

# DATING VIOLENCE

## Introduction:

The topic that I chose to research was Dating Violence. I chose this topic because I have seen relationship abuse in movies and also in real life and wanted to take a chance to really get to know why it occurs and how to try and prevent it. I have known friends who were in abusive relationships and have I known the facts and the reasons that I learned from doing this project I might have been able to help them. I learned a lot of new things about Dating Violence. I learned that it could happen to anyone in any kind of relationship at any age, race, ethnicity or economic background. Usually when I think of dating violence I thought of just physical abuse, but doing this research I found that dating violence is emotional abuse and verbal abuse too. There are different motivations behind dating violence and that it happens to men and women but the majority of dating abuse the victims are women. Most females do not know what to do when they are in an abusive relationship and I was very shocked to see that most women who are in abusive relationships stay in them because they are scared to leave their partner and many other reasons too. After doing this project and finding these different Web sites I found that some were very high in useful information but others were not. This will help me with future projects that ask for me to use information from the Internet and I will be able to figure out which information is reliable and what information is not.

## Background and Problem Statement

- **Web site #1:** Partner Violence and Healthy People 2010 Fact Sheet (**Score: 21**)
- **Web address:** <http://endabuse.org/hcadvd/2003/tier4.pdf>
- **Information:**

This Web site was from a source that said Healthy People 2010 so I used this Web site as my Healthy People source for the information on Dating Violence. The site started off by giving the statistics that 1/3 of American women will experience what they called intimate partner violence. IPV is said to be related to most accounts of homicides and injury related deaths during a women's pregnancy and most ER visits. Healthy People 2010 say that women and children who live in a household with violence are more likely to have physical and mental health problems. Also this Web site gave the information that 85% of women are the victims of dating violence. I consider this a pretty good source of dating violence but not the best for information.

- **Web site #2: Teen Dating Violence (Score: 22)**
- **Web address:** [http://www.projectpave.org/teens/statsFacts\\_1.htm](http://www.projectpave.org/teens/statsFacts_1.htm)
- **Information:**  
 This Web site was based to give information to teens in relationships. It describes what the basic meaning of dating violence means. Dating violence is not just a little argument here in their but rather more violent and aggressive behaviors. It is abuse that causes physical, emotional or mental abuse towards a girlfriend or boyfriend. It can be verbal or physical. The Web site goes on to say it can happen at any age with any race or religion or economic background. The most important information on the Web site to me is the warning signs of abusive relationships. This Web site was a good but still not the best Web site for most and accurate information.
- **Web site #3: Teen Dating (Score: 12)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.livestrong.com/article/13801-teen-dating-violence/>
- **Information:**  
 This Web site also was directed towards teens in relationships. I believe that this was the worst Web site that I found for background information on dating violence. This Web site was very biased towards women and opinionated. It did say like the other Web site that it could happen in any relationship despite the economic background and other differences. This Web site gave a lot of information but no sources to really back it up. It was not too easy to see what the section was about because it was hard to follow.
- **Web site #4: Background on Domestic and Dating Violence (Score: 20)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/background-domestic-dating-violence>
- **Information:**  
 This Web site was the best Web site that I found for abstaining accurate and useful information for the background on Dating Violence. It included the different kinds of effects that dating violence can have on the person being abused. The Web site started out describing dating violence as a pattern of controlling behaviors that one of the partner has over the other and they use power to over take the other. It goes on to explain what kinds of threats and abuse that can be placed on the victim of Domestic and Dating Violence.

## Research

- **Web site #1: Violence Against Women Dating Violence (Score: 23)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.womenshealth.gov/violence/types/dating.cfm>
- **Summary of the research:**

This Web site I found gave good research information explain what dating violence is and how it can happen. It gave people seeking information on what dating violence is a good source to find out if what they are experiencing is in fact dating violence. It explains that dating violence is causes of physical or psychological harm to another person that is in the relationship. It can include sexual abuse, physical or even emotional. This Web site also gave other Web sites for additional information on Dating Violence.
- **Web site #2: Teen Dating Violence (Score: 21)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=42307>
- **Summary of the research:**

This Web site gave not just statistics and background but it gave what kinds of behavior classifies as dating violence and what it has to do with the law. This Web site also gives links to other forms of violence that can stem out from dating violence. Also this Web site gave a hotline for teens to call and talk to about dating violence. This was not the best or the worst information for research.
- **Web site #3: Teen Dating Violence (Score: 27)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.wcstx.com/teendatv.htm>
- **Summary of the research:**

