

Black Women's Experiences of Criminal Justice

RACE, GENDER AND CLASS:
A DISCOURSE ON DISADVANTAGE

Black Women's Experiences of Criminal Justice was first published in 1997 and has been reprinted several times in response to popular demand. It deals with the multiple hazards of discrimination - on the basis of race, gender and class - faced by black women who come into contact with the criminal justice process of England and Wales. This updated and revised version includes information about developments since that time. The book includes first-hand accounts by black women prisoners concerning their treatment by and impressions of the system. The text has become key reading for practitioners and students alike.



Ruth Chigwada-Bailey teaches criminology at Birkbeck College, University of London and is well-known in the United Kingdom and abroad as a commentator and writer on issues affecting black women, notably in relation to criminal justice. Five years after writing the first edition of this book, she remains of the view that if the interaction of race, gender, class and criminal justice is to be taken seriously there remains a need not simply for relevant information and understanding but 'to make things happen'.

CONTENTS include: Extract from the Foreword to the First Edition by Sylvia Denman CBE and a new Introduction to the 2002 Edition by the author, together with revised chapters from her original work: A Combination of Forces; Voices Unheard; Police and Black Women; Probation and Black Women; Experience of the Courts; Beatrice's Case (an extended account of one black woman's perceptions of her arrest, trial and imprisonment); Black Women and Imprisonment; Hopes and Ambitions. Plus an Appendix: Historical Background to Modern-Day Problems of 'Immigrant' Labour in Britain, Bibliography and Index.

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