



The comprehensive resource on domestic violence

Power and Control: Dynamics of Domestic Violence

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What is domestic violence?



A pattern of
assaultive and
coercive behaviors



including physical,
sexual and
psychological
attacks, as well as
economic
coercion



that adults and
adolescents use
against their
intimate partners.



Ohio Revised Code Definition (ORC 2919.25)

The criminal law defines domestic violence as doing any of the following to a Family or Household Member:

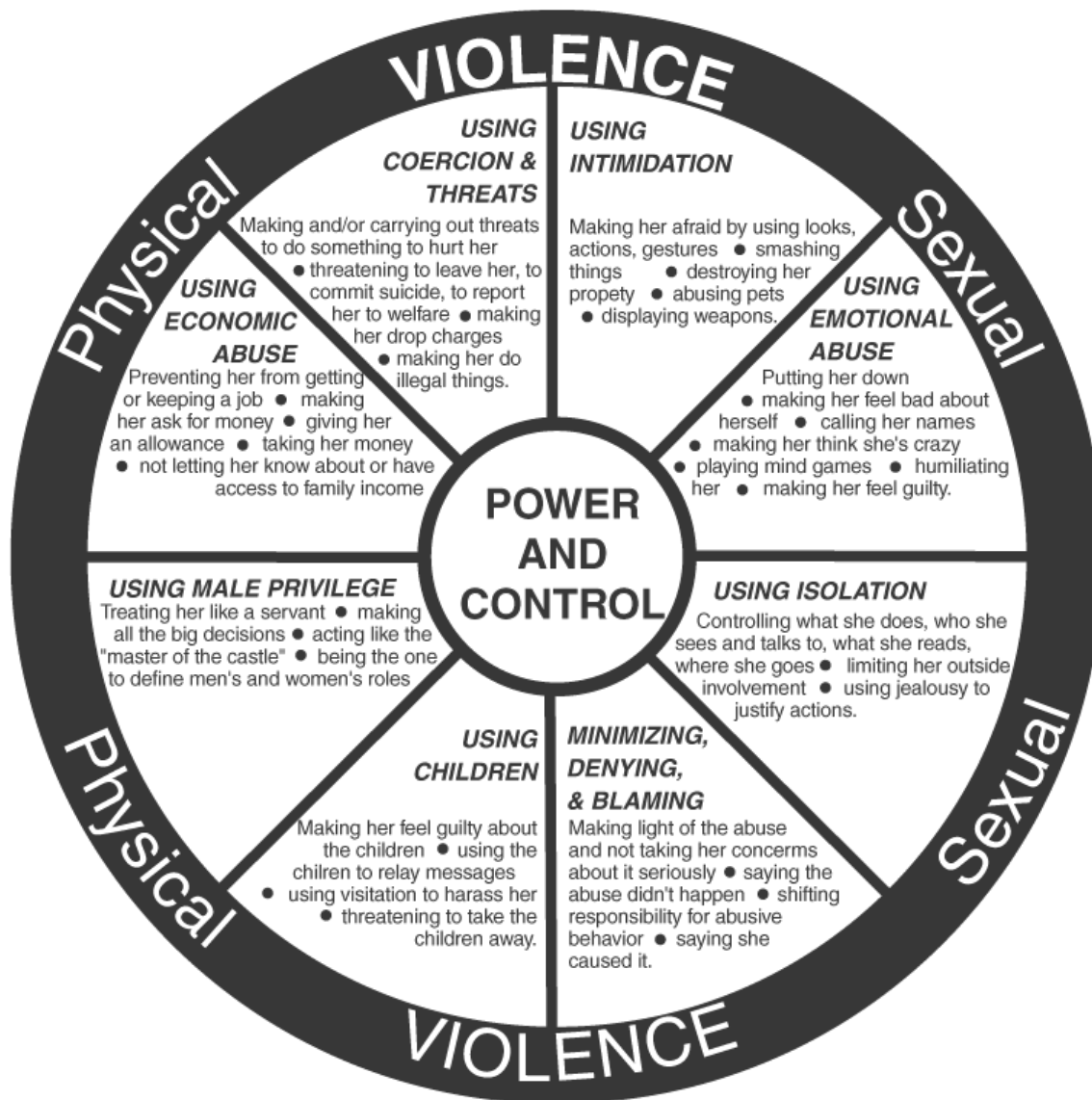
- Knowingly causing or attempting to cause physical harm
- Recklessly causing serious physical harm
- By threat of force knowingly causing another to believe the offender will cause imminent physical harm

