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Harsher Punishment and Better Awareness for Domestic Abuse

WHO reports that 1 in 3 women will experience abuse by a partner during her lifetime. Half of women killed worldwide are killed by their partner/ family.

Introduction:

I have chosen the topic of harsher punishments for first time domestic abuse offenders for my research project. 1 in 3 women will experience a form of abuse in their lifetime. Ally Stephens is a sophomore college student at The University of Oklahoma. At the end of October 2020 her boyfriend beat her up and tried to kill their unborn baby, he was released from jail after posting bail on domestic violence charges. After posting bail he went to Ally's again and beat her up much worse and tried to harm their unborn baby once more. This time he was not released on bail, however, if there had been harsher punishments the first time Ally, as well as so many other victims would not have had to go through this twice. Domestic abuse is on the rise, the chart below shows how the number of domestic violence cases has increased in 2020. Awareness is also needed now more than ever.

Results:

Many abusers who get out of jail do it again. There have been countless studies done to determine how likely, and what percent of domestic abusers do it again. "Approximately one-third of abusers will reabuse in the short run, and more will reabuse in the long run." (ncjrs.org) There have been both, long- term and short- term studies done. In a long- term study, conducted in Massachusetts, after 350 male abusers were arrested for abusing their female partners over a decade, 60% of the abusers were arrested again on abuse charges. It has been proven that domestic abusers do it again.

Awareness:

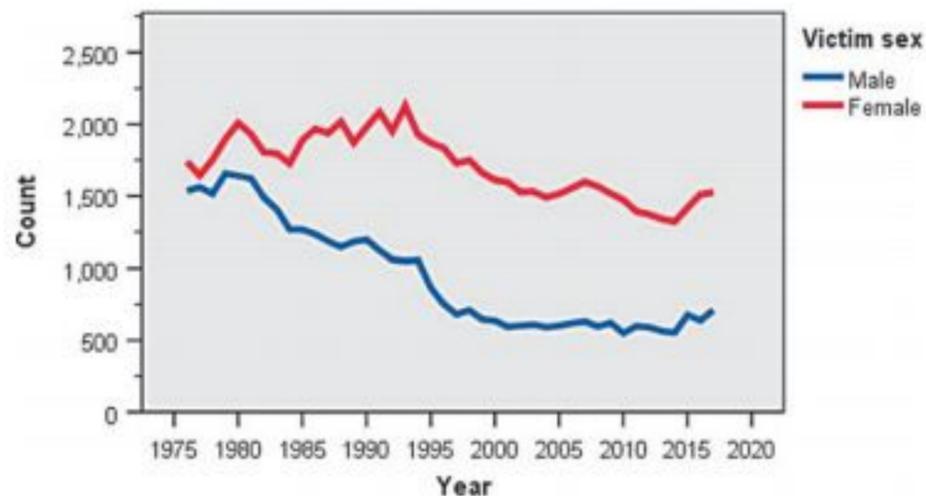
"On average, a woman will leave an abusive relationship seven times before she leaves for good." (National Domestic Violence Hotline) More education on domestic violence would help women tremendously. The chart below shows that 48% of college students have difficulty identifying dating abuse. 40% do not know how to help a friend in this situation.

1 IN 3 WOMEN

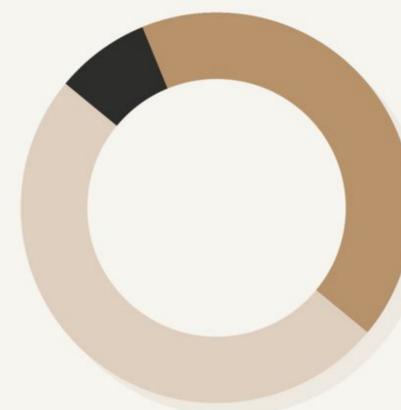
will experience some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime



National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence National Statistics. Retrieved from www.ncadv.org
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Studies Show That College Students Do Not Feel Equipped To Deal With Dating Abuse



- Difficult to Identify Dating Abuse - 48%
- Don't Know How to Help A Friend - 40%
- Don't Want to Get Involved - 12%

Love Is Respect Statistics

