



## What About Power and Patriarchy? Examining Social Cohesion Strategies to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence

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AK: Hi everyone! Thanks for joining us today! We will be getting started at the top of the hour.

AK: Register for our July 20th web conference on Community Colleges: Opportunities for Prevention here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/06/community-colleges-opportunities-for-prevention/>

AK: CDC's STOP SV: A Technical Package to Prevent Sexual Violence can be accessed here: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/04/stop-sv-cdc-on-preventing-sexual-violence/>

AK: You can download slides for this session here <http://www.preventconnect.org/2016/06/what-about-power-and-patriarchy-examining-social-cohesion-strategies-to-prevent-sexual-and-domestic-violence/>

Prevention Institute: Yes, the definitions and research are cited in the slides

JH: <http://bit.ly/29YbEK5>

JWM: my context is international students living in university residence; the discussion around geographic neighborhood is interesting in this context, as they're there temporarily

Prevention Institute: What questions do you have about the definitions of social cohesion and social inclusion and how they relate to SDV prevention?

LS: What is the evidence that social cohesion alone is a true protective factor against sexual or domestic violence?

KS: How do we leverage the research about social cohesion in a residential living environment to help create safer and more respectful communities?

KM: how does it relate to the LGBT+ population

LH: Hi Emily, Do you have some measurement tools related to social cohesion?

CK: Can you mention some relevant examples of what informal social controls are?

JWM: Lisa, I think it would help if you moved closer to your mike. I think it's a "low tech" issue :-)

NS: Will the slides be available for download? Having hard time taking notes.

MHB: Emily is coming over loud and clear. I think it's the voice volume for Lisa

MB: in thinking about neighborhood cohesion/inclusion I keep coming back to the issues around gentrification

VS: Can we discuss some examples of policies that promote social inclusion that are already happening?

RF: It seems to me that social inclusion could have both pro-social (in terms of what we're all working towards) and anti-social implications. For example, white people tend to have pretty tight social inclusion with each other that makes it difficult for many of us to fully express/embrace our anti-racist actions. Can you unpack, the difference between "good" and

RF: "bad social inclusion/and social cohesion?"

PS: I hope the recording will be easier to hear, one is too faint and one is loud

AP: Is the idea that if a community has strong social cohesion members of that community are more apt to promote social inclusion, and perhaps vice versa?

Prevention Institute: We switched out Lisa's mic, hopefully that helps!

CK: Like that slide. A good cautionary.

DM: Lisa is still fading in and out

BS: Are we going to be talking about patriarchy and SVD? Working on Asian Violence study and interested in socio-cultural aspects, e.g., patriarchy and power

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LH: Thank you Emily!

JM: I'd like to see that measure of social cohesion too please.

AL: I would love measures as well.

AP: so true. tight social inclusion of a group within a community can be dangerously exclusionary

AL: Could they be sent to the entire group?

JWM: I think this slide powerfully demonstrates the fact that high social cohesion does not necessarily equal good. I would extend that principle to tight communities of racism (historically and even current)

CM: Could we all receive the ways to measure social cohesion

VS: Yes! Is there a tool to measure social cohesion that is available for research? Is anyone able to email you, Emily, to get the info?

SC: I'd like to see the measures of social cohesion too please.

VS: How would this look with regard to a high commuter population in particular for the university in the area?

MB: I'm living in Austin TX that is the only major city that is having a massive population growth while at the same time lapsing its black population. We are seeing less people of color coming in for our services, or having different outcomes

DS: Are there evidence-based strategies for increasing social cohesion?

AA: My agency is a largely White organization that is located in a community of predominantly people of color, which is gravely underserved by the system. What role can we play with regards to social cohesion and inclusion to prevent sexual violence in this community??

LS: These seem related to Domestic Violence, but not particularly sexual violence - perhaps the neighbor who you can leave your child with is the one who sexually abuses that child...

PI: Are there any inventory of tools or questions that measure social cohesion and social inclusion?

PI: What are some evidence-based strategies for addressing social isolation in the context of mental emotional behavioral health issues?

AP: Neighborhoods with more disorder are likely neighborhoods where state funding is not channeled and are populated by historically underserved populations such as people of color. Placing responsibility on individual's neoliberals must take place alongside institutional efforts, yes?

EJ: Laurie, I think it is case-by-case - maybe that neighbor is the safe person the child tells that a family member is sexually abusing them...

BA: Amanda, totally agree.

CM: by having social cohesion, one can prevent child sexual abuse, because you are aware of children's behaviors

JP: Myself being from a small community with high social cohesion, there is a point at which it tips over into surveillance and can be harmful

CM: and won't be fearful of at least mentioning it to parents

CM: I'm grateful for the captioning

JWM: social structures with regards to equity and exploitation is fascinating. Would LOVE citations for further reading

JP: Love that concept that abuse is not (shouldn't be) an easily available option to choose

CK: Great theory slide.

VS: Would love citations for more reading

CB: Same citations for further reading would be great

IS: I love the intersection of public health and feminist theory and practice, and would love further reading as well

Prevention Institute: How do you address power imbalances that contribute to SDV as a part of social cohesion/inclusion strategies?

CK: In public discourse about SDV we need to rise to conscious consideration power imbalances and keep them in collective consideration through out discussions of how to address steps toward reducing DDV.

Prevention Institute: Thanks @Charles, anybody else addressing power imbalances in their work?

BA: We talk to kids about the "man box" and the "woman box" and which gender role has more power in our society

JP: Love the idea of using Google Maps this way!

AK: Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1J6rrCf3CSOKJiMj59SZcKb18X7k&hl=en>

JM: We are working on a similar map of Texas that showcases all of the different prevention programs in Texas with video snips from each program overlaid on their city.

JWM: I'd like to challenge the binary gender delineations in this discussion of power imbalance...

DR: We do a youth day camp that addresses power imbalances between adults and youth. We address other power imbalances also.

BA: Yeah we also talk about how the boxes don't help anyone

LH: Cierra this is amazing!!!!

PI: Does the Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative Assessment have questions about people or families feeling alone?

BA: (as in, there is no one way to be a woman/man/person)

AP: I used participatory mapping in food justice work in Sacramento but not in SDV prevention work in Massachusetts

AP: yet

JWM: Glad the connection between sidewalks, connectivity and sexual violence was made because I felt we were moving away from our focus...

JWM: The discussion is sparking all sorts of tangential ideas for various communities and purposes

DO: I agree

JM: Town Hall Meetings?

CK: Can you please send contact info for the two guests?

SC: I would like the contact info for guests as well.

CK: There are people in the Public Health Dept. here in Cambridge, MA that should hear this. Please follow up with how they can listen to the recording.

AK: @Charles, you will receive an email with a link to the recording when it is available. It will be on the PreventConnect website.

AP: At Voice Male magazine (which chronicles masculinities today) we're conducting research for a global anthology about men's engagement in gender equality around the world. The staff and volunteers are predominantly white, cis, middle class, and US based. In order to ensure authenticity of the stories we publish we're reaching out to organization directors around the world for contact info for people whose lived experiences represent issues and strategies toward gender equality in their communities.

AP: I'm beginning to see this from a global social cohesion and inclusion perspective

AP: Vidya, your comment indicates that the time frame selected for this meeting privileges people in particular time zones

MMc: Thanks very much

KM: thank you!!

CK: Thank you Prevention Institute

VS: Thank you!

YR: thank you

PI: Thank you...very insightful

AP: Thank you