



Coercive Control - What's it all about?

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Coercive control

“ Systematic and extensive control of women’s everyday lives that deprives them of their human rights and constitutional liberty.”



The gendered nature of coercive control

Women and men assault their partners in similar ways and with similar motives

Lack of evidence of coercive control where woman is the aggressor

Coercive control is all about gender



“At least he doesn’t hit me”

A pattern of domination

- Violence, intimidation, isolation, control
- Coercion – to hurt and intimidate
- Control – to isolate and regulate
- “Special reasonableness”
- “Perspecticide”

To look at it another way...

- Control
- Humiliation
- Threats
- Demonstration of power
- Exhaustion
- Occasional indulgences
- Enforcing trivial demands



The impact of coercive control

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