

POST FEMALE CIRCUMCISION: A CALL FOR COLLECTIVE UNMASKING

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ABSTRACT

The banning of female circumcision in Kenya and in other African states should re(in)form our understanding and practice of sexuality and contribute to the development of frameworks for educating about human sexuality from a holistic-health perspective. It proposes education for critical consciousness for women in Africa because they have been the primary custodians of knowledge and practices governing female sexuality. In order for the ban on circumcision to be effective women/mothers have to lead and actively steer the transition from cut to uncut communities (at ethnic levels). The article suggests a conceptual model based on what bell hooks refers to as conversation, dedication to truth and collective unmasking.