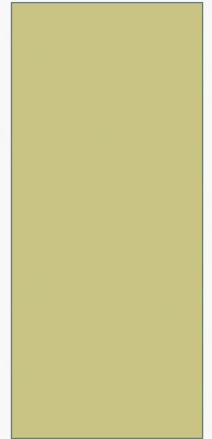


'Yeah but, it's funny if she does it to him': Society's silencing male victims of Domestic Violence

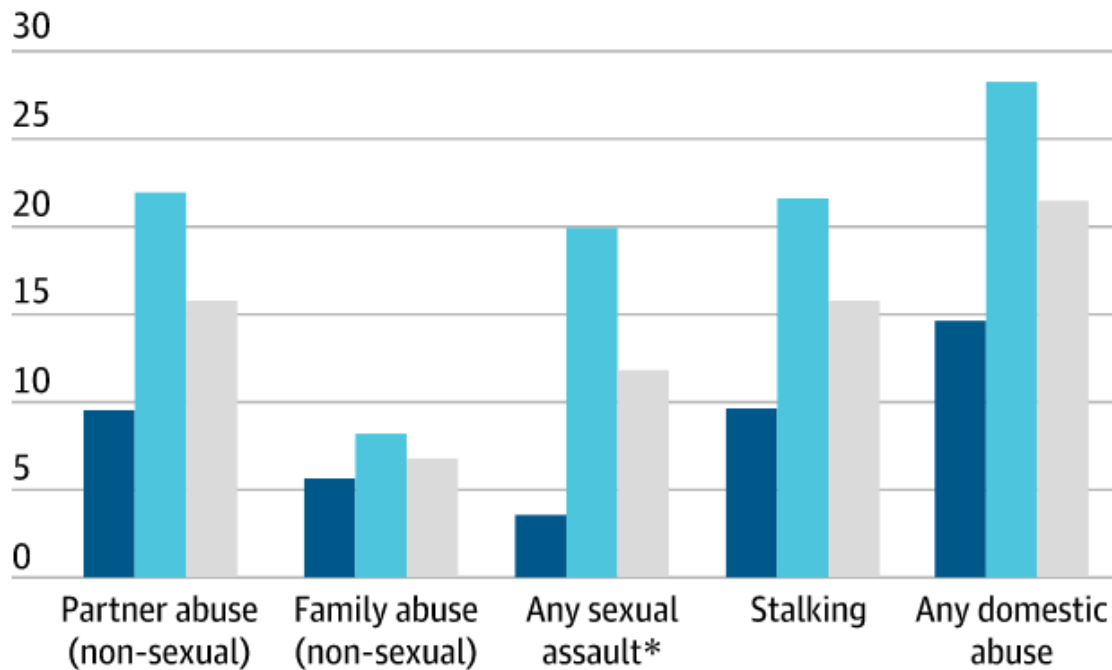
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THE PICTURE

Percentage of adults aged 16-59 who experienced intimate violence at least once since the age of 16

Key | ■ Men ■ Women ■ All



GUARDIAN GRAPHIC

SOURCE: CRIME SURVEY FOR ENGLAND AND WALES. *INC. ATTEMPTS

THEORY, WHAT THEORY?

Is Male Domestic Violence
considered as an entity?

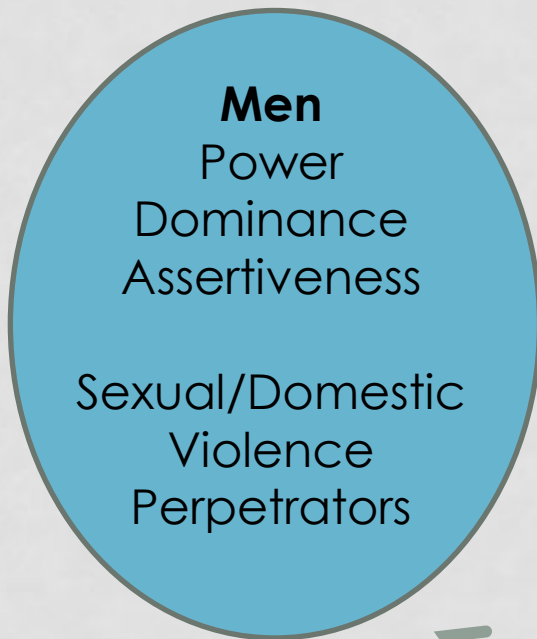
Academically?

Mentally?

THE PROBLEM

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- Threat to masculinity and machismo, threat of ridicule

POWER AND STEREOTYPES



What happens
when men do
become
victims?



THE PROBLEM

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- Whilst there is a global issue with male-on-female domestic violence – a silent problem exists in the form of F-M DV
- Lack of support from social network (Tsui et al, 2010; Tsui, 2014)
- Police (Buzawa & Thomas, 1993) – Satisfaction with care
- Criminal Justice System (Lynette & Kris, 2005) – Sentencing

THE VIGNETTE

- “Scarlett and John have been arguing for the past three days. Scarlett has been getting frustrated that John has been spending a lot of money from their joint bank account. The bills are supposed to be paid in two days and John has asked Scarlett to pay more than his half once again. Scarlett and John start arguing and John pushed Scarlett out of the way to leave the room. Scarlett pulls John back and punches him in the face”

THE RESULTS

- Men and Women judged the vignettes similarly for all questions (i.e., gender was non-significant in all models)
- Broadly, judgements were **higher** in the F-M scenario than in the M-F scenario (aside from Perpetrator Blame)

Vignette	Acceptability*	Humour*	Perpetrator Blame	Victim Blame*
F-M (n = 20)	3.20 (1.19)	3.25 (1.37)	4.45 (0.76)	3.95 (1.05)
M-F (n = 20)	1.40 (1.36)	1.45 (1.47)	4.95 (2.44)	1.95 (1.57)

* = $p < 0.001$

AND IN POPULAR MEDIA?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7m5v8pLtog>



THE IMPLICATIONS



Lift the Mask off DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Brutal Truth

40%
of domestic abuse victims are male;
that's 2 of every 5 victims

1 in 6
Men will be a victim of
domestic abuse in their lifetime

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Man is killed every fortnight
by a current or ex partner

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THE MESSAGE

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PR5ryhnYtQ>
- Uniform, and yet aware, approach to victims of domestic violence
 - Academia needs to support this
 - Both victims and members of support networks need to work towards changing their attitudes towards F-M DV
 - Great charity work!

THANK YOU!

