

What percentage of IPV victims are men?

- A) 5%
- B) 15%
- C) 30%
- D) 50%
- E) more than 50%

- Estimates range from 30 – 50 % in crime based and population based surveys

Examples:

- German Health Interview and Examination Survey for Adults (2008-11)
- 2011/12 and 2012/13 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey
- ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales 2012/13 and 14/15
- National Family Violence survey 1975/85
- 2010 National Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Survey

What is happening in NZ?

2014 NZCASS: 6943 participants

	Lifetime - since 15		Last 12 months - 2013	
	Men %	Women %	Men %	Women %
All forms of violence by a partner experienced once or more	13.8	26.1	4.4	5.7
Assault	8.4	21.5	2.5	3.4
Experienced one or more sexual offence	5.6	23.8	0.5	1.6

	Men %	Women %
Coercive and controlling behaviour for those who had a current partner	17	14.4

Men's Experiences of Victimisation from a Female Intimate Partner: Implications for Practice and Policy

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Hines & Douglas US survey

English speaking heterosexual men physically assaulted by female partner who had sought help

Age 18-59

Online/telephone survey - Jan 2008/09 and Jan 2012/April 2013

Form of Aggression	Study 1 (n=302) (%)	Study 2 (611) (%)
Physical – minor	98.7	98.8
- severe	90.4	85.1
- very severe	54	50.4
Injury - minor	77.5	72.3
- severe	35.1	40.9
Severe psychological	96	94.9
Controlling behaviours	93.4	93.3

Hines & Douglas US survey *contd.*

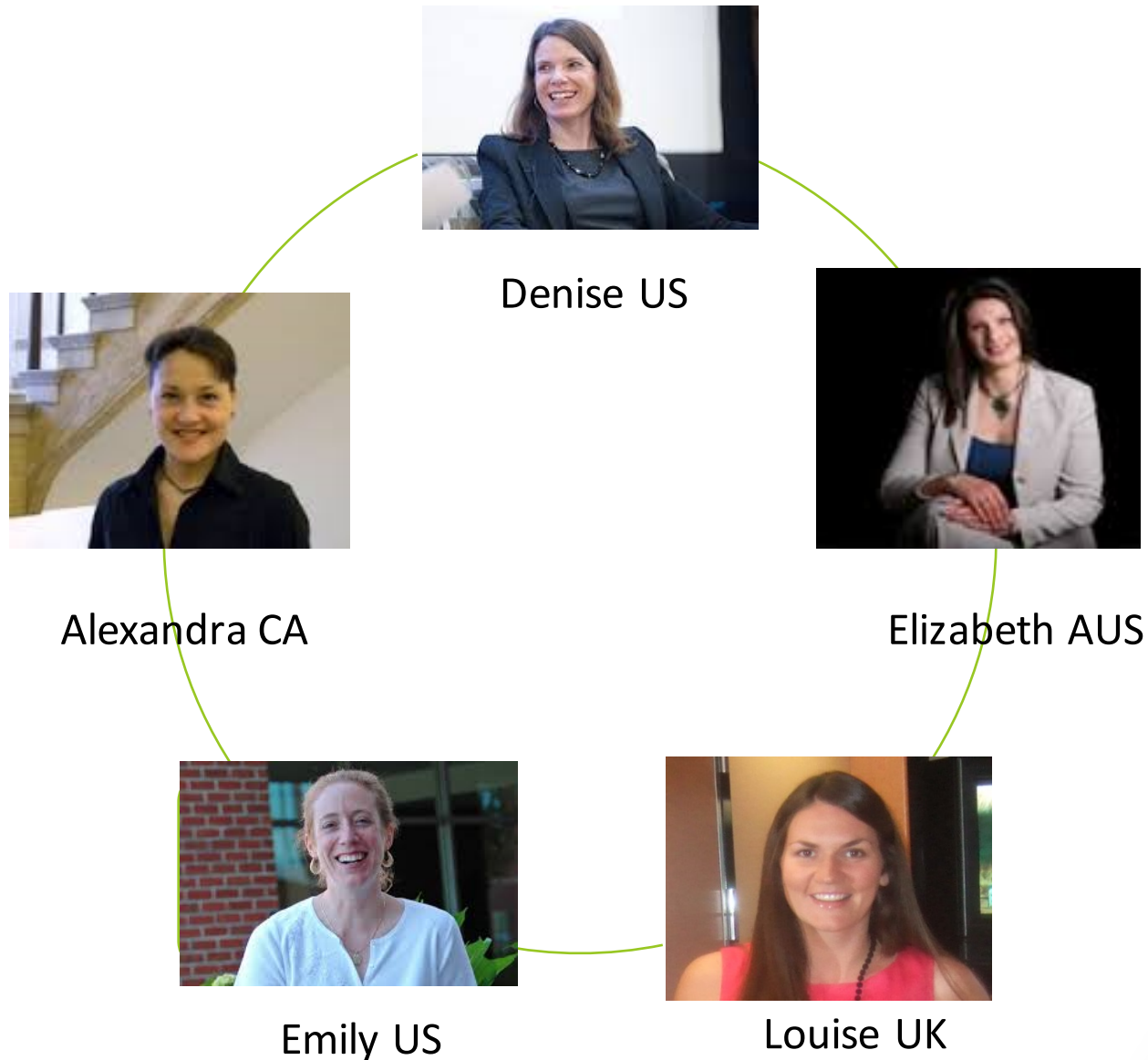
Sexual Aggression	Study 1 (n=302) (%)	Study 2 (n = 611) (%)
Insisted on sex when partner did not want to	41.4	43.4
Threatened or forced to have sex (severe)		28
Any sexual assault		48.6

