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Domestic Violence in Different Social Classes

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GENERAL STATISTICS

- **1 in 4 women** and **1 in 7 men** will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Approximately **85%** of perpetrators are male.
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over **20,000 calls**.

ADOLESCENT RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

- **1 in 3 teens** in a relationship report enduring repeated verbal abuse
- 30% of teens report **being text messaged 10, 20, or 30 times an HOUR** by a partner
- **1/4 teenage girls** who have been in relationships report they have been pressured to perform oral sex or engage in intercourse

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$8.3 billion per year.
- The lifetime economic cost to the U.S. population is \$3.6 trillion. This economic cost estimate includes almost 32 million women and 12 million men who are victims of IPV during their lives,
- The \$3.6 trillion economic cost estimate included:
 - \$2.1 trillion (59%) in medical costs,
 - \$1.3 trillion (37%) in lost productivity among victims and perpetrators,
 - \$73 billion (2%) in criminal justice costs, and
 - \$62 billion (2%) in other costs, such as victim property loss or damage.

DV BASICS

DEFINITION

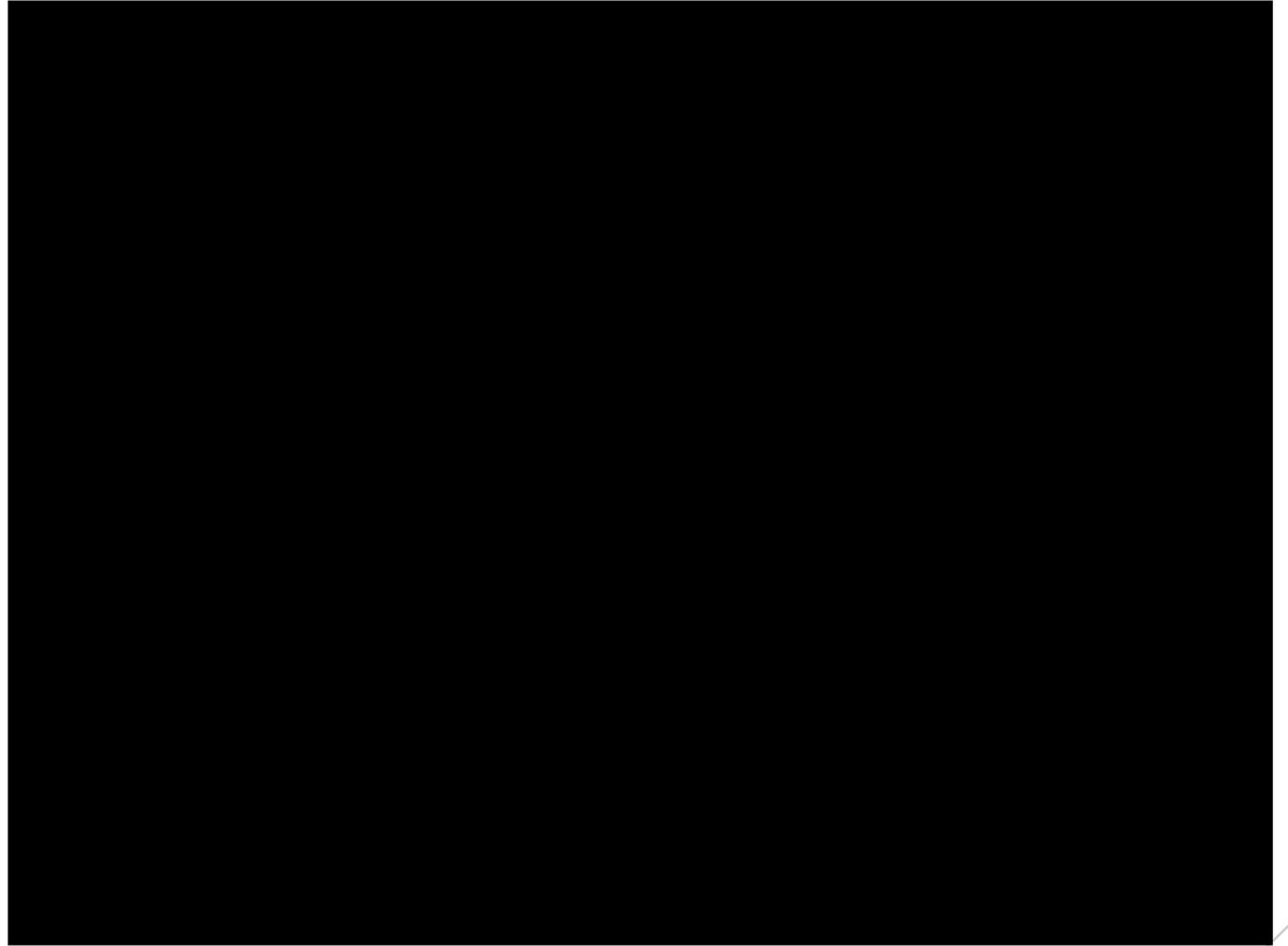
- **Domestic violence** (also called intimate partner violence (IPV), domestic abuse or relationship abuse) is a **pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in a current or past intimate relationship**. Causes one partner to fear the other.
- Domestic violence **does not discriminate**. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