This Web site had a lot of good information if somebody was looking for this topic to research dating violence. It starts off with good labeling of sections and very accurate information on dating violence. IT gives a clear definition of what dating violence is and what types of dating violence. It includes repeated lies, jealousy, insults and threats. Emotional abuse, Physical abuse and sexual abuse are abuses that may occur. Then the Web site goes on to give the effects of dating violence, how to avoid dating violence and how to know if you are a victim and what to do about it. This Web site was the best source of information that I found for research.
- **Web site #4: Dating Violence (Score: 19)**
- **Web address:** <http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/indicators/66DatingViolence.cfm>

- **Summary of the research:**

This Web site was the worst Web site for researching the topic of dating violence. It did not give a lot of information and had a lot of links to other Web sites for information. It did not have a good setup to the Web site and it was hard to follow and understand. It had a section for National Estimates and Goals but there was no information to back it up.

## **Statistics**

- **Web site #1:** Teen Dating Violence (Score: 22)
- **Web address:** <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/faq/dateviolfacts.asp>

- **Summary of the statistics:**

This Web site gave me the statistics of surveys and different studies done on how common dating violence is among teens. For college students physical and sexual dating violence among them range from 20- 30%. 1 in 10 female high school students and 1 in 11 male students say they have been slapped or physically hurt by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the past year. 1 in 5 female students have experiences physical and emotional abuse in their relationships.

- **Web site #2:** Abuse in Teens: Love is not Abuse (Score: 20)
- **Web address:** <http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/statistics.htm>

- **Summary of the statistics:**

3 in 4 teens said that their boyfriend or girlfriend begin at age of 14 or younger. 62% of these relationships have said to been verbally abused. 1 in 5 teenage girls said a boyfriend threatens violence or self harm if they were to break up with them. 1 in 4 teenage girls have been in a relationship that they have been pressured into having sex or performing oral sex. 80% of girls in a physically abusing relationship have continued to date their abuser.

- **Web site #3:** Dating Violence Facts (Score: 24)
- **Web address:** <http://www.abanet.org/unmet/teendating/facts.pdf>

- **Summary of the statistics:**

Girls are more likely to yell or pinch and slap where boys injure the girls more severely and frequently. Females between the ages of 16- 24 are more likely to have intimate partner violence than any other person. 1 in 5 female

high school students reported to be physically and/or sexually abused. 81% of parents believe that teen dating violence is not an issue. 39% of female high school student's report that they know of people is abusing their partner for control. 33% of teens abused told people the others did not and usually stayed with the abuser. This Web site was the best Web site that showed actual facts and very scary facts too that make us aware of how bad and prevalent Dating Violence is among teenagers.

- **Web site #4:** JAMA (Score: 17)
- **Web address:** <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/286/5/572>

- **Summary of the statistics:**

This Web site I believe was the worst that I found for statistics because it did not give a lot of them. It was an unmanageable Web site to look at and was confusing too. But I did find some stats that were applicable to finding out more about Dating Violence. Approximately 1 in 5 female students (20.2% in 1997 and 18.0% in 1999) reported being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. This Web site said that being in a relationship with physical or emotional abuse that it leads to substance abuse and other unhealthy habits like controlling weight.

## Consumer Information

- **Web site #1:** Dating Violence Among Adolescents (Score: 23)
- **Web address:** <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/PUBLICATIONS/factsheet/fsdating.htm>

- **Summary of the information:**

This Web site offered information about what types of dating violence and how it can affect people and their relationships from any culture to any type of relationship. This Web site would give someone information on the dating violence if they knew nothing about it. It was helpful and gave a few statistics and reasonable actions to prevent dating violence from happening and also what to do if you encounter it.

- **Web site #2:** Teen Dating Violence Fact Sheet (Score: 23)
- **Web address:** <http://www.ccmckids.org/VPP/datingviolence/DatingViolence.pdf>

- **Summary of the information:**

This Web site was a pretty good not the best Web site but not the worst one that I found either. It gives the information about what dating violence

is and that it is not just between married couples but also in teens and all other relationships. This Web site would be helpful to teenagers who would want to find more information about Dating Violence and how much it really does occur in their age group. It gives the categories of emotional, physical, and verbal abuse.

- **Web site #3: Campus Dating Violence Fact Sheet (Score: 29)**

- **Web address:**

<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=38056>

- **Summary of the information:**

This Web site was the best Web site that I found for the consumer information category. It was directed at college students and how dating violence effects campuses throughout the country. One of the reasons that I found this to be the best Web site is that it relates to me and all of the students in our health class. Dating violence is very prevalent among college students and shows how real it can be. It gives information about what to do if you are in an abusive relationship and where to get help. Also it gives incidences that happened and the statistics too. This Web site would be very helpful to a college student that was looking up information on dating violence.

