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Accountability and Voice: Addressing Pledging and Disengagement in Black Greek Letter Organizations

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Abstract

With the increased attention to hazing on college campuses, particularly in lifetime membership-based organizations (LMBOs), this paper seeks to shed light on the phenomenon and the disengagement of LMBO members on MSI campuses. Member disengagement is a critical question because of its impact on the successful operation and sustainability of the organization(s). Of particular interest in this study of LMBOs are members of Black Greek-letter organizations (BGLOs) and their senses of “buyer’s remorse” over selected organizations not living up to their promises. This paper posits that all stakeholders would benefit from changing the cultures of BGLOs from one of silence and disengagement to one of voice and accountability in ensuring that hazing and other activities impacting the welfare and health of all members cease.

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