I am your sister:

Black women organizing across sexualities

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It is not easy for me to speak here with you as a Black Lesbian

In order to work together

have many different faces, and we do not have to become each other
women are not one great vat of homogenized chocolate milk. We
that unity does not require that we be identical to each other. Black
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as with all families, we sometimes find it difficult to deal constructively
is particularly true whenever I talk at the Women's Center. But,
very important to me with people who matter the most. And this
family, having a chance to speak about things that are
putting attention and delight because it feels like coming home, like
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preconceived notions and stereotypes. In other words, our minds are programmed to believe that these groups of people are inferior, and we must be aware of the biases and prejudices that we hold towards them.

Even if you do believe in these stereotypes, it is important to practice self-awareness and question your beliefs. What evidence do you have to support these beliefs? Are they based on personal experience or on media portrayal?

The second step is to challenge these beliefs. Ask yourself if you have evidence to support your beliefs. Do you have personal experiences that have led you to these beliefs, or are you relying on media portrayal?

By challenging your beliefs, you can start to break down these stereotypes and develop a more accurate understanding of the diversity of women, regardless of race or background.

In conclusion, it is important to be aware of the stereotypes and biases that we hold towards each other. By working towards breaking down these stereotypes, we can create a more inclusive and understanding society.

References:

I am a Black Lesbian, and I am your sister.
not misnamed. I want to be recognized,
be both brother and Black. Well, I do not want to be tolerated,
cause it implied that the two were mutually exclusive—he couldn’t
NOT BLACK, HE’S MY BROTHER! It used to infuriate me be-
There was a poster in the 1960s that was very popular: HE’S
for survival as Black women...
... in order to share what we have learned through our particular battles
have to become each other’s unique experiences and insights in
be your enemy. We do not
are yours to solve, not mine, and they are a terrible and wasteful

Audre Lorde