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Audience Handout

Secrets, Lies, and Apologies America's Domestic Violence Crisis

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Discussion Questions

- 1) How was domestic violence viewed historically?
- 2) Explain what happens in your community when police receive a call for domestic violence.
- 3) What is meant by victimless prosecution?
- 4) What are some types of physical violence?
- 5) What are some types of psychological abuse?

- 6) Does your community have an education program for abusers and victims? Explain.

- 7) Why do you think victims stay in violent situations?

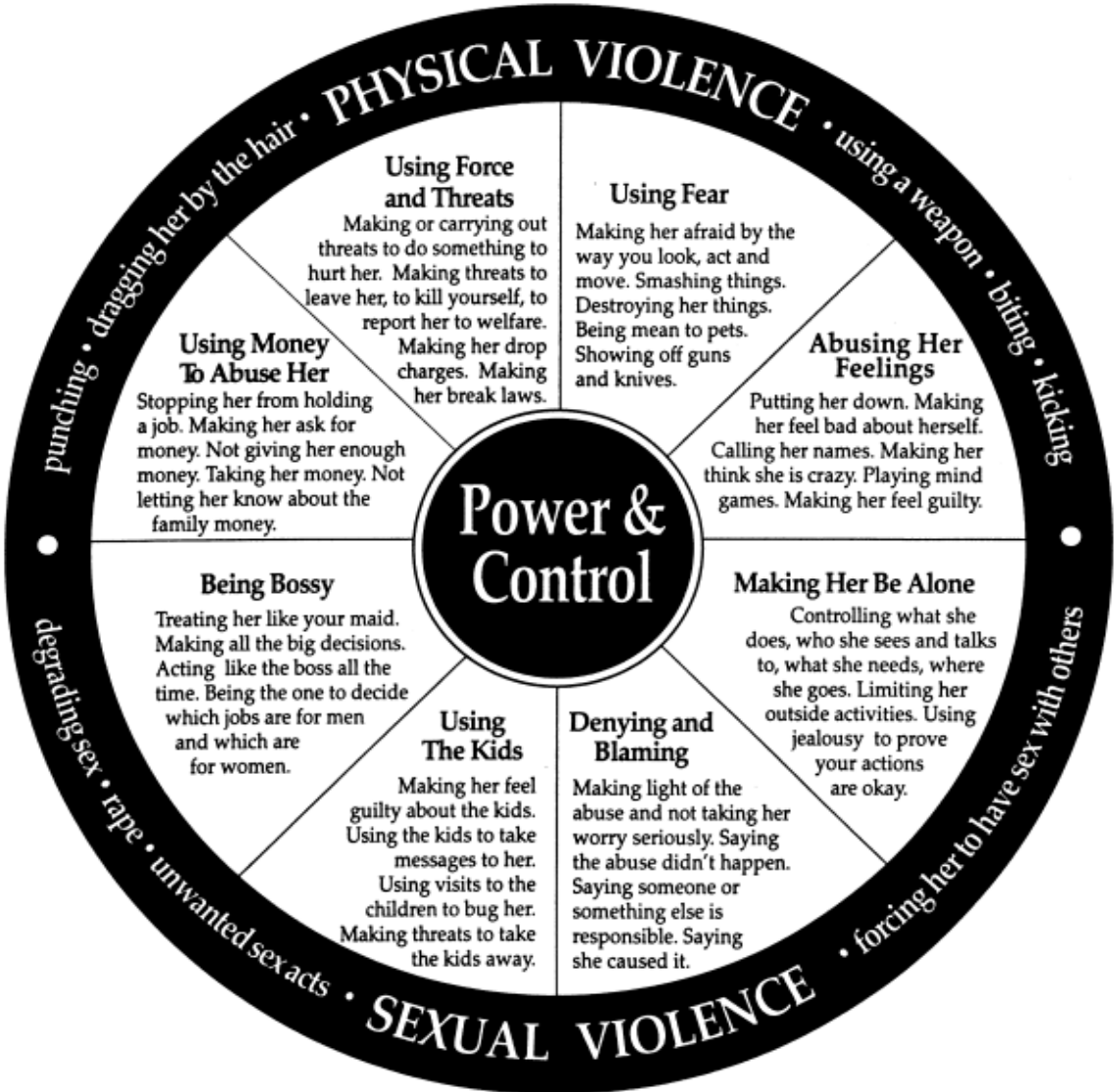
- 8) In the program, a psychologist says, “You only have one button and that’s your belly button.” What is she referring to and why does she say this?

- 9) What kinds of behaviors does a no-contact order prohibit?

- 10) What does the video say we need to do to bring an end to domestic violence?

The Power and Control Wheel

This wheel of violence created by the Domestic Violence Project, Duluth, Minnesota.



* Adapted from: Ellen Pence and Michael Paymar, *Power and Control: Tactics of Men Who Batter*, Minnesota Program Development, Inc. Duluth, 1986

Adapted by: Status of Women Council of NWT, *From Dark to Light: Regaining a Caring Community* (1995)

How would you handle the following situations?

1. Your girlfriend insults you and humiliates you in front of your friends.
2. Your live-in boyfriend tells you he wants you to start giving him your paycheck every month because he will take care of all the bills.
3. Your girlfriend whom you care about but know is unhealthy to live with threatens to kill herself if you leave her.
4. Your husband gets arrested for domestic violence. Do you press charges? Why or why not?
5. A coworker confides in you that her boyfriend hit her after their date last night.
6. Your 10-year-old comes home from school one day with a story about how his friend's dad threw a cordless phone at his wife.

Internet Resources

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ncadv.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
www.ndvh.org

Family Violence Prevention Fund
www.fvpf.org

Domestic Violence Awareness Handbook
<http://www.usda.gov/da/shmd/aware.htm>

Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

Men Stopping Violence
www.menstoppingviolence.org

Men Against Domestic Violence
<http://www.silcom.com/~paladin/madv/>

Stop Abuse For Everyone
<http://www.safe4all.org/>

FaithTrust Institute
<http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/>

Feminist Majority Foundation
<http://www.feminist.org/other/dv/dvhome.html>

Women Against Domestic Violence
<http://www.wadv.org/>

Center For Domestic Violence Prevention
<http://www.cdvp.org/>