

Common Questions

Why is a man violent?

Because he learned to use violence and there were no consequences to his behavior.

Why did he learn it?

Because he saw others doing it, and decided that violence was an acceptable form of behavior.

Why does the violence work?

Violence frightens the victim, keeping her isolated. No one can help her.

Why is it something he can do without consequences?

Domestic violence is often considered a family secret and a personal problem.

Why isn't the man held responsible for his actions?

Society often sees domestic violence as a personal problem and chooses not to intervene.



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Healing Families,
Ending Violence

**Family Violence
Intervention Program
for Latino Men who
have Used Violence**

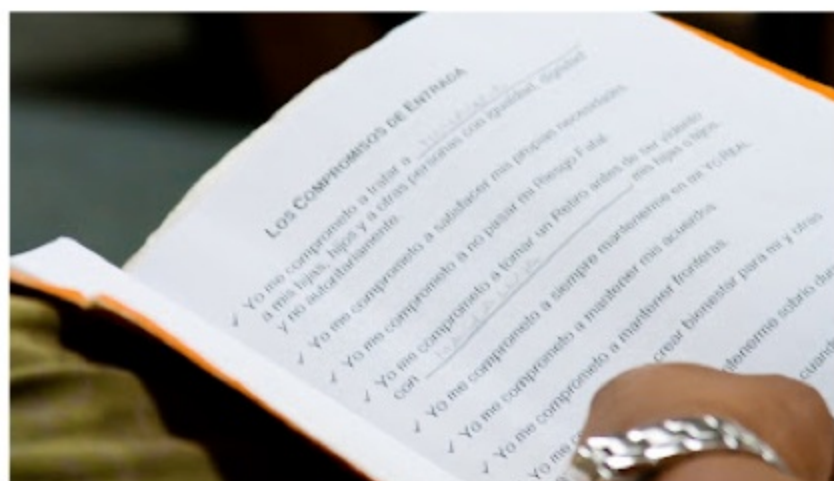
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How Do I Know if I am a Violent Man

I am violent if:

- I have used violence and deny having a problem.
- I blame my partner, my problems with alcohol, my stress, or my economic or legal situation for my violence.
- I minimize my violent behavior. I tell myself or others that it is nothing, that violence is a family problem.
- I support other men being violent or laugh at the violent behavior of others.
- I control how my partner dresses, how she talks, her friendships, when she comes or goes, etc. Also when I don't let her see her friends, family and other relatives.
- I control the money or make financial decisions without consulting her.

**Each act of violence is a decision -
So decide right now...Ask for help!**



Effects of the Violence

My violence affects:

My partner

- Isolation
- Fear
- Terror
- Emotional problems
- Injuries and physical illnesses
- Death

My children

- They learn to be violent with others
- Problems:
 - Emotional
 - Behavioral
 - In school

My community

- Large amounts of money and resources must be spent on this problem
- Bad example for youth

Myself

- Emotional problems
- Jail/Deportation
- Loss of:
 - Job
 - Money
 - Time
 - Children and family
 - Trust and respect of family

Supports

- Stereotypes about Latinos and violence
- The use of violence as a control mechanism

Caminar Latino Men's Program

- Our program is a 24-session Family Violence Intervention Program certified by the State of Georgia that includes:
 - Critical-consciousness and education groups focusing on domestic violence
 - Substance-abuse education component.
- In this program you can explore the ways in which machista beliefs support and teach men to control women, believing that they are superior.
- In the program you will learn to take responsibility for your violent acts and stop them.
- You will learn to make the decision to behave in non-violent ways with you partner, children and others.
- The program was designed specifically for Latinos in Atlanta and is accessible by public transportation.
- We work with court-mandated men and also with men who come from the community and want to stop being violent.

*"Caminar Latino has helped me to control myself...I think about things more...I stop myself more. I have learned to listen to her a little more and I hope that I will improve myself each day even though it may be a challenge every day. I am going to keep moving forward."
~ Participant*