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Elder Abuse Research and Advocacy: “Are You Sho’Nuff Tired?”

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Advocacy as Social? Justice

- Bryan Stevenson Story
- EA research can support EA policy and advocacy
- Dr. Kenneth and Mamie Clark supporting Brown v. Board of Education
- What kind of research do we have?
- What kind of research do we need (to support advocacy efforts)?



What We Need

- Confirmatory screening
- Who defines
 - EA much like the Justice Potter Stewart said in *Jacobellis v. Ohio*
 - "I know it when I see it"
- Can we move beyond the "Stewart" definition (or should it)?
- Can we know (and detect) markers/risks with "causal certainty" (or something approximate to that)?
- What interventions prevent EA? Can they be applied in an era of populism and individual "freedom" ?



To Our Partners and Advocates

- Great work but more to do
 - Societal sense of unacceptable behavior
 - Legal and Legislative support (but is it a State or Federal issue)
 - Improved professional knowledge, awareness, & willingness to act
 - Effective advocacy groups and leading the charge
- BUT do we mobilize into a central movement vs diffuse decentralize movement?
- How do research and academics support the “movement?”

IT'S YOU!

- Which part of the struggle will you pick up to move a little further
- You might get "sho'nuff" tired but keep moving on
- AND let us know how you're doing at next year's meeting

