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Ending Violence Against Women



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A CALL TO MEN:
Become Part of the Solution

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OUR PURPOSE

To influence change in men's behavior through a re-education and training process that challenges sexism

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OUR MISSION

To galvanize a national movement of men committed to ending all forms of violence against women

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OUR VISION

To shift social norms defining manhood in our culture

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**LESS VALUE
+
PROPERTY
+
OBJECTIFICATION
=
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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Naming the Problem

- Violence against women is a manifestation of sexism
- Men's violence against women is the leading cause of injury to women
- Violence against women is a human rights violation

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Naming The Problem

- Well meaning men and men who assault have more in common than differences
- Each year millions of men severely assault the women they are partnered with

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Naming the Problem

- Each day several men murder their present or former female partner. The majority of these murders occur during or after a separation
- There is a high percentage of men who assault the women they are partnered with during her pregnancy

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Naming the Problem

- Men are responsible for the trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women
- There is a “silent partnership” between men
- Privileges given to men by men
- The need for male accountability

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Naming the Problem

- Men rape and sexually assault more than 300,000 women every year
- Men will rape 1 out of 6 women
- Men will sexually assault 1 out of 4 women on college campuses

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Well Meaning Men *Separate Themselves* in the Following Ways

- Make monsters of them
- Focus on fixing them
- Pathologize their violence

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Well Meaning Men Give *Permission* in the Following Ways

- Silence and permission are synonymous
- Blaming women
- Minimizing the consequence
- Desensitize violence

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How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

Well meaning men consciously and subconsciously *separate themselves* from men who commit sexual assaults while simultaneously giving them *permission*

- Understand and acknowledge how sexism, patriarchy and male privilege are the foundation for violence against women

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How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

- Examine and challenge our sexism and the role it plays in supporting violence against women
- Stop colluding with other men, get out of our defined roles in society and take a stance to end all forms of violence against women

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How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

- Remember that our silence is affirming. When we choose not to speak out, we are supporting the behavior
- Educate and re-educate our sons and other young men about our responsibility to end violence against women

How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

- **Break out of the “the man box”**. Challenge those traditional images of manhood, that stops us from actively taking a stance to end men’s violence against women
- Accept and own our responsibility that violence against women will not end until men become part of the solution to end it

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How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

- Stop making excuses for the behavior of men. Violence against women is a man’s choice, rooted in and supported by sexism
- Create appropriate and effective systems to educate and hold men accountable

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How Men Can Become Part of the *Solution*

Develop systems of accountability to women. Violence against women will end only when men take direction from those who understand it most, **women**

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