*taken from Hines & Douglas, 210a,b; 2013a, b; Hines & Douglas, (2014)

Helpseeking experiences matter

- Douglas & Hines (2011) showed a cumulative positive and negative relationships between helpseeking experiences and mental health issues
 - For each additional positive helpseeking experience, men were about 40% less likely to abuse alcohol in the previous year
 - For each additional negative helpseeking experience, men were 37% times more likely to meet the clinical cut-off for PTSD

Highlighting Invisible Men (HIM): An International Domestic Abuse Network



Study objectives

To examine men's experiences of abuse and/or violence by their female intimate partner in four English speaking countries

To explore their helpseeking experiences and services available to them across the different countries

(UK, US, CA, AUS)

Lived Experiences of IPV:

1. “Power play”

(UK)Forty: “..she caught me smoking and she didn’t do the normal thing, which was to yell and scream for five or six hours, because she wanted me to go shopping. So, in order to get the whole process done quickly and get out shopping she got me to lick dog food off the kitchen floor.”

2. Physical attacks

(CA) Michael: *“She knocked me unconscious with a wine bottle and I was left unconscious on the ground and she was trying to light matches on my bed....”*

(CA) Dave: *“...and the potatoes boiled over so she threw the pot of boiled potatoes at me.”*

(US) Nicholas: *“..she clobbered the hell out of me with her fists....that hurt. She also kicked me pretty damn hard in inappropriate places.”*

(UK) Daniel: *“She gave me a black eye...I had this great big black shiner”*

To seek or not to seek:

1. “There’s no help out there”

(UK) forty: *“The only affordable facility there is for a man in an abusive relationship is a bit of rope.... There is no help out there; there is no help out there. There’s nowhere to go.”*

(US) Tom: *“I finally called a couple of domestic violence centers, after making hundreds of referrals to those places, and nobody has anything to do with men”*

(CA) Michael: *“....there is no services, zero, you know...that doubled the, I felt like kind of like double victimised by that, I have to admit.”*

(AUS) George: *“I was looking everywhere to find help....”*

3. Lack of professional awareness and gendered accountability

(CA) Michael: *“I called the women’s assault helpline, at that time, and I got a pretty unfriendly reception...they said that they didn’t know how to help me. And I asked if there was anybody that I could talk to there about it and they said, ‘no, no, you have to figure things out on your own.’ And they wouldn’t help me at all and I couldn’t understand why I got that reaction and I was really hurt by that.”*

(US) Tom: *“..any time I went to the police myself with domestic violence issues, the police in Michigan you always arrested the man. So I simply took it...”*

Implications for
practice and policy?

