

Men Stopping **Violence**

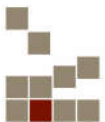
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Enhancing Accountability In Battering Intervention Programs Through Community Engagement

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Brief Intro to Organization

Founded in 1982, Men Stopping Violence (MSV) works locally, nationally and internationally to advance its mission:

“Engage men and communities to take action to end violence against women.”



Goal of Presentation

Discuss how Men Stopping Violence (MSV) uses its battering intervention program (BIP) to engage communities to be part of the solution.

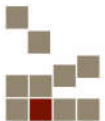
Focus will be on its Community Project requirement.



MSV's Model

Community Accountability Model as Context for discussion

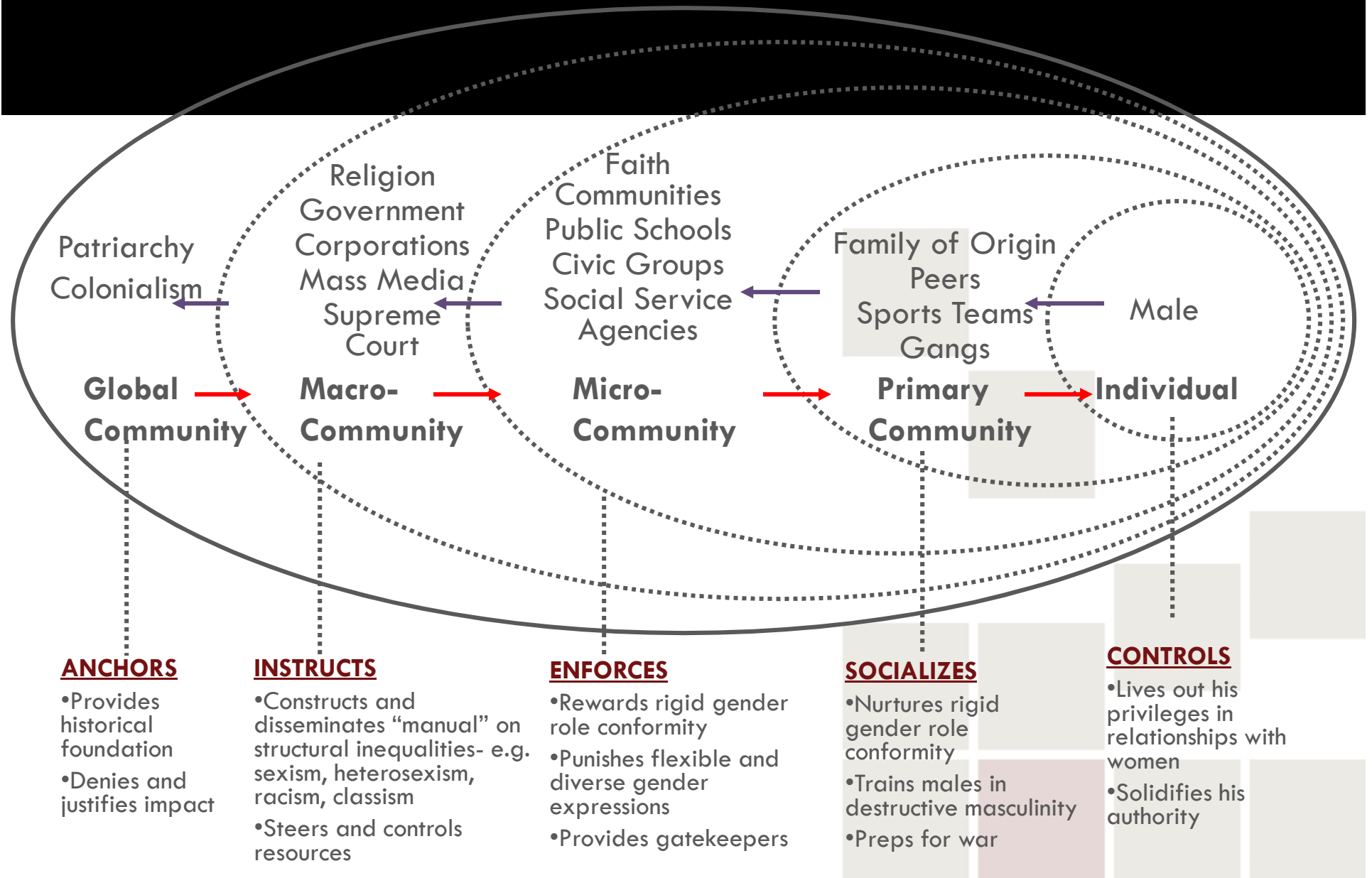
Our ecological model is organized around the different levels of influence at which patriarchy asserts itself and identifies those levels at which patriarchal norms can be disrupted



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COMMUNITY-ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL OF MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Disrupting Patriarchal Functions

