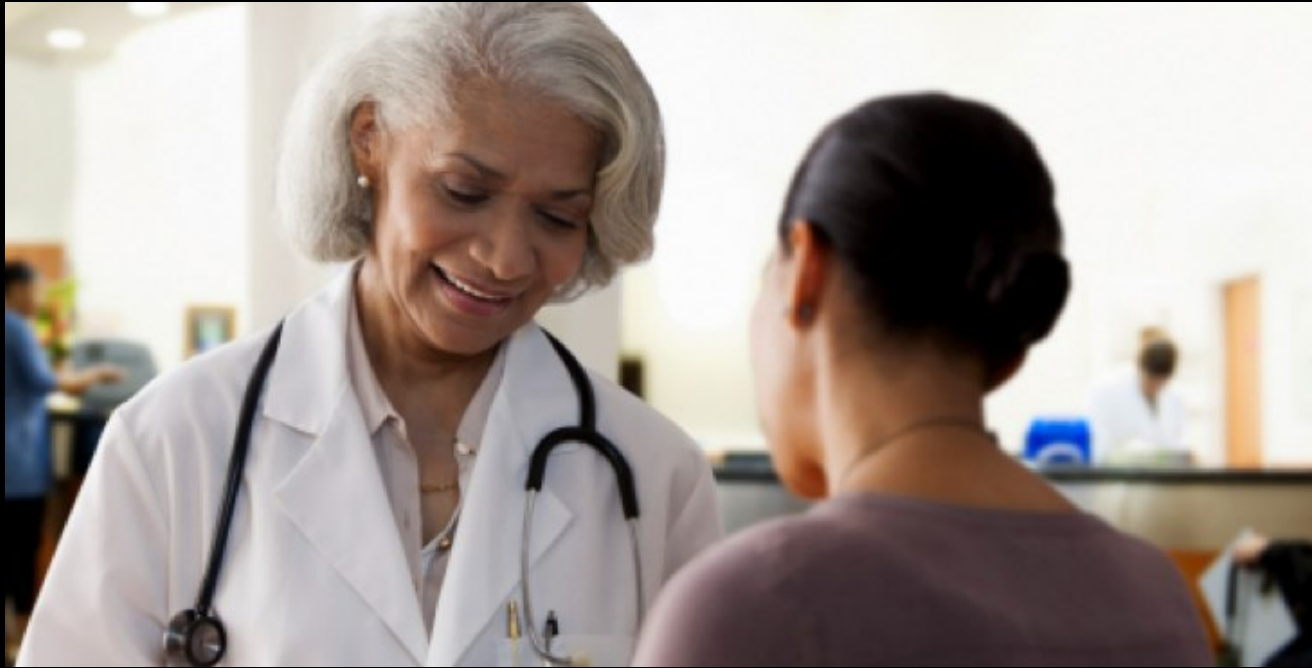
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# QUESTIONS

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