

JACKSON KATZ SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP

Mission Statement: The Mission of Crisis Connection Inc. is to work in partnership with communities to empower victims, survivors & persons affected by domestic & sexual violence through confidential crisis intervention, education and advocacy in Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

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Advisory
Some of the following content is sexually graphic; our intent is not to insult, but to provide an accurate depiction of what's out 'there'

Getting personal with yourself...

Every 45 seconds an American male rapes an American female ...every day, every month, every year, after year, after year...

Q. Why do **you** think so many men assault girls and women? What is the process by which millions of loving little boys grow up and turn into controlling, violent men? Why do **you** think so many grown men sexually abuse little girls and boys? Why do **you** think so many men sexually assault and harass women and girls?

*"I packs a strap, like that; I kicks it like this
Now how many bitches must get dick?"
Snoop Dogg "For All My Niggaz & Bitches"*

Q. Have **you** ever asked **your** male friends, relatives, co-workers, team members, parishioners, or golfing/bowling/hunting buddies if they have ever harassed, stalked, verbally or emotionally abused, assaulted or raped a girl or woman? What might happen if **you** did?

*"Don't stroke it...ram it"
Full-size tailgate decal on Dodge Ram pickup truck*

Q. How many of the girls and women that **you** know have been harassed, stalked, verbally or emotionally abused, assaulted or raped? Have **you** ever asked? Would the girls and women **you** know tell **you** if **you** did ask?

*"So Gwen Stefani, will you pee pee on me please?
I ain't never seen an ass like that
Cuz the way you move it, you make my pee pee go
Doing, doing, doing"
Eminem "Ass Like That"*

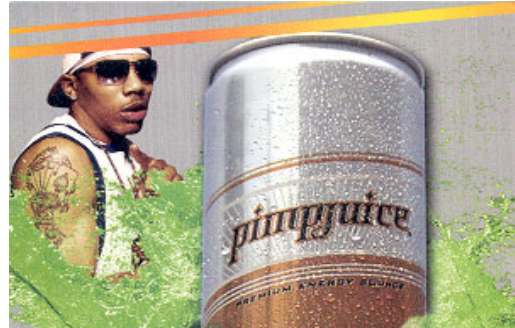
Q. Why do **you** think the millions of rapes and batteries that are committed by American men **every single year** aren't the lead story on the news every night? Do **you** think the high rate of men's violence against women and children is simply an *unpleasant* fact of American life? Is it so thoroughly taken for granted that males are perpetrators of violence and females their appropriate victims that we need not discuss the matter further?

U.S. males commit more rapes per capita than any other industrialized nation in the world: 13 times higher than England and more than 20 times higher than Japan

Q. Have **you** ever thought or asked, "Why doesn't she just leave?" Have **you** ever thought or asked, "Why does he think it's alright to hurt her?" Domestic and sexual violence are serious problems not because so many women *experience* them but because so many men *perpetrate* or *tolerate* them.

Should **every** male be viewed as potentially violent?

- Q. Why did **she** go there?
- Q. Why did **she** wear that?
- Q. Why did **she** go out alone?
- Q. Why did **she** talk to him?
- Q. Why didn't **she** lock her door?
- Q. Why did **she** answer the door?
- Q. Why did **she** invite him over?
- Q. Why did **she** get involved with him?
- Q. Why didn't **she** know better?



What/who are all females apparently responsible for protecting themselves from? We often ask or think these questions when we hear about a man's attack on a female without a single thought to how ridiculous they are. The #1 place for a female to be attacked is in her own home or that of a friend, neighbor or family member...*the places we teach our children to go for help*. The #1 outfit for a female to be dressed in when attacked is jeans and a t-shirt; hardly seductive. These questions and the victim blaming at their root are senseless, unproductive and do absolutely nothing to address the perpetrators' choices to be cruel and abusive. These questions put the responsibility for a man's attack squarely in the lap of his victim. No other crime victims are held responsible for the crimes perpetrated against them. How can we continue to justify this absurd miscarriage of justice?

Richmond Times-Dispatch *The Massacre: Atrocity at Virginia Tech Renews the Search for Elusive Answers* "No one woke up yesterday morning expecting a nightmare to unfold in Blacksburg. No one ever expects the raw horror of the unimaginable -- precisely because it is so unimaginable. Even after it comes to pass it is hard to believe, just as it is hard to cope with and hard to stomach." **Really?**

A 23-year-old college senior walks around campus armed with a Walther .22-caliber semi-automatic and Glock 9 mm pistol *looking for his girlfriend* (she wasn't)...he found her... police believed it to be "*a domestic fight, perhaps a murder-suicide,*" further stating, "*I don't think anyone could have predicted that another event was going to take place two hours later.*"

How many times do men have to commit horrendous crimes before we get the message? How many times do we wring our hands and "*search for elusive answers*" before we face the facts? American males are committing atrocious crimes *every single day*...it's not isolated, it's not random and it certainly shouldn't be unexpected.

Don't be content to learn to keep your discomfort to yourself.

If we are to finally accept that millions of American women and their children are beaten, raped, harassed and stalked every year by American men; we must also accept that millions of American men are committing these acts of violence against the women and children they claim to love every single year. What's love got to do with this?

