



# NO!

a documentary  
by Aishah Shahidah Simmons

*One out of three women in the United States will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.*

This ground-breaking feature length documentary explores the international reality of rape and other forms of sexual assault through the first person testimonies, scholarship, spirituality, and activism of African-Americans.

## Screening of No! The Rape Documentary A film by Aishah Shahidah Simmons

**What:** Screening of No! and panel discussion with community leaders

**Who:** Aishah Simmons, Director of No!  
Theresa Younger- Executive Director of PCSW;  
Jeffery O.G. Ogbar, PhD- Associate Professor of History & Director of the Institute for African American Studies at University of Connecticut;  
Joyce Hamilton Henry- Executive Director of Democracy Works

**When:** Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00pm

**Where:** University of Connecticut, School of Social Work (Auditorium)  
1798 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117

This event is FREE & open to the public.  
Suggested donation of \$10 is welcomed.

**RSVP:** by June 18<sup>th</sup> to Nicole Steward  
([nicole@connasacs.org](mailto:nicole@connasacs.org)) or (860)282-9881

"This ground-breaking work creates needed space to debate the issue of how violence against women harms Black women and those who love them."

*Patricia Hill Collins, Scholar and Author, From Black Power to Hip Hop: Racism, Nationalism, and Feminism*

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Eleven years in the making, **NO!** unveils the reality of rape, other forms of sexual violence, and healing in African-American communities, through intimate testimonies from Black women victim/survivors, commentaries from acclaimed African-American scholars and community leaders, archival footage, spirited music, dance, and performance poetry. **NO!** also examines how rape is used as a weapon of homophobia.

"If the Black community in the Americas and in the world would save itself, it must complete the work this film begins."  
*Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, [The Color Purple](#)*

"Given the level of violence against women in this country, we owe it to ourselves and to future generations not to turn our backs on this film. For in ignoring this film we would once again be ignoring the voices of women."  
*Kevin Powell, Activist and Author, [Who's Gonna Take the Weight: Manhood, Race and Power in America](#)*

**This event is co-sponsored by:**

The Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., and  
The Institute for Violence Prevention & Reduction at the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work

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