

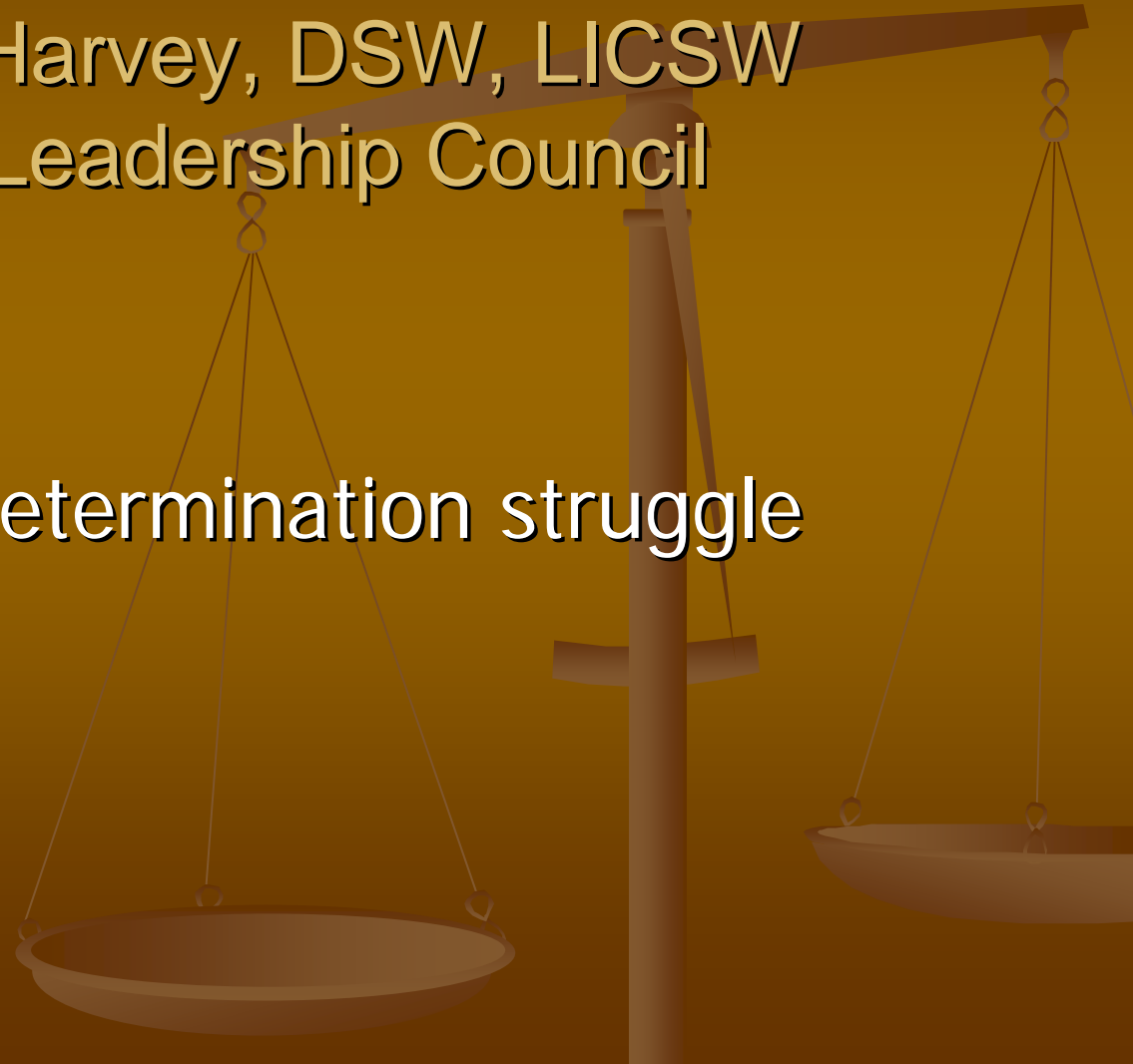
# Panel Presentation

## Effective Research

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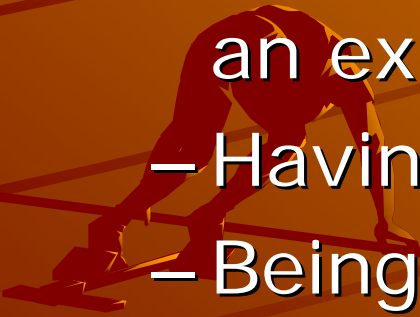
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It is a self determination struggle



# Where and When Does It START ?

- ✦ Having a comprehensive knowledge of the population/culture being proposed for *investigation*.
  - Having lived among the population for an extended period of time.
  - Having formally studied the culture
  - Being of the culture
  - Outcome to empower the people to be self *determinative*.



# Wait for the Starter's Pistol

## ✦ Grounded Research

- Population being investigated plays an integral role from the start.
- Learn *methodology*
- Help formulated the most effective approach.
- Ensure that the population helps write the final report and approves it.
- The final report should be distributed to the community.

# Funding Issues

- ◆ Community based organizations have excellent ideas; might need the technical skills to develop and write the proposal.
- ◆ Where is the \$\$\$\$ for the evaluator?
- ◆ Reviewers lack knowledge and or respect for the culture.
  - Don't comprehend the ethnic group's concepts, its history, the context of the life situation in relationship to their past present and future.
  - Don't comprehend the importance of the culturally competent intervention (not grounded in a western/Eurocentric approach).

# Considerations

- There are various ethnic groups of African descent. Variation in history and cultural nuances.
  - Issues of acculturation/assimilation.
  - How will this research empower the group being studied.
  - Is the theory grounded in a Black perspective or an Africentric perspective?
  - To be cognizant of issues such as internalized oppression.
  - Does the research process reinforce appreciation for one's self, family and community?
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- A silhouette of a tree with a thick trunk and sparse branches, set against a vibrant sunset background. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The tree's shadow is cast on the ground below, which is also silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

# Let's Celebrate



- **Suggestions:**

- Foundations and Government agencies provide funding to community based organizations to evaluate existing programs and assistance for their replication.
- Have reviewers who are culturally competent.
- NAMBHA provide certification to agencies and individuals in ethnic specific cultural competency.
- Funding be provided to each ethnic group to develop the base line principles etc. of what is cultural competence for each specific group.