Jackson Katz Pre/Post Test Answers



•Do American men take steps, on a daily basis, to prevent being sexually assaulted?

No... ask yourself this question, "What steps do guys take on a daily basis to prevent being sexually assaulted *besides* staying out of prison?"

•Do American women take steps, on a daily basis, to prevent being sexually assaulted?

Yes...They hold keys as a potential weapon, always check the backseat, carry a cell phone, don't go out alone at night, keep all windows and doors closed and locked, never drink too much, never put a drink down, never drink from a common container, get a mean dog, carry Mace or pepper spray, have an unlisted phone, have a man's voice on answer machine, park in well-lit areas, never use parking garages, don't get on an elevator alone with a strange man, be careful of what they're wearing.... *this short list is only the beginning.*

•Whose issue would you say violence against women and children is? **Men's...**By focusing on the *against women* part of this question rather than on the fact that men are the ones doing it...99% of it...any discussion about stopping men's violence against women and children is an exercise in futility if the parties responsible ...overwhelmingly men...are allowed to opt out of ownership.

•What is the definition of misogynistic? Hatred of women

•Why might providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence be considered an "admission of failure?" The damage has been done. *"We can provide services to the female victims of these men until the cows come home. We can toughen enforcement of rape, domestic violence and stalking laws, and arrest and incarcerate even more men than we do currently; but this is all reactive and after the fact. It is essentially an admission of failure."* Jackson Katz

•What does VAWA stand for? The federal **Violence Against Women Act** was passed into law in 1994 as part of the *Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994*. It was the first comprehensive federal legislation responding to men's violence against women.

•Nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of American women report being physically and/or sexually abused by a husband and/or boyfriend at some point in their lives. According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ **report**; however both the JAMA and the FBI believe that nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of American women are abused at some point in their lives.

•**Women** are much more likely than **men** to be killed by an intimate partner. In 2000, intimate-partner homicides accounted for 33.5% of murders of **women** and less than 4% of murders of **men**. In 2002, 76% of intimate partner violence homicide victims were female; 24% were male. Over the past 20 years, there has been a 67% decrease in male "domestic" homicides (from 1,357 to 388) vs. only 25% for women (from 1,600 to 1,202).

•Between **50 and 70%** of men who physically abuse their female partners also physically abuse their children. The risk for children of batterers to be physically abused is alarmingly high; 50-70%, versus 7% within the general population. Batterers who also abuse alcohol are significantly more likely to physically abuse children than are other batterers. The risk of physical abuse of children by a batterer rises with the severity and frequency of the abuse directed at their mother. A custody/ visitation evaluator would be negligent in not investigating charges of domestic violence and alcohol abuse by the father; these are red flags of potential child abuse. In addition, batterers are at risk to kill children, especially if they murder or attempt to murder the mother; in more than 1 in 8 domestic violence homicides, the batterer kills one or more children.

•What do you think is the primary barrier for non-violent men to overcome in discussing gender violence? *"When I work with men, I try to address the concepts of guilt and responsibility up front because I know from long experience- and a lot of trial and error- that if the goal is to inspire more men to engage in transformative action, we need to do more than simply tell them to stop behaving badly. That is sure to provoke a defensive reaction. **Defensiveness**, in fact, is one of the greatest obstacles to men's involvement in meaningful discussions about gender violence. Simply stated, a surprising number of non-violent men cannot hear about bad things some men do to women without feeling blamed themselves."* Jackson Katz Additional answers of merit include: discomfort, not big on introspection, disbelief, guilt, fear, own participation, denial, they benefit from it, courage (lack of), the risk, and possible threat to their "manhood."



“Reviving Ophelia”

“Girls struggle with mixed messages: Be beautiful, but beauty is only skin deep. Be sexy, but not sexual. Be honest, but don’t hurt anyone’s feelings. Be independent, but be nice. Be smart, but not so smart that you threaten boys. Girls have long been evaluated on the basis of appearance and caught in myriad double binds; achieve, but not too much; be polite, but be yourself; be feminine and adult; be aware of our cultural heritage, but don’t comment on sexism.”

Mary Pfiiffer

COACH AND PLAYER PLEDGE

I Believe In Treating Women and Girls With Honor and Respect. I Know That Violence Is Neither a Solution Nor A Sign of Strength. I Believe That Real Men Lead With Conviction and Speak Out Against Men’s Violence Against Women and Girls. I Believe That I Can Be A Role Model To Other Men By Taking This Pledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Coaching Boys into Men Playbook
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If you drink and get violent, you have two problems.



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MVP utilizes a creative "bystander" approach to gender violence and bullying prevention. It focuses on young men not as perpetrators or potential perpetrators, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers – and support abused ones. It focuses on young women not as victims or potential targets of harassment, rape and abuse, but as empowered bystanders who can support abused peers - and confront abusive ones. In this model, a "bystander" is defined as a family member, friend, classmate, teammate, coworker– anyone who is imbedded in a family, school, social, or professional relationship with someone who might in some way be abusive or experiencing abuse.

“Not everything can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

James Baldwin

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH