



Common Myths of Domestic Violence



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- Family violence is rare.
- Family violence is confined to the lower class.
- Alcohol and/or drug abuse is the real cause of violence in the home.
- Battered wives like being hit, otherwise they would leave.
- Victims of domestic violence like to be beaten.





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- Victims of domestic violence have psychological disorders.
- Low self-esteem causes victims to get involved in abusive relationships.
- Victims of domestic violence never leave their abusers, or if they do, they just get involved in other abusive relationships.
- Batterers abuse their partners or spouses because they are under a lot of stress or unemployed.



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- Law enforcement and judicial responses, such as arresting batterers or issuing civil protection orders are useless.
 - Children are not affected when one parent abuses the other.
 - Domestic violence is irrelevant to parental fitness.