# WHAT IS INTERSECTIONALITY?

### **ORIGINS**

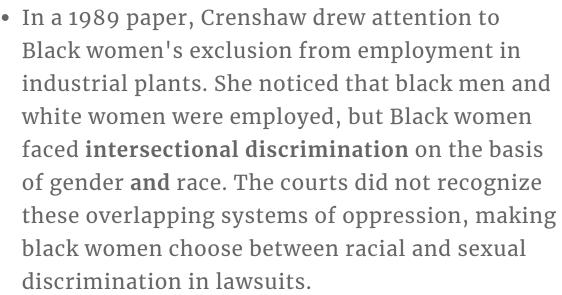
#### THE COMBAHEE RIVER COLLECTIVE



- Black feminist lesbian collective
- In 1975, released a statement illustrating their politics, which addressed their struggle against the interlocking oppressions of race, sex, and class
- They argued that these oppressions are experienced simultaneously by Black women and cannot be separated

#### KIMBERLÉ WILLIAMS CRENSHAW





- Sought to draw attention to the fact that Black women experience both domestic and state violence.
- Crenshaw examines what she calls the intersectional failures of the white feminist movement to take up questions of racism, and the anti-racism movement to take up questions of patriarchy.

## INTERSECTIONAL FAILURES

"The failure to interrogate patriarchy in anti-racism and racism within feminism continues to shape modern politics...they undermine our collective capacity to create a more robust coalition around social justice." - Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw

## #SAYHERNAME



- With #sayhername, Kimberle Crenshaw speaks to the rampant state-sanctioned violence against Black women.
- She calls on us to say their names to bring visibility to their deaths, to affirm that their lives were not insignificant, and to begin a movement for change.