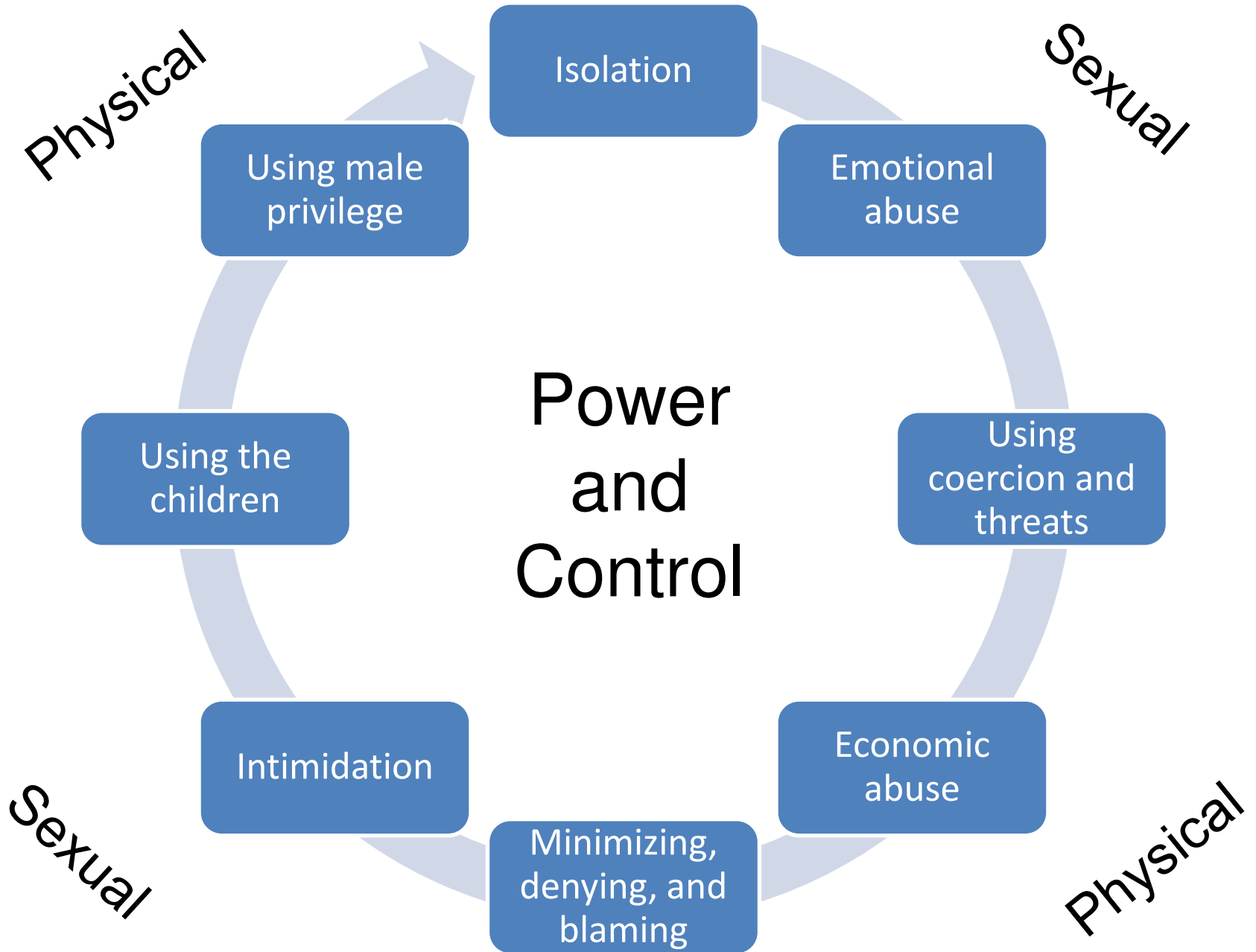


“Addiction does not cause domestic violence and recovery from addiction does not cure it.”

