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**Shaping perceptions of sexual and
domestic violence for prevention:
The power of public narratives**

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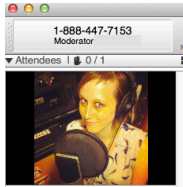
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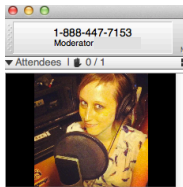
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May 2014

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Next Peer Learning Forum

Better multi-sector partnerships: What does it really take to work across sectors to prevent sexual and domestic violence?

August 2014

July 2014

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Grassroots Policy Project



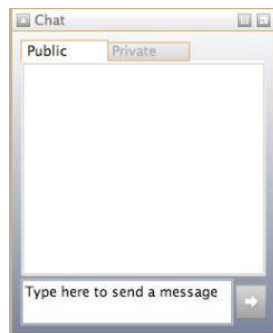
**SHAPING PERCEPTIONS OF SEXUAL
AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR
PREVENTION: THE POWER OF
PUBLIC NARRATIVES**

Objectives

- Articulate a definition/description of public narratives.
- Identify ways public narratives limit sexual and domestic violence prevention work
- Articulate a basic understanding of how to begin utilizing public narratives



Audience Question



What word or phrase comes to mind when you hear “narrative”?



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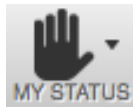
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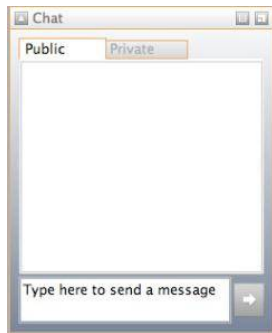
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What were they fighting for?



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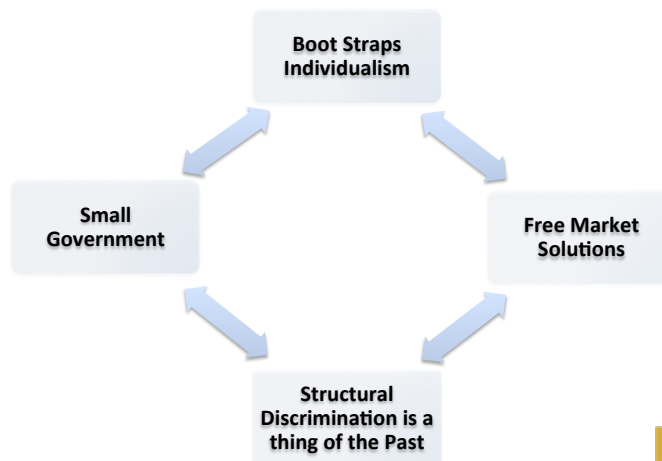


What was the shift in public consciousness they were working for?

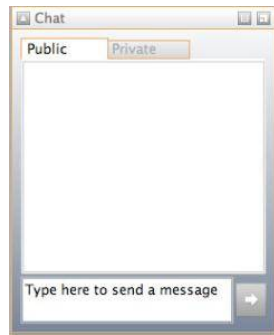




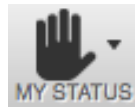
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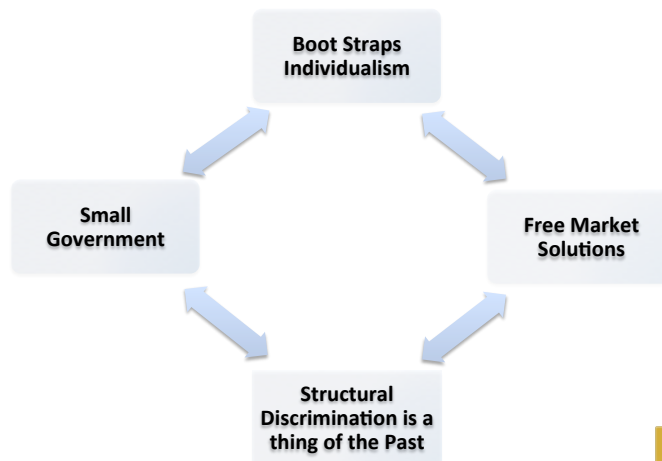
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Where do you see this story affecting your state/ community?



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Audience Question

Are you intentional
about addressing
systemic power in
your work?

Feedback

Yes

No

No Answer



“Power, properly understood, is the ability to achieve purpose.

It is the strength required to bring about social, political, or economic changes.

In this sense power is not only desirable but necessary in order to implement the demands of love and justice.

What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.”