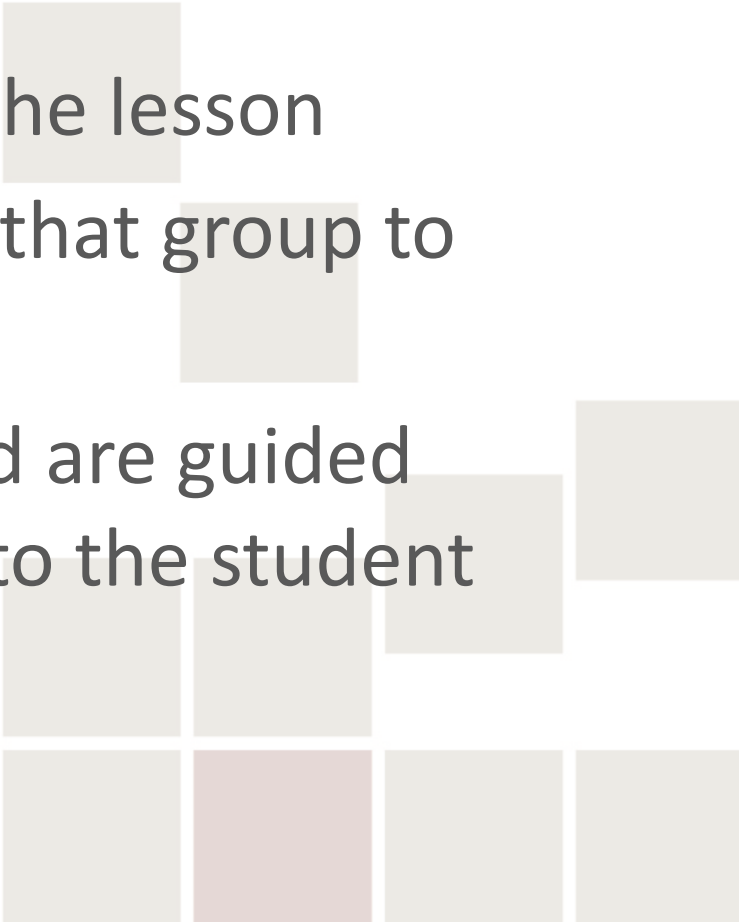
Our programs aim is to disrupt **patriarchal functions** at each level of the social ecology.

The 24-week course (BIP) is part of this disruption

- Take Class to Community
- Bring Community to Class

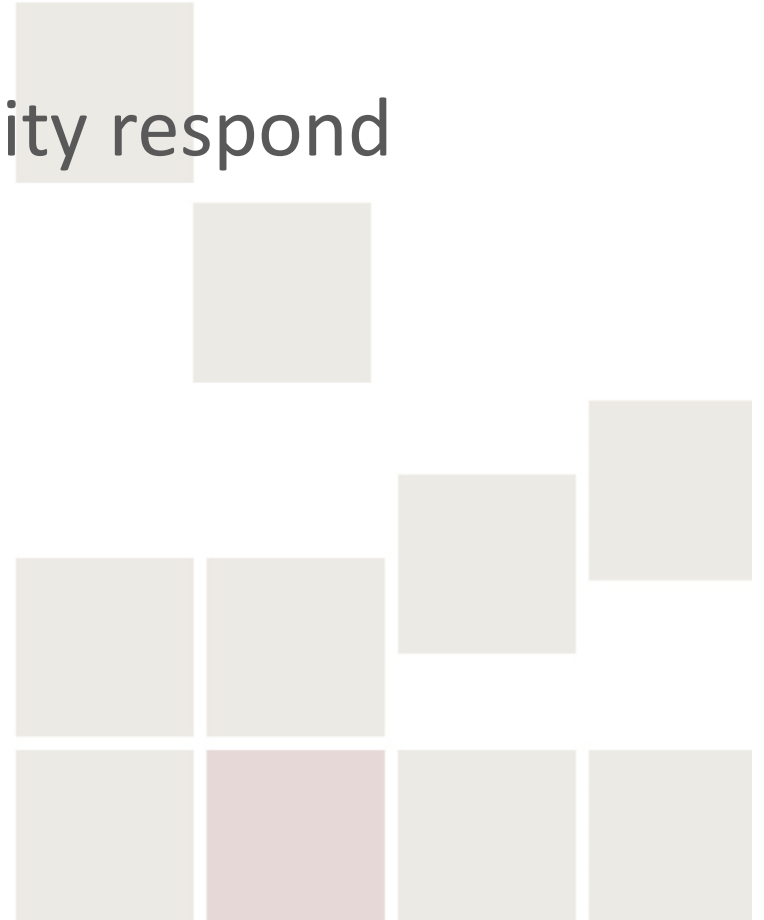
The Community Projects disrupt at the Individual, Primary Community, and Micro Community levels.