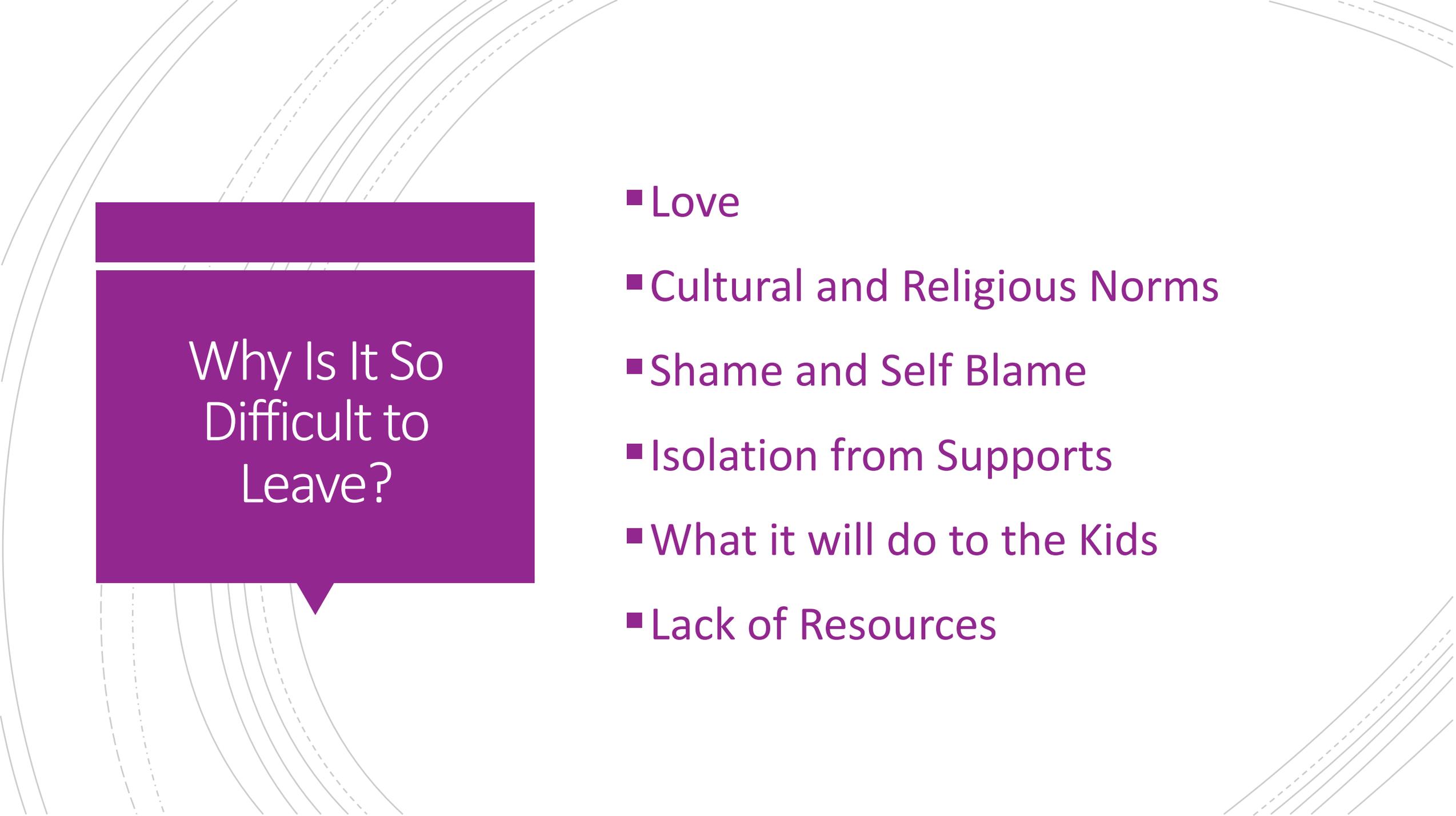
TYPES OF ABUSE

- Emotional
- Physical
- Sexual
- Stalking/Cyber Stalking
- Financial

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A Warning Sign



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Why Is It So Difficult to Leave?

- Love
- Cultural and Religious Norms
- Shame and Self Blame
- Isolation from Supports
- What it will do to the Kids
- Lack of Resources

DURING THE RELATIONSHIP

- Forbidding the victim to work.
- Sabotaging work or employment opportunities by stalking or harassing the victim at the workplace or causing the victim to lose her/his job by physically battering prior to important meetings or interviews.
- Forbidding the victim from attending job training or advancement opportunities.
- Controlling how all of the money is spent.
- Not including the victim in investment or banking decisions.
- Not allowing the victim access to bank accounts. Making them sign over their checks.
- Withholding money or giving “an allowance.”
- Forcing the victim to write bad checks or file fraudulent tax returns.
- Running up large amounts of debt on joint accounts.

DURING THE RELATIONSHIP

- Refusing to work or contribute to the family income.
- Withholding funds for the victim or children to obtain basic needs such as food and medicine.
- Hiding assets.
- Stealing the victim's identity, property, or inheritance.
- Forcing the victim to work in a family business without pay.
- Refusing to pay bills and ruining the victims' credit score.
- Forcing the victim to turn over public benefits or threatening to turn the victim in for "cheating or misusing benefits."
- Filing false insurance claims.

AFTER LEAVING

