



World Court of Women Women & Violence Fact Sheet: Sources

Facts:

- Domestic violence is “a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological”
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Source: "Domestic Violence." *The United States Department of Justice*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/domviolence.htm>

Fact: Women are more likely than men to experience intimate partner violence.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics; <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/intimate/victims.cfm>

Facts: The main crime against women is intimate partner violence.

- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- Almost one third of female homicide victims reported to police are killed by their partners.
- 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

Source: “Domestic Violence Facts.” National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. [www.ncadv.org/files/DomesticViolenceFactSheet\(National\).pdf](http://www.ncadv.org/files/DomesticViolenceFactSheet(National).pdf)

Fact: “Dating violence happens to people of all races, cultures, incomes, and education levels. It can happen on a first date, or when couples are deeply in love. It can happen at any age, and in heterosexual or same-sex relationships.”

Source: "Dating Violence." *Womenshealth.gov*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.womenshealth.gov/violence-against-women/types-of-violence/dating-violence.cfm>

Fact: “Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. It involves an act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring or receiving a person through a use of force, coercion or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them”.

Source: "Human Trafficking." *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html>

Fact: Emotional or Psychological Abuse is not physical but can be extremely damaging psychologically for victims of it. It is also more common than physical abuse. It is defined as any behavior that is designed to control and subjugate another human being through the use of fear, humiliation, and verbal or physical assaults. It can include anything from verbal abuse and constant criticism to more subtle tactics, such as intimidation, manipulation, and refusal to ever be pleased.

Source: "Emotional Abuse." *Counseling Center*. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. http://www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu/?page_id=168

Fact: The US Department of Justice defines rape as "penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”

Source: "Attorney General Eric Holder Announces Revisions to the Uniform Crime Report's Definition of Rape." *United States Department of Justice*. N.p., 6 Jan. 2012. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/January/12-ag-018.html>

Fact: Other forms of sexual abuse "include derogatory name calling, refusal to use contraception, deliberately causing unwanted physical pain during sex, deliberately passing on sexual diseases or infections and using objects, toys, or other items without consent and to cause pain or humiliation."

Source: "What Is Sexual Abuse?" *Pandora's Project*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.pandys.org/whatissexualabuse.html>

Facts:

- Nearly 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime while 1 in 71 men have been raped in their lifetime.
- 1 in 6 women have been stalked during their lifetime. 1 in 19 men have experienced stalking in their lifetime.

Source: Tuller, Brigitte. "Nearly 1 in 5 Women Raped in Their Lifetime." *Meditations on Self-Defense*. N.p., 17 Dec. 2011. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://3riversdefense.com/?p=768>

Fact: "Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear".

Source: "Stalking." *The United States Department of Justice*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/aboutstalking.htm>

Fact: Examples of stalking are, repeated unwanted communications by phone, mail or email, following the victim around, contacting victim's friends, family, work or neighbors, etc.

Source: "Are you being Stalked Brochure." The National Center for Victims of Crime. www.victimsofcrime.org/docs/src/are-you-being-stalked-brochure.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Fact: Structural Violence Against Women is defined as the "avoidable impairment of fundamental human needs or, to put it in more general terms, the impairment of human life, which lowers the actual degree to which someone is able to meet their needs below that which would otherwise be possible".

Source: Leech, Garry. "The Need for International Humanitarian Intervention in the United States." *Beyond Capital*. N.p., 29 May 2012. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://beyondcapital.org/2012/05/29/the-need-for-international-humanitarian-intervention-in-the-united-states/>

Fact: Women living in households with lower incomes experienced the most intimate partner violence[xiii]

Source: [xiii] Bureau of Justice Statistics: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/intimate/victims.cfm>

Fact: In the US, female-headed families are more likely to be poor.

Source: "Poverty in the United States: A Snapshot." *National Center for Law and Economic Justice*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.nclaj.org/poverty-in-the-us.php>

Fact: The poverty rate in the United States is far higher than in many other developed nations.

Source: "Poverty in the United States." *West Coast Poverty Center*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://depts.washington.edu/wcpc/povertyintheus>

Facts: In the US, women are poorer than men throughout all ethnicities and races and through all ages except childhood.

- The poverty gap between men and women is wider in the US than anywhere else in the Western world.

- Women are paid less than men, even when they have the same qualifications and work the same hours.
- Women spend more time providing unpaid care giving to children, the elderly, sick and disabled people than men.
- Women are more likely to bear the costs of raising children.

Source: "The Straight Facts on Women in Poverty." *Center for American Progress*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2008/10/women_poverty.html

Fact: The US ranks 20th in life expectancy for women down from 1st in 1945 and 13th in 1960.

Source: "The Truth Behind Universal Health Care: Myths Revealed." *ThinkQuest*. Oracle Foundation, n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://library.thinkquest.org/06aug/00342/Universalhealth.html>

Fact: The average prison sentence of men who kill their women partners is 2 to 6 years. Women who kill their partners are, on average, sentenced to 15 years.

Source: "Fast Facts on Domestic Violence." *Domestic Violence*. The Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, n.d. Web. 12 Aug. 2012. <http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/domviol/facts.htm>