



Domestic Violence

Problems and Effects of Domestic Violence



Domestic violence has been made illegal in all states since 1920, but states didn't start taking domestic violence seriously till 1970(Hanna). Domestic violence, by definition, is any "physical, sexual, or psychological abuse anyone uses against their intimate partner(Joshua1) Abused women are at risk for serious medical problem such as Sexual Transmitted Diseases, miscarriages, and serious damage to the Central Nervous System. These damages are usually unreported, or under reported because women are skeptical of sharing that the cause of these damages are from a violent relationship

Domestic Violence is usually the cause of long-term health problems. Women are not only at risk for health problems caused by the abuse, they're also at risk for problems not caused by the abuse.

Domestic violence Abusers usually have a history of being in an abusive situation. Men that are abusive may have come from a household where his father abused his mother. Victims can be any age, race, and can have any sexual preferences, just like abusers.



- ✦ Twenty-five percent of high school relationships are violent
- ✦ A low percentage of domestic violence victims are men
- ✦ Over half of homicides committed by young men in the 11-20 age range, the young man killed the man that abused his mother.
- ✦ Thousands of Americans are victims if domestic violence
- ✦ One fourth of murders are family related

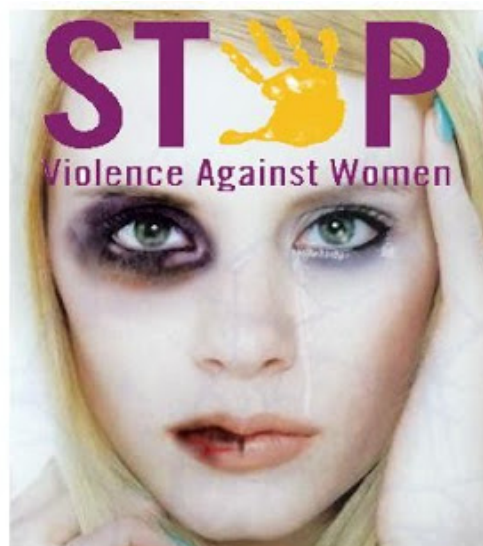


THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT OF 2005

The domestic violence act of 2005 was passed in 2006. The act was made so that women who are suffering from physical, sexual, or verbal violence, are protected in their home. This act also covers marital rape, before this act marital rape wasn't considered a crime. Family members are also under protection of this act if they are living with the abuser as well

Balwinder Singh, secretary of women and child development says, "As part of the act, protection officers will be appointed in all the districts. These officers will be like a patron to victims if domestic violence." The officers help the victims by giving them safe shelter.

Mr Singh also states that "the act will provide effective protection and remedy to women against domestic violence of any kind. This has given the most else aortas definition of Domestic violence. If implemented effectively by people at a peripheral end, this will fill the void in the existing legal framework."





SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Researches have been studying Domestic violence for over four decades. Researches have done studies on men that are batterers, and have a high consumption of alcohol. Gregory L. Stuart, saw that after treatment for alcoholism, alcohol consumption, and battering both went down. The researchers later realized that the men that began drinking again were almost four times as likely to begin abusing their partners, then were the ones who didn't begin drinking again.

Alcohol and drugs abuse have been in many studies, and still researchers don't think they are the cause of abuse. Now "The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism" have seen that alcohol plays a part in abuse in the home, but they can't make a complete connection.



Researchers are trying to see if that arresting batterers reduces the abuse by these men. The "National Institute of Justice" has stated that arresting these men do reduce the abuse. Victims of the abuse did not report any abuse after the arrest.

Both of the studies, therapeutic method and arresting method, seem to be working, but researchers are still trying to figure out which one works better. That question still stands today.

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