

Don't drink too much in the company of men. Leave him if he hits you. Dr. Katz believes we should instead be teaching boys and young men that violence against women is unacceptable.

Who should send this message? Dr.

Katz and other male activists agree that the message needs to come from men. Research has shown that most male abusers believe in rigid gender stereotypes. They are more likely to place greater value on what men say and may place little value on the same message delivered by a woman.

Dr. Katz acknowledges that it's not always easy for men to speak up about abuse, but says, "Leadership is stepping forward when no one else does." Domestic violence will not stop until men take a stand against violence toward women.

Local Men Speak Out

"Emotional and physical violence perpetrated against women harms us as a society. In addition, not understanding the implications of such violence lessens us. As men, when we don't speak out against this violence, we unwittingly condone it."

*Michael Carter
Senior VP of Student Services & Marketing
Sinclair Community College*

"Violence against women must be stopped! Men must take gender violence seriously and when the situation dictates, take the appropriate action. We can no longer view this matter as a "woman's issue" and allow the degradation of women to persist."

*Joe Spitzer, Director
Criminal Justice/Data Acquisition Department
Montgomery County*

"For all of the statistical data and testimonials that confirm the real and prevalent problem of violence against women, there remain many who suffer quietly, often in fear that they may not receive the care and support needed to escape further abuse and victimization. Sometimes, the greatest help one can lend in this struggle is to lead by example, standing up and speaking out on behalf of those who might otherwise go unheard and unnoticed. This means ... encouraging victims to seek prompt and appropriate assistance."

*Mike Bessler, SSOPO Program Coordinator
Montgomery County Common Pleas Court*

"Violence in this country is a male problem, and men need to help fix it. In our homes, men are the violent offenders against our sisters and daughters and their children. For as long as we have recognized domestic violence as a problem worth working to end, we have let women do most of that work. It is time for men to take up their share of the burden. Domestic violence will not end until the majority of nonviolent men tell the violent minority that we will tolerate their path of destruction no longer."

*Mike Brigner, JD, Professor, Chair
Sinclair Paralegal Program*

"Males who emotionally or physically abuse women can't call themselves "men". The same goes for those who see or hear women being abused and stay silent. Men have a responsibility to make it known to the wider community, loud and clear, that abusive behavior toward women is unacceptable. A healthy community demands no less."

*Dan Foley
Montgomery County Commissioner*



Nationally Renowned DV Researcher Trains Local Professionals

In May, Artemis Center's Family Violence Collaborative organized a workshop on Domestic Violence Homicides and Risk. Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, presented the most current research on lethality indicators. The audience consisted of law enforcement, court personnel, and healthcare and social service providers.

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Dr. Websdale believes communities can learn a great deal by conducting case reviews of domestic violence homicides. If we identify common

indicators of escalating violence, we may find clues that can prevent some of these tragedies. Dr. Websdale also recommends interviewing the survivors of near-fatal attacks. This can help us learn more about what was happening in the relationship leading up to the attack. Near-fatal attacks occur 10 times more often than homicides, in part because of successful medical intervention.

Dr. Websdale believes there is no single reason why men kill their partners. He stressed we must consider a number of factors within the context of a couple's relationship. Research has shown that the victim is the best barometer for her own level of risk. He urged professionals to give credence to the victim's assessment of her situation. In the box on this page, you will find a research-based list of the most common indicators that a batterer is potentially lethal.

Most Common Signs that a Batterer is Potentially Lethal

- Prior history of domestic violence
- Access to weapons – most commonly firearms
- Threats to kill – How specific is the threat? What does the threat mean to the victim?
- Attempted strangulation
- Forced sex
- Escalation of abuse- Does the victim perceive that the number of assaults and/or the level of violence have increased recently?
- Increasing entrapment – Does the victim perceive that her options are disappearing.
- New twists - Does the victim report recent changes in the pattern of abuse or intimidation?
- Physical separation or emotional estrangement – Does the abuser sense that the victim is distancing herself emotionally?
- Extreme possessiveness or jealousy
- Depression, suicidal thoughts or attempts on the part of the abuser
- Alcohol and substance abuse – Is the abuser drunk on a daily or near daily basis?
- Prior criminal history – 43% of perpetrators had a history of violence independent of domestic violence.