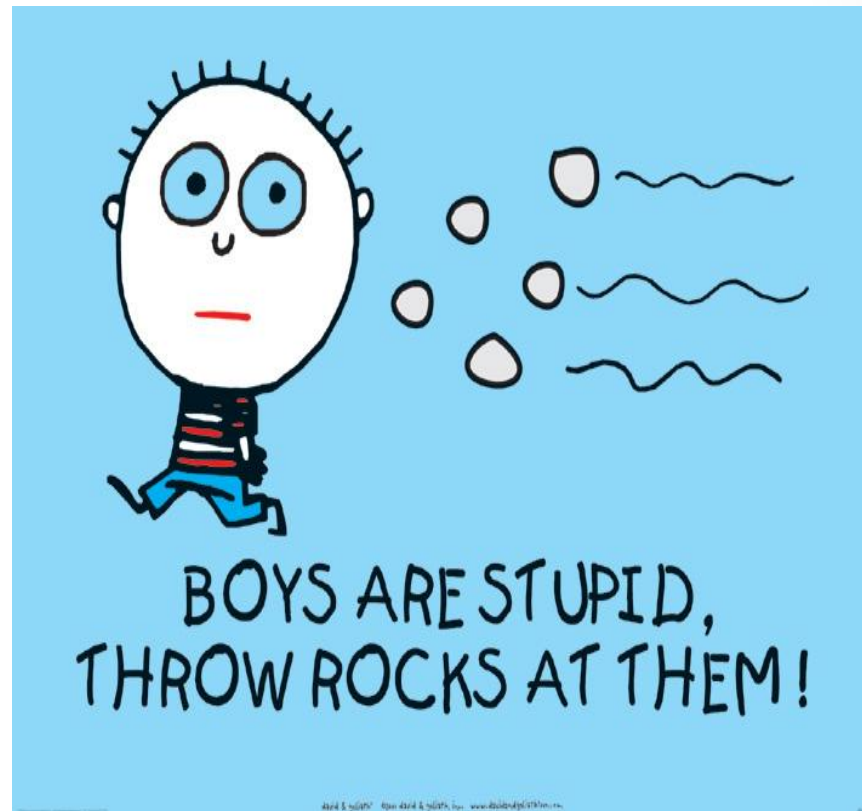
Service provision

UK Services for men

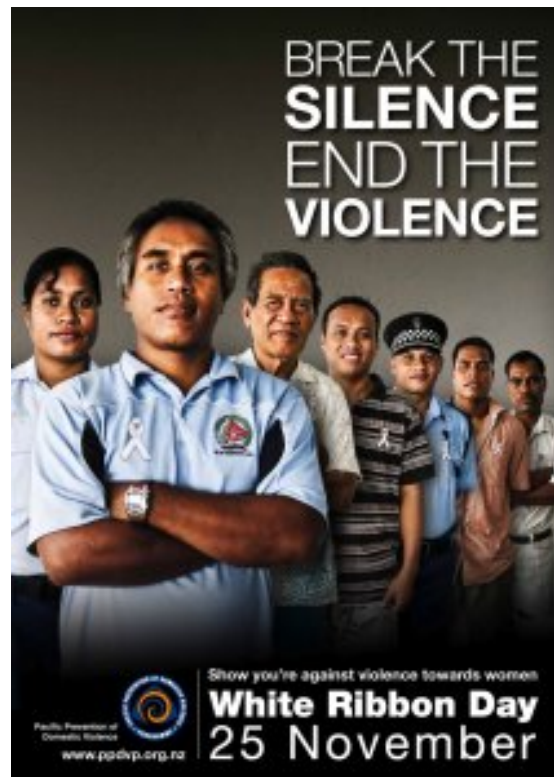
- “18 organisations offer refuge or safe house provision for male victims in the UK - a total of c70 spaces, of which 24 are dedicated to male DV victims only (the rest being for victims of either gender). For female victims, there are nearly 400 specialist domestic violence organisations providing refuge accommodation for women in the UK with c4,000 spaces for over 7,000 women and children.”

(Brooks, March 2016)

Societal acceptance?



Media messages as education?



**Violence and abuse by anyone
in the
family is not OK!**

Questions?

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