

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Linda on the Importance of Being Part of the Conversation

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[Linda]: This is so exciting! All these different breakthroughs. And I think, like a lot of people, I did not know.

Most of the communities that I work with, which are communities of color and other underrepresented communities, they have no idea.

And, and in fact, I would be concerned that, if presented with these things, that people would turn away from it, because there has been a lot of mistrust from the, because of various experiments and stuff in the medical, from the medical community.

You know, people always talk about the Tuskegee affair. But, there are a lot of different types of things that have gone on, you know, where people have not gotten the proper care. I have a stepfather that I never met because he was misdiagnosed. He, he was, had an appendicitis that ruptured, and he died from that.

And, and so, you have those kinds of things in the, going on in the history of the, the community. And so, when these different possible cures and stuff like this come up, people are fearful of them and, and, and that's unfortunate.

And, and also people need to do research, you know, which means you need to have subjects to come in, to be participating in a different research protocols that are there. And so, when you look at you know, the sampling, we're not there.



And, and in fact, our genomes need to be included in that so that we all get a better understanding of the whole, you know, what it means to be human. And, and we're a piece of the puzzle, and we're not there.

If we're not part of the conversation, this means that people are making policy where, and then, and everybody's coming out of their own experience, you know, which is not my experience or other people's experience.

And so there's not the richness there. There's gonna be things overlooked.

If you're not in a conversation, then you're, you're not there. You don't exist.

