



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Addressing Male Sexual Violence Against Women In Battering Intervention Programs

November 21st, 2019

**Ulester V. Douglas
Associate Director**

Why A Lesson On Sexual Violence?

- Prevalence of *contact sexual violence* (18.3%) in “intimate partner violence” against women; 43.6% of all women sometime in her lifetime (NISVS 2018 Report)
- The use and threat of violence by men in intimate relationships with women raises questions about consent
- Many women, including those who have not been directly assaulted, organize their behaviors, schedules, and lives around the constant and pervasive threat of male sexual violence.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Location of Lesson in Curriculum

Unit A: Defining The Problem

Lesson 1 - Tactics

Lesson 2 - The roots of men's violence...

Lesson 3 - Male Sexual violence against women

Lesson 4 - Pornography

Lesson 5 – Stalking

Unit B: The Impact of Male violence Against Women [3 lessons]

Unit C: Manhood Revisited [4 lessons]



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Objectives of the Lesson

- Define male sexual violence against women
- Describe the scope of the problem
- Identify students' beliefs and attitudes about male sexual violence against women
- Describe the effects of male sexual violence on women



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Components of the Lesson

- MSV's Definition
- Implications of this definition for women
- Consent
- Safe and Respectful Sexual Interaction

The focus of this presentation will be on the definition.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Why The Necessity For An MSV Definition?

Exasperation with current definitions' unwillingness to name gendered-agency and the truth about the role of male socialization in sexual violence against women.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Legal Definitions

- Primary Purpose: To punish perpetrators or hold individuals or institutions liable
- Strength: Enforceable
- Limitations:
 - Biased
 - Doesn't address culture that socializes all men
 - Let's the rest of us off the hook



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Public Health Definitions

- Primary Purpose: To monitor prevalence and determine risk and protective factors
- Strengths:
 - Breadth more accurately reflects survivors' experiences
 - Some acknowledgement of role of male socialization and training
- Limitations:
 - Male socialization and entitlement deemphasized



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Campus Definitions

- Primary Purpose: To ensure all students have a safe environment where they can learn.
- Strengths:
 - Breadth more accurately reflects survivors' experiences
 - Responsibility for creating a safe environment provides incentive for addressing social norms
- Limitations:
 - Breadth can be overwhelming
 - Can easily turn to tactics and away from social norms



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Social Justice Definitions

- Primary Purpose: Facilitating advocacy and change on individual, community and societal levels
- Strengths:
 - Great potential to change social norms
- Limitations:
 - Not enforceable
 - Often crafted to explain survivors' experiences rather than engage men



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

MSV's Definition

Male sexual entitlement
combined with tactics to impose his will.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Deconstructing “Male Sexual Entitlement”

- Male as an adjective rather than a noun
- Negative aspects of male socialization is the problem
- Men having an inherent right to women’s bodies for sex acts and services at will
- Belief in men’s superiority over other sexes and genders



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Tactics to impose his will

- Range of tactics including physical, psychological, economic, and
- Many of these tactics are normalized in our culture
- Intent behind tactics matter; effects of tactics matter more.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

GA Tech Luring Rape-bait Email

- Circulated by a senior fraternity member
- A short guide consist of the 7 E's of HOOKING UP!
 1. Encounter
 2. Engage
 3. Escalate
 4. Erection
 5. Excavate
 6. Ejaculate
 7. Expunge

IF ANYTHING EVER FAILS, GO GET MORE ALCOHOL
NO RAPING.



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Male Sexual Violence

Male Sexual Entitlement

- Always ready for sex
- Have lots of sex
- Sex on demand is our right
- Intimacy = Sex
- Women request sex with underlying nonverbal messages
- Women's bodies are available for men's gratification
- No means yes
- There is a point of no return

+ Tactics to impose his will

- Name calling and whistling
- Looks and gestures
- Using drugs and alcohol
- Using Coercion
- Sulking and guilt
- Emotional and Psychological manipulation
- Physical manipulation and/or aggression
- Using pornography

= Sexual Violence



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.

Observations & Questions

- Responses to Richard's report of sexual assault against several women.
- Woman in the community who witness a class "I am realizing how much danger I'm still in."
- Where do men go to own sexual violence against women?
- Are we willing and "prepared" to hear Richard's reports? How do we know?



Men Stopping Violence

Working together for a change.