The right to health and access to health insurance

An institutional view on two Dutch Case Studies

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Mandate

My mandate to speak to you here arises from a shared destiny on this issue

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My expertise as a public administration scientist on institutional tasks

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Abstract

The Hofnar has offered customized support and assistance to both victims and their employers (the board of governors) of the Tax Office and the National Police.

Organizations, including company doctors, have no knowledge of exclusion, discrimination and racism and therefore do not know how this affects the health of employees. The result is that organizations remain reluctant to act.

A proper healthy policy for Europeans from African descent is what we need to further optimize their contribution to society.

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Introduction

Too much effort is needed to convince policymakers that there is a lack of recognition, knowledge and experience about the health of Europeans of African descent.

To put it straight: There is no other way to describe the global impact of George Floyd’s murder (Daans, Cityhall Council, Rotterdam, 2021)

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Introduction

“They can deal with pain much better than other Europeans”

“Our contemporary medical knowledge carries within itself a postcolonial paradox”

European civil servants of African descent

Dutch national institutions as CBS and SCP

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Contemporary Problems

01  *The Dutch National Tax Office Scandal 2004 - 2019*

02  Documentary called “De Blauwe Familie” or the blue family - 2022

03  The Hofnar has offered customized support and assistance to both victims and their employers (*the board of governors*) of the Tax Office and the National Police.

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Follow-Through Problems

Dutch Health System
Organizations, including company doctors, have no knowledge of exclusion, discrimination and racism and therefore do not know how this affects the health of employees.

The result is that organizations remain reluctant to act.

Asks for more diversity
To this day, existing institutions such as trade unions, works councils and even the internal ombudsperson cannot provide any significance in recognizing and arranging the necessary care for public servants.

All this is what we as the Hofnar Present take care of.

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Complementary philosophies

European perspectives
Every context – for example of the institution, the region or the target group - requires a different approach, or plurality”

Prof. dr. Paul Frissen

African perspectives
“African Humanism promotes human rights such as good care for everyone regardless of gender, nationality, skin color, without losing sight of critical thinking”.

Prof. dr. S. Bosede-Oluwelu

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Recommendation

1. Research into the long-term effects of racism and discrimination on the health of survivors

2. Research and specific recognition of PTSS and other trauma related illnesses as a direct consequence of prolonged racism

3. The inclusion of transcultural care in the basic scheme

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Conclusion

We can stop this irrelevant paradox, only if there is a recognition for the missing knowledge and expertise by policy makers

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Let’s start recognizing building with each other,

Thank you for your attention!

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Some spoken referents

01. Mr. Yvel Blokland, Associate Advisor Safety & Transcultural between 2016 - current

02. Mr. L. Huyzer, Vice Chairman and Governor National Police, between 20222 and current

03. Mrs. M. Neervoort, Manager Youth Trauma Dutch Tax Scandal

04. More than 300 victims (14 - 30 yrs old) Dutch Tax Scandal between 2014 - current

05. More than 100 victims and ((managerial) employees Dutch National Police

06. Community leaders, scientists, midfiel organizations, lots of governors etc...

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06 And others like: Fairclough, N., Discourse and social change (1992), Polity Press

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