- **Web site #4: Dating Violence (Score: 11)**

- **Web address:**

[http://www.4parents.gov/sexrisky/risky/violence/dating\\_violence.html](http://www.4parents.gov/sexrisky/risky/violence/dating_violence.html)

- **Summary of the information**

This Web site was aimed towards parents and how they should pay attention to warning signs among their teens. It just gives one audience information about what to do so I feel that this was the worst of the Web sites. Most of the Web sites that I found gave information to many audiences but this was just to parents and didn't seem as helpful to me as the other Web sites that I found on Dating Violence.

## **Conclusions**

- **Section 1: Background and Statement**
- **The best Web site** <http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/background-domestic-dating-violence>.

This Web site provided a clear understand of what Dating Violence was and it was targeted at not just dating violence but domestic violence, too, which goes

hand in hand. This Web site was easy to follow and it did not just tell you what dating violence was but it also gave you different effects that it can have on the person being abused. It gave physical, psychological effects and social effects that Dating Violence can have on the victim being abused. It gave other sources and links to navigate more on the sites and other sites to find out more information. It gave a link that I didn't find in most other Web site that was a link to find counseling which I believe it the most important link that a dating violence Web site can give a person seeking help.

- **The worst Web site**

- <http://www.livestrong.com/article/13801-teen-dating-violence/>

This Web site was the worst Web site because it did not have an easy set up to the Web site and it did not give a clear statement or headings to the viewer. It was very bland and I think did not give accurate information to the other Web sites that I found.

- **Section 2: Research**

New research that I learned included many different areas on Dating Violence. I learned that dating violence occurs in all relationships despite if its hetero or homo and despite the cultural differences, It happens all over the country and it is very prevalent in teenagers and their relationships. I learned that there is not just physical abuse but also emotional and verbal abuse. Women are the majority of dating violence victims but males can be victims too. Dating violence can change a person and that people in abusive relationships can change their whole lives.

- **Section 3: Statistics**

Some new statistics that I learned were that 1 in 3 high school students will be or has been involved in an abusive relationship. A survey was done of 500 young women and found that 60% of these women were in an ongoing abusive relationship and all of the participants had experienced violence in a dating relationship. 42% of women and 20 % of men sustain minor injuries from dating violence.

- **Section 4: Consumer Information**

- **The best Web site**

- <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=38056>

This Web site was very helpful to me because it was about college students and dating violence that can happen on college campuses. It had different sections

that gave a little bit of statistics, where you can go for help and different sections with useful information.

- **The worst Web site**  
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This Web site was the worst Web site because it was only targeted to one group of people and not to the victims. People researching Dating Violence are most likely the victims trying to find out more about what they can do and what classifies as dating violence. This Web site just gave information to parents, which is a good thing, but it really did not give actually facts or resources where they got the information.

<b>Back to Betty C. Jung's Web site</b>	<a href="http://www.bettyjung.net/">http://www.bettyjung.net/</a>
<b>Back to Web site Critique Reports Directory</b>	<a href="http://www.bettyjung.net/Pch201wsreports.htm">http://www.bettyjung.net/Pch201wsreports.htm</a>

# Dating Violence Class Handout

## **Background**

- The Web site that I found which I would classify as the best for the category background was <http://www.dosomething.org/tipsandtools/background-domestic-dating-violence>. This Web site provided a clear understand of what Dating Violence was and it was targeted at not just dating violence but domestic violence too which goes hand in hand. This Web site was easy to follow and it did not just tell you what dating violence was but it also gave you different effects that it can have on the person being abused.

## **Research**

- The Web site that I found for Research that was best for Dating Violence was <http://www.wcstx.com/teendatv.htm>. I believe that this Web site was the best because it was about teens that are effected by dating violence. This Web site had clear labeling with different Sub-headings, which made it easy to follow and understand the information. Also it gave examples of each heading that was discussed.

## **Statistics**

- The Web site, which was most helpful in finding statistics on Dating Violence, was <http://www.abanet.org/unmet/teendating/facts.pdf>. This Web site was the most helpful because it gave the most important statistics. Even though this Web site was a secondary Web site of information it gave information from very reliable sources. It also including different headings of different kinds of statistical information so it was just one long list of stats.

## **Consumer Information**

- The best Web site that was most helpful to me for consumer information is <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=38056>. This Web site was very helpful to me because it was about college students and dating violence that can happen on college campuses. It had different sections that gave a little bit of statistics, where you can go for help and different sections with useful information.