

Day 2 – Local News Analysis

We will be reading and analyzing the article

<https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/i-just-dont-want-die-black-pregnant-women-are-turning-midwives-personalized-care-and-better>

STORY

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'I Just Don't Want To Die':
Black Pregnant Women
Are Turning to Midwives
for Personalized Care—
And a Better Chance at
Survival

Country:

UNITED STATES

PART 1

Pulitzer Center Article Discussion Questions

"'I Just Don't Want To Die': Black Pregnant Women Are Turning to Midwives for Personalized Care—And a Better Chance at Survival"

1. Before reading this article, what do you already know (if anything) about the disparities in maternal health outcomes for Black women in the U.S.?

2. Why do you think this issue hasn't received more widespread attention in mainstream media? Do you believe it's something that should be discussed more? Why or why not?

3. What specific factors does the article mention that contribute to the higher rates of pregnancy-related deaths among Black women? How are these linked to systemic issues? (Cite evidence from the article)

4. What role do midwives and doulas play in helping Black women feel safer and more heard during pregnancy and childbirth? What makes their approach different from traditional hospital care? (Cite evidence from the article)

5. The article includes powerful personal stories from women like Amoni Thompson-Jones and Raynesha Sharpe. How did their experiences help you understand the emotional and physical risks they face?

6. How does racism—both interpersonal and systemic—show up in the healthcare experiences of the women featured in this article? What are some examples?

7. What do you think are the pros and cons of choosing midwifery or home birth over hospital care? Would you feel comfortable with this choice if you or a loved one were expecting a child? Why or why not?

Pros	Cons

8. The article talks about the importance of representation—having more Black midwives and healthcare providers. Why does that matter in this context? How might it improve health outcomes?

9. If you were in charge of creating a public campaign or policy to help fix this issue, what would you focus on first? What solutions does the article suggest?

10. After reading the article, how has your understanding of maternal health—especially for Black women—changed? What’s one takeaway you think everyone should know?

PART 2

Local Research on the Topic (Miami Gardens, Miami, Florida)

Search for articles/videos/press related to this topic that have been published about Miami Gardens or Miami (if you can’t find information about Miami Gardens or Miami specifically – you can search for information in our state of Florida.)

Find 3 videos/articles/newspaper stories on the topic and include the link and a brief summary of what was included.

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Publication Site (Example – Miami Herald)
Date
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