

Getting Along

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Dear Doctors: My 12 year old daughter seems to resent men, particularly black men. About six months after my daughter was born, my husband and I got divorced. He moved to another city and has not had any contact with his daughter since then. Mr. ex-husband and I are black.

I have never said anything to make my daughter disrespect black men. When I have my male friends over to the house, she is often hostile. She once said, "Black men ain't no good," and we got into a big fight. What do you make of this?

J.R., Chicago

with boys, she may have generalized the negative feelings that she has toward her father and now extends them toward all black men. She may indeed wonder if they can be trusted or if they will abandon her again. Your daughter's hostile behavior allows her to put distance between your black male friends and herself. This could mean she is afraid of liking a black male herself. Another matter to consider is whether your daughter feels threatened by your male friends who she feels will take YOU away from her. In other words, she may fear that if you become romantically involved with one of these men, she will be left out or she will become second in your life. Therefore, in her own way, she may be trying to discourage you from such relationships.

Her statement, "Black men ain't no good," may just be a smoke screen. Your daughter is likely to become resentful of any man that you become interested in, regardless of his race. This situation demands that you sit down and have a long talk with your daughter, not only about her feelings but also her fears.

Dear Doctors: My 21 year old neighbor was recently raped by a black man. She refused to report the inci-

dent to the police because she said that the police are not interested when a black woman gets raped and that they don't do anything about it. With her attitude rapists will be running around loose in the neighborhood and all of us will be endangered. How can I convince her to do something about it?

M.L., Indiana

Dear M.L.: Your neighbor is echoing an attitude that is commonly shared by black women who have been raped. Many black women have said that when they reported the rape to the police, the police seemed either indifferent or they made demeaning comments which implied that the women were not raped at all. White women experience similar encounters when reporting incidents of rape to the police, but to a much lesser degree than black women do.

Historically, black women were entirely unprotected and white men could rape them without any fear of punishment. Some black men feel the same way because they are not pursued by law enforcers when they rape black women.

On the other hand, if they rape a white woman, the authorities respond usually in heavy pursuit. When caught, black men who have raped white wo-

men are usually given long prison sentences and often a death sentence.

This double standard of justice has put black women in a position of being relatively safe targets for the white or black rapist. Black women are raped at three to four times the rate that white women are sexually assaulted.

But I agree with you. If the black community wants to eliminate rapists, black women must report the incidents and demand that the criminals be pursued. Neighborhood organizations must participate in this effort so that individual victims do not feel they are fighting alone.

In most cities there are rape crisis centers, staffed by women who are sensitive and helpful to women who have been raped. Perhaps you can suggest that your neighbor go to such a center. If you offer to accompany her, you may be giving her the support that she needs to follow through.

If there is no rape crisis center in your community to which minority women have easy access, get in touch with a local rights group so that you can organize one.

Dr. Poussaint (If you have any questions for the doctors, send your letter to "Getting Along," care of this newspaper.)

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