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Violence Against Men

- In an 2003 Intimate Partner Violence study, men accounted for approximately 15% of the victims .¹
- Between 100,000 and 6 million men are victims of domestic violence each year, depending on the type of survey used to obtain the data.^{2,3}
- In 2000, 440 men were reportedly murdered by an intimate partner, accounting for 5% of all male murders that year.⁴
- Individuals who are controlling of their partners are much more likely to also be physically assaultive, and this holds equally for both male and female perpetrators.⁵
- Surveys find that men and women assault one another and strike the first blow at approximately equal rates.⁶
- Men and women engage in overall comparable levels of abuse and control, such as diminishing the partner's self-esteem, isolation and jealousy, using children and economic abuse.⁷
- Approximately 847,000 men are raped or physically assaulted by an intimate partner each year⁸
- A well documented cause of domestic violence for men and women is learned behavior from parents and siblings, not necessarily gender conditioning⁹

¹ Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003

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³ Straus, M. & Gelles, R. (1990). Physical violence in American families. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers

⁴ Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Partner Violence in the U.S. 1993-2004, 2006.

⁵ Felson, R., & Outlaw, M. (2007). The control motive and marital violence. Violence and Victims, 22 (4), 387-407.

⁶ Archer, J. (2000). Sex differences in aggression between heterosexual partners: A meta-analytic review. Psychological Bulletin, 126 (5), 651-680.

⁷ Coker, A, Davis, K., Arias, I., Desai, S., Sanderson, M., Brandt, H., & Smith, P. (2002). Physical and mental health effects of intimate partner violence for men and women. American Journal of Preventative Medicine, 23 (4), 260-268.

⁸ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), "Intimate Partner Violence: Fact Sheet," 2004

⁹ Pearson, Patricia, 1997. When She Was Bad: Violent Women and the Myth of Innocence. New York, N.Y: Viking, Publishers