

Excerpt of Dr. McCloud's submission,

### **"Black Girls Gone Wild?"**

...But the first week of April—the week I say was one of “black girls gone wild”—didn’t help as I read of Cynthia McKinney's security guard incident; Naomi Campbell's “alleged” cell phone attack on her worker and the rape accusation by a black stripper against the mostly white lacrosse team of Duke University. That accusation, if true, is one thing; but if false—it will set black women back for years, and we really don't need any of this right now. Or ever. As black women in America, we already have enough to fight for—and against—to simply be accepted and valued in this land.

...With that, we don't need even two or three of our own possibly bringing shame to our race, gender and modern-day cause by committing inappropriate, unlawful, or dishonest acts.

Sisters, walk worthy. Do not don the garments of misdeeds, disrespect and disgrace. We are better than that. Don't gratuitously cry racism when there is none. Remember violence solves nothing; and don't willingly put yourself in situations where it's already known you will be disrespected. You are not an object; you are a human being, a soul. Respect yourself.

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