Community Project Requirements

- Teach men four men a lesson from the curriculum
 - Write up their responses to the lesson
 - Bring *at least* two men from that group to class
 - Those men witness class, and are guided through providing feedback to the student
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What Happens In Class

- Who students bring for their 24-week review
- The flow of the review
- How the men from community respond

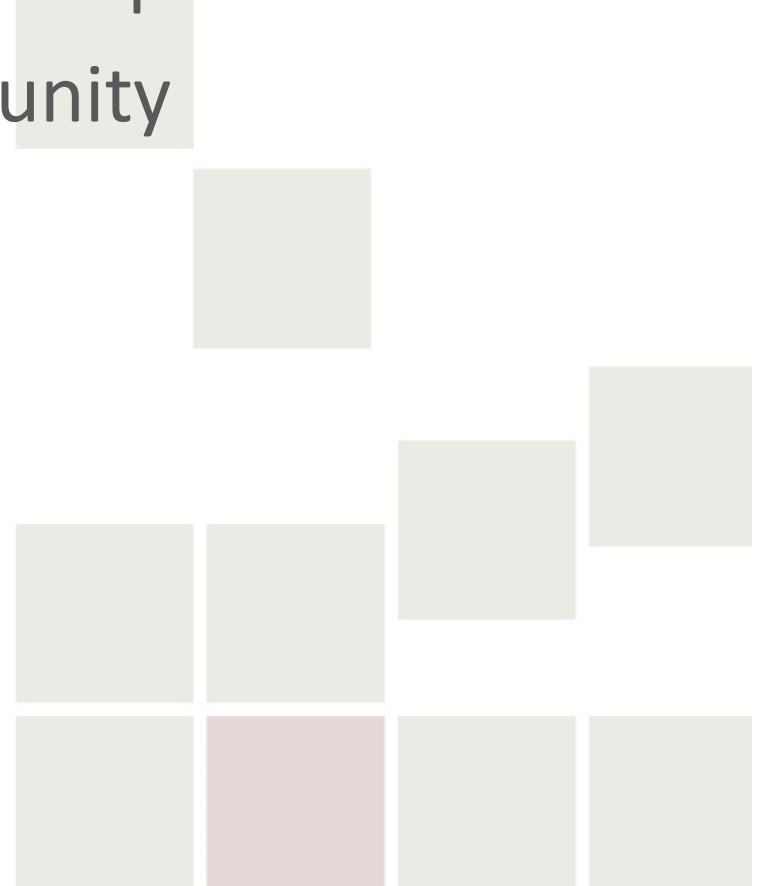


What Happens Beyond Class

Follow-Up:

What we hear from project participants

What we hear from the community



Strengths and Limitations

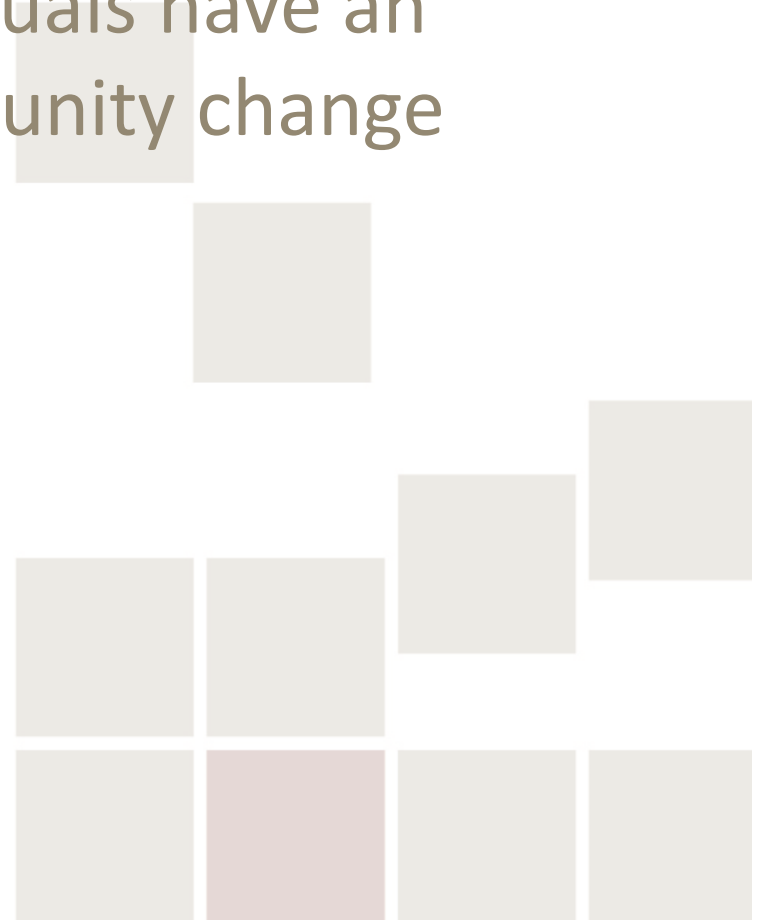
- Whom students engage in projects: No screening; potential for collusion & accountability
- Opportunity to learn about violence against women.
- Men are exposed to our curriculum for a very short time
- Possible improvement: Increase men's exposure to the curriculum.
- Overall positive impact (re: Scott's testimony).

Impact on Micro Community



Closing Thoughts

- Why community accountability matters
- Programs focused on individuals have an opportunity to create community change



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