USF School of Law
Fall 2018 – First Assignment

Course:
LAW 733 - Domestic Violence Law & Litigation

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Course Materials:

First Assignment:
1) READ LEMON, Domestic Violence Law
   o Chapter 1, pages: 1-7; 9-25
   o Chapter 2, pages: 37-48; skim 58-65
2) READ 3 attachments to this First Assignment entitled:
   o 2 Cycle of Violence
   o 3 Power and Control Wheel
   o 4 Immigrant Specific Power and Control Wheel
Cycle of Violence

**Victim Response:**
Attempts to calm him/her
Nurturing
Silent/Talkative
Stays away from family, friends
Keeps kids quiet
Agrees
Withdraws
Tries to reason
Cooks his/her favorite dinner
General feeling of walking on eggshells

**Batterer:**
Moody
Nitpicking
Isolates
Withdraws Affection
Put Downs
Yelling
Drinking/Drugs
Threatens
Destroys Property
Criticizes
Sullen
Crazy-Vasing

**Denial**
I’m Sorry...
Begs for forgiveness...
Promises to get counseling...
Goes to Church...
AA...
Sends flowers...
Brings presents...
“I’ll never do it again...”
Wants to... make love...
Declares love...
Enlists family support...
Cries...

**Honeymoon**
Attemps to stop legal proceedings...
Sets up for counseling appointments for batterer...
Feels Happy, Hopeful

**Acute Explosion**

**Victim Response:**
Protects herself anyway she can
Police called by her/him, kids, neighbor
Tries to calm batterer
Tries to Reason with batterer
Leaves
Fights back
GENDER-INCLUSIVE
POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are often linked to other abusive behaviors. Although physical assaults may occur only occasionally, they can instill the fear of future violence, allowing the abuser to take control of the partner’s life. The Gender-Inclusive Power and Control Wheel is a helpful tool to understand the overall pattern of abusive and violent behavior.

COERCION AND THREATS:
Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt the partner. Threatening to leave the partner or report the partner to welfare. Threatening to make a false accusation.

INTIMIDATION:
Making the partner afraid by using threats, looks, and gestures. Destroying the partner’s property. Abusing pets. Welding weapons or kitchen implements.

GENDER PRIVILEGE:
Treating the partner like a servant: acting like the “king or queen of the castle.” Being the one to define the partner’s roles. Making a false allegation.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE:
Putting him or her down. Humiliating the person. Playing head games. Not taking responsibility for one’s own actions. Ridiculing the partner’s appearance or sexual performance.

ECONOMIC ABUSE:
Preventing the partner from getting a job, or demanding the partner work longer hours or get a second job. Making the partner ask for money. Not letting the partner have access to family income.

ISOLATION:
Controlling what he or she does, who the partner sees and talks to, what he or she reads, and where the partner goes. Limiting the partner’s outside activities. Using jealousy to justify actions.

USING CHILDREN:
Making the partner feel guilty about the children. Criticizing the partner in front of the children. Telling the children the partner doesn’t love them. Interfering with visitation.

DENYING, MINIMIZING, AND BLAMING:
Making fun of the abuse and not taking his or her concerns seriously. Saying the abuse didn’t happen. Shifting responsibility for the behavior. Saying the victim caused it.

Original Power and Control Wheel developed by:
Domestic Abuse Intervention Project
202 East Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Adapted by:
SAVE: Stop Abusive and Violent Environments
Technical assistance - Training - Education
P.O. Box 1221
Rockville, MD 20849
2/3/2002
Immigrant Specific Power and Control Wheel

**Physical Abuse**
- Threatening to report her to the INS to get her deported. Threatening to withdraw the petition to legalize her immigration status.
- Hiding or destroying important papers (passport, ID cards, health-care cards, etc.). Destroying her only property from her country of origin.

**Economic Abuse**
- Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to harm her. Threatening to leave, commit suicide, or report her to welfare. Making her do illegal things.

**Intimidation**
- Making her feel guilty about herself. Calling her names. Making her feel bad about herself. Calling her feel guilty, making her think she’s crazy. Playing mind games. Humiliating her. Making her feel guilty.

**Emotional Abuse**
- Controlling what she does. Who she sees or talks to. What she reads, where she goes. Limiting your outside involvement. Using jealousy to justify actions.
- Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously. Saying the abuse didn’t happen. Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior. Saying she caused it.

**Isolation**
- Making her feel guilty about the children. Using children to relay messages. Using visitation to harass her. Threatening to take the children away.
- Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns about it seriously. Saying the abuse didn’t happen. Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior. Saying she caused it.

**Using Children**
- Using a weapon against her. Threatening to take her children away from the U.S. Threatening to report her children to the INS.
- Falling to file papers to legalize her immigration status, withdrawing or threatening to withdraw papers filed for her residency.

**Using Privileges**
- Calling her a prostitute or “mail order bride.” Alleging on legal papers that she has a history of prostitution.
- Treating her like a servant. Making all the big decisions. Acting like the “master of the castle.” Being the one to define men’s and women’s roles.

**Physically Abusing Her**
- Beating, throwing, hitting, punching, kicking, grabbing, pulling hair.
- Lying about her immigration status. Writing to her family and telling lies about her. Calling her racist names.

**Psychological Abuse**
- Preventing her from getting or keeping a job. Making her ask for money. Giving her an allowance. Taking her money. Not allowing her to know about or have access to the family income.
- Putting her down. Making her feel bad about herself. Calling her names. Making her feel guilty, making her think she’s crazy. Playing mind games. Humiliating her. Making her feel guilty.

**Spiritual Abuse**
- Lying about her immigration status. Writing to her family and telling lies about her. Calling her racist names.

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