Dr. Lundy Bancroft

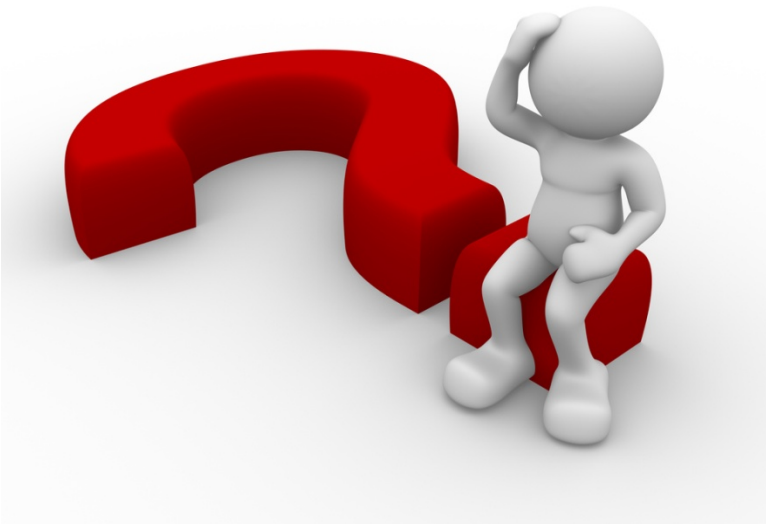
“Why Does He Do That: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men”



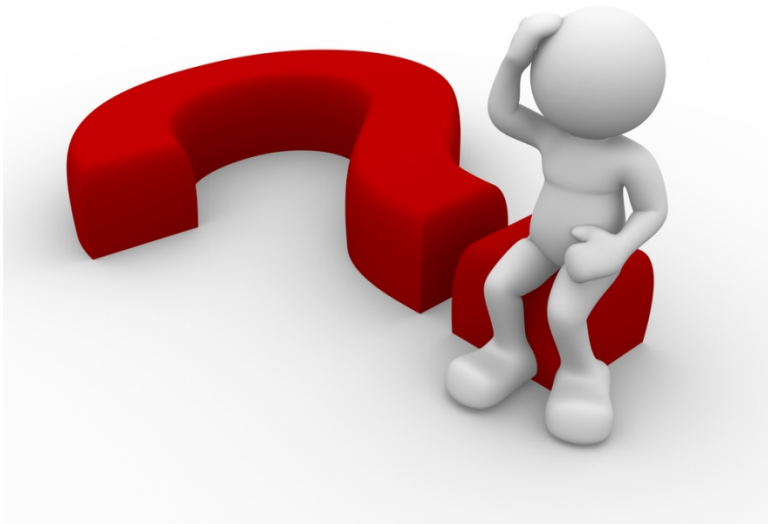


Let's think....

Think of a
time in your
life when
you needed
to make a
change.

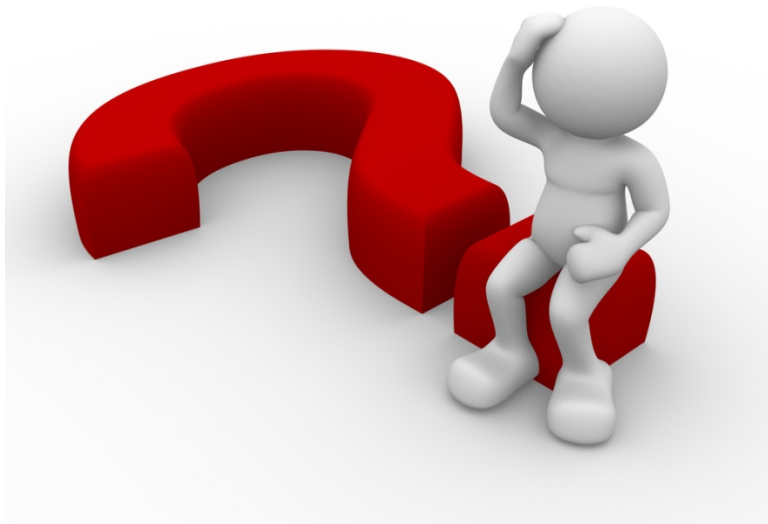


Let's think....



Why didn't you
leave/make the
change
immediately?

Let's think....



What steps did
you take to
change the
situation? ?

Ask about domestic violence

Build a connection

Ask in a private place

Validate the difficulty of the subject

Ask behavioral questions

Don't challenge answers

Share resources and let them know you are available

DO....

- Learn about DV
- Learn about resources available
- Point out strengths
- Give information
- Validate
- Help with plans
- Tell the victim it isn't their fault



DON'T....

- Blame them
- Tell the victim what to do
- Criticize their partner
- Make your help conditional
- Ask, “Why?”



Thank you!!



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