

against me (as her mother), I am hoping that she explores feminist thinking, Marxism, critical theory—all the things I learned at home, in university, from my peers and friends, to give me a context with which to evaluate my environment and empower me to think analytically. As a feminist and a mother of a young woman, this is the greatest gift I can pass on to my daughter—the ability to think critically and to feel secure enough to express her own thoughts.

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### Made in Canada

Sittin' on a Vaughan bus  
to St. Clair West, at 6AM  
I can't help but notice how  
many black people, women  
mainly get on  
a couple of Asian women, one latino  
man, even the driver is black  
three filipino women  
all going to work, no doubt  
perhaps, very far away,  
all they could get,  
to domestic work  
gotta arrive in time for breakfast  
close to where I'm going  
or a factory near leslie and the 401  
to sew together pieces of a living  
and a self-righteous "made in Canada"  
label, worthy of a letter home  
to Manila, Bombay, Georgetown,  
"life is better in Canada"

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## Student Violence Prevention Initiatives Women's Habitat of Etobicoke

Women's Habitat was established in 1974 and exists to empower women and children through support and advocacy of their right to live free from violence in their personal relationships by providing emergency shelter, counseling and public education.

The Student Violence Prevention Initiatives team offers dynamic, interactive classroom or school-wide presentations for elementary and secondary schools on issues of:

- self-esteem
- conflict resolution
- anger management
- bullying
- healthy relationships
- dating violence.

Among the programs available are:

- **dating violence prevention** — provides students with information and an opportunity to question and address attitudes and power dynamics of dating relationships;
- **peer support** — focuses on issues of dating violence and woman abuse and trains students to support their peers on these issues;
- **violence-prevention** — teaches students to understand the dynamics of healthy and unhealthy relationships;
- **peer mediator** — encourages students to learn peaceful, non-violent coping strategies and constructive conflict resolution techniques.

Each program is designed to meet the particular needs of individual schools. (Many of the programs are available in American Sign Language). We also address school, faculty, parents, and community groups on any of these issues.

**For more information contact Student Violence Prevention Initiatives at (416) 251-8337.**

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