Resources for Men Seeking to Prevent Gender Violence

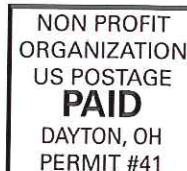
www.JacksonKatz.com
for a poster of 10 Things Men Can Do

www.ACallToMen.com
Tony Porter, activist and educator

www.mavaw.org
Men Against Violence Against Women

www.MenStoppingViolence.org

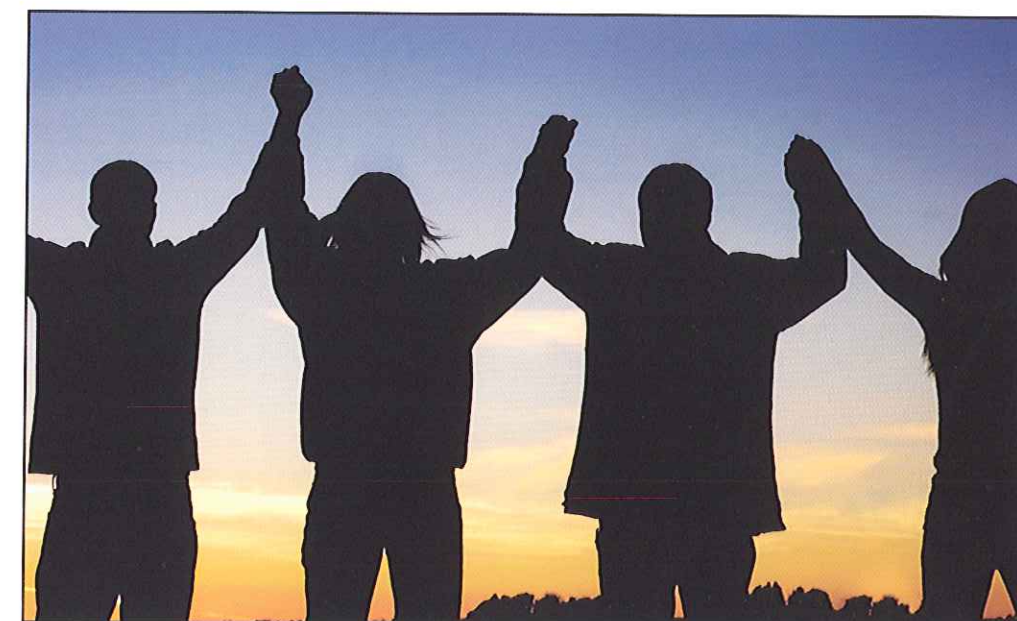
The Macho Paradox:
Why some men hurt women and how all men can help"
by Jackson Katz



On Father's Day Artemis Pays Tributes to Male Supporters Men Urged to Speak Out About Violence Against Women *Instead of making victims responsible for their own safety, we must hold abusers accountable*

Let's hear it for the good guys!
This issue is dedicated to men. Fathers' Day seemed like a good time to celebrate the fathers among you and those who are not fathers. Thank you for providing love and support to the women in your lives. Thanks for being role models for boys. Thank you for your strength and your gentleness, your power and your compassion.

At Artemis, we recently received an email containing an open letter to men. It was signed by over 40 male leaders from across the country.



do we socialize our boys? What are we teaching men and boys about their attitudes and behavior toward girls? And ultimately: What does it mean to be a man in 21st century America?" We invite you to read the letter in it's entirety on our website at www.artemiscenter.org or check us out on Facebook

Batterers are misogynists. When a man believes his gender is superior, it is a short mental leap to assuming that a woman's job is to please him at all times. He feels justified in "punishing" her when she fails to meet his expectations. He believes it's his right to control her. Without anyone to challenge his view, he believes he can mistreat her and suffer no negative consequences.

Men should hold other men accountable

Violence against women thrives in silence. Too often people are aware of domestic violence, but choose to look the other way. The authors of the letter we quoted above believe it's up to other men to challenge the abusive male.

Jackson Katz, Ph.D. is a leading anti-sexist activist. He asserts that violence against women has historically been seen as a women's issue. That's because it primarily has been women speaking out about it. Dr. Katz believes society should switch its focus from victims and survivors to the perpetrators.

Girls and women are bombarded with messages about maintaining their own safety: Never walk alone at night.

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Rain Holds Off for Walk Away from Violence

Mother Nature smiled on the 200 participants in Artemis Center's 5k walk/run on May 14. While earlier rains flooded parts of the original course, supporters took the change of venue in stride.

Thanks to everyone who walked, ran, or raised money for Artemis programs. Thanks also to all of you who gave us great ideas for next year's event via Facebook. We'd love to hear suggestions from even more of you.

We want to express our special gratitude to Verizon Wireless and Kondas Dental Group for their generous support of this

event and to Five Rivers Metroparks for all their help.

Date Set for Vigil

The annual vigil for those who have lost their lives to domestic violence and for those still trapped in dangerous relationships will be held at noon on October 5. Please make plans now to join us at Courthouse Plaza in downtown Dayton for this special observance.

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