

What Is Violence Against Women?

“Violence against women is about control and coercion of women. Violence against women occurs among all social, cultural, economic, and religious groups. At the societal level, violence against women is most common within cultures where gender roles are strictly defined and enforced; where masculinity is closely associated with toughness, male honor, or dominance; where punishment of women and children is accepted; where violence is a standard way to resolve conflicts. While abuse occurs in all socioeconomic settings, poverty and stress associated with poverty contribute to intimate partner violence”

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