- Refusing to pay child support
- Quitting their job so that they don't have to give any support
- Hiding assets
- Dragging survivors through the court system

PERSONAL COSTS

- Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8.0 million days of paid work each year.
- Between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse.
- Between 2003 and 2008, 142 women were murdered in their workplace by their abuser, 78% of women killed in the workplace during this timeframe.
- The costs from IPV are substantial. The lifetime per-victim cost was \$103,767 for women and \$23,414 for men.

FINANCIAL ABUSE

- No matter what the socioeconomic status of the FAMILY is, most victims of domestic violence have very little access to money.
- Research indicates that financial abuse occurs in 99% of domestic violence cases.

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Upscale Violence: How It Looks Different

- No Apology, No Flowers, No Honeymoon Phase
- Abuse Can Be More Subtle; More Mind Games
- Threatens to Take Full Custody of Children
- Bruises May Be In Hidden Areas

Women of Means

- “Does not happen to people like us.” MYTH
- Don’t know any one else this happens to, so stay silent
- Do not think it is abuse
- Will not be believed
- Do not call the police; Do not go to shelter

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Solutions

- Cultural Change: Messaging so that these women don't think that they are the only ones
- Cultural orgs focused on serving Women of "Means" – religious, location of programs in their neighborhoods
- Qualifying these women who look like they have \$ but don't for pro bono legal services.
- Cultural change in Courts (training and accountability)