-Martin Luther King, Jr



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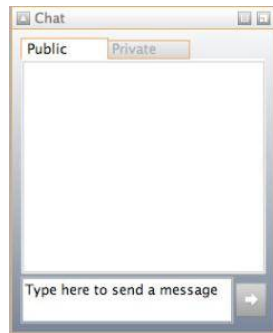


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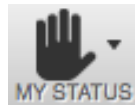
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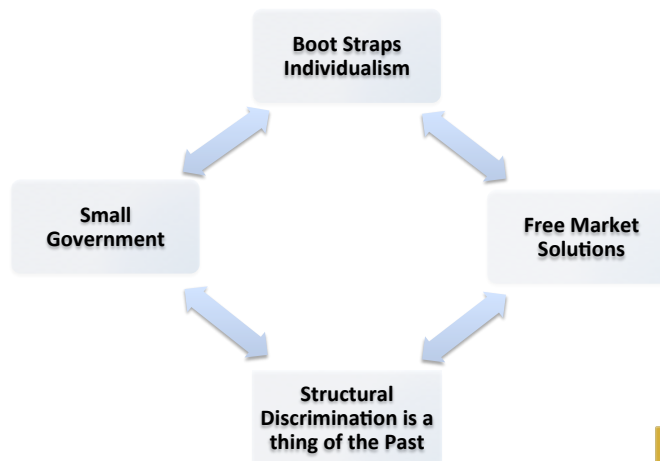
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What components of the dominant worldview narrative resonate with you?



Themes of the Dominant Worldview Narrative



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Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment, goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed .



-Abraham Lincoln



Audience Question

Have you had
messaging/framing
training?

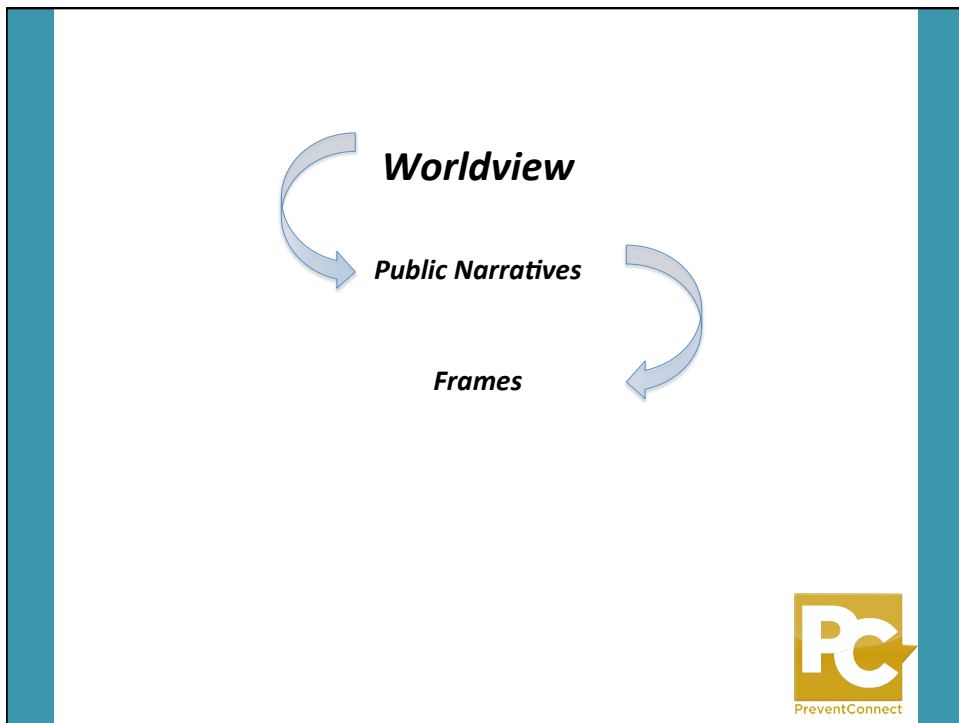
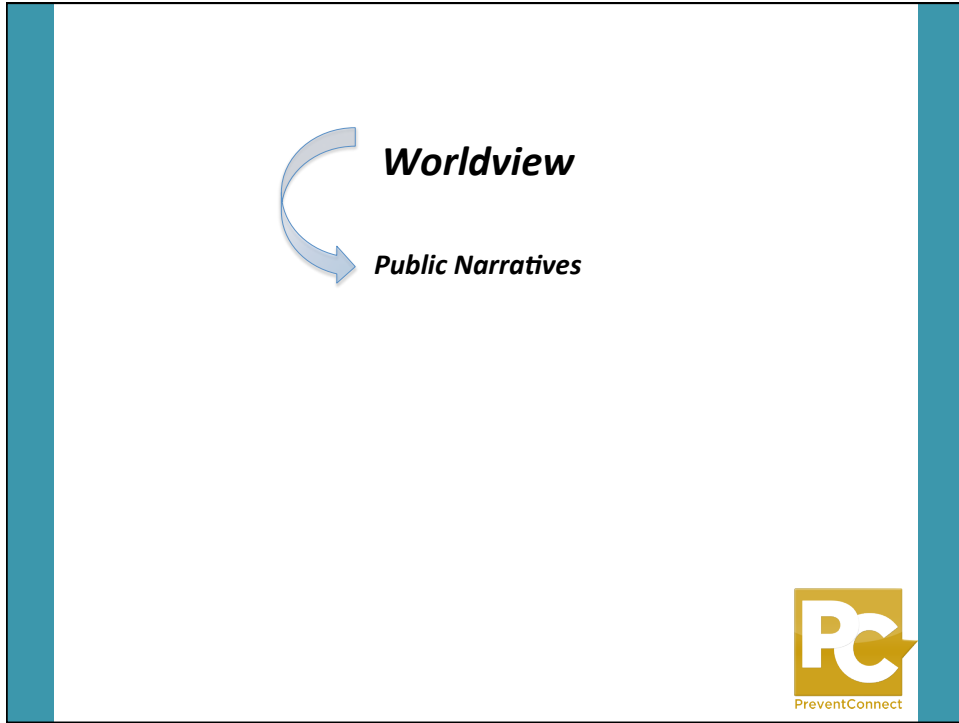
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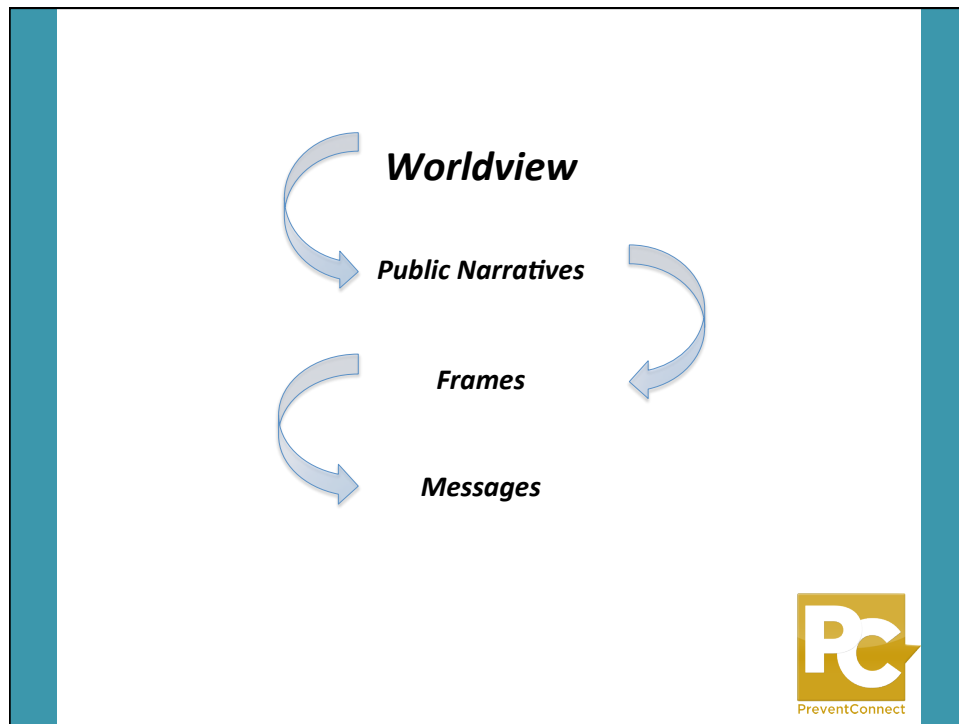
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Worldview







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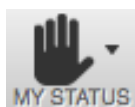
Shifting narrative is an invitation, NOT winning an argument.



Audience Question



What are the dominant narrative themes around SV/DV?



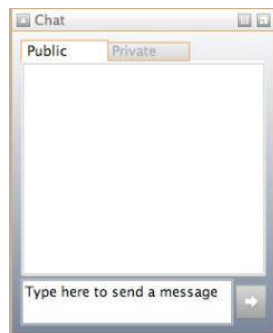
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Audience Question



Which themes
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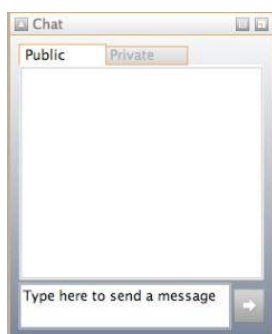
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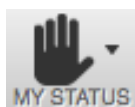
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How do these themes impact your work?



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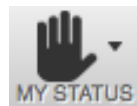
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Audience Question



Raise your hand!



Have you done any of these? How?



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- Who is responsible for making transformation happen?



Some Ways to Put a New Narrative to Work

- Train people to introduce or evoke your narrative in conversations
- Identify unintentional reinforcement of the dominant narrative in your work
- Run trainings on how to shift narrative in the moment
- Shape communications within the new narrative
- Reshape strategies to live out the new narrative

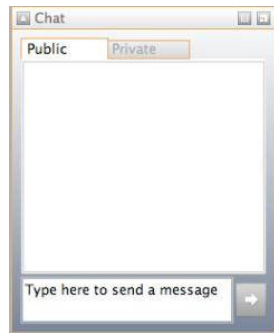


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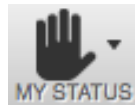
- Created by people and can be changed by people
- Grounded in values & beliefs
- Designed to shape what is possible
- More powerful than facts in changing outcomes
- Grounding for messaging & strategy



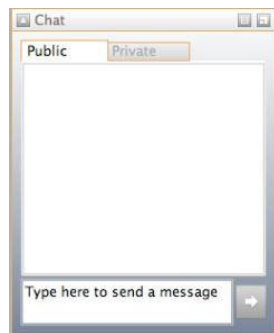
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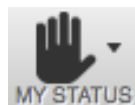
How is this relevant to your work?



Audience Question



What more would you like to learn?



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