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Engaging Men in the Movement to End
Gender Based Violence &
Responding to Them as Survivors

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Defining the Importance of Engaging Men and Boys in IPV / SV

VIOLENCE Against Women is a Men's Issue !

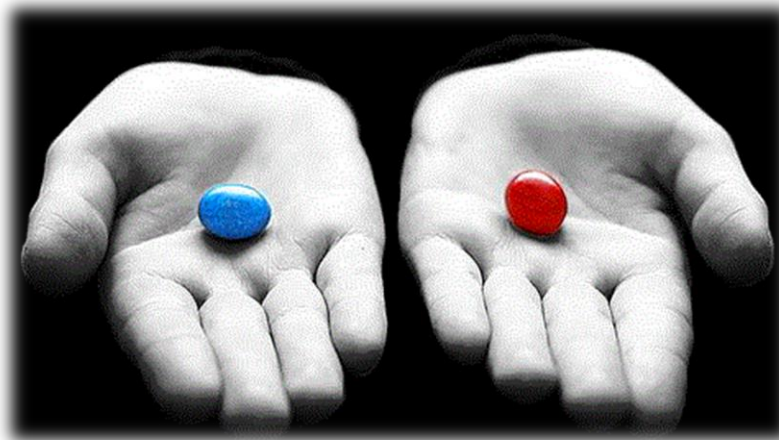
- Higher Rates of Men as Perpetrator
- Boys and Men are Victims Too
- Highest Rates of Suicide
- Highest Rates of Homicide
- Binge Drinking and Drug Use
- Riskier Sexual Behavior
- Low Relationship Satisfaction
- Gun Violence
- Higher Rates of Physical Illness



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The Male Lens / Privilege & How We View and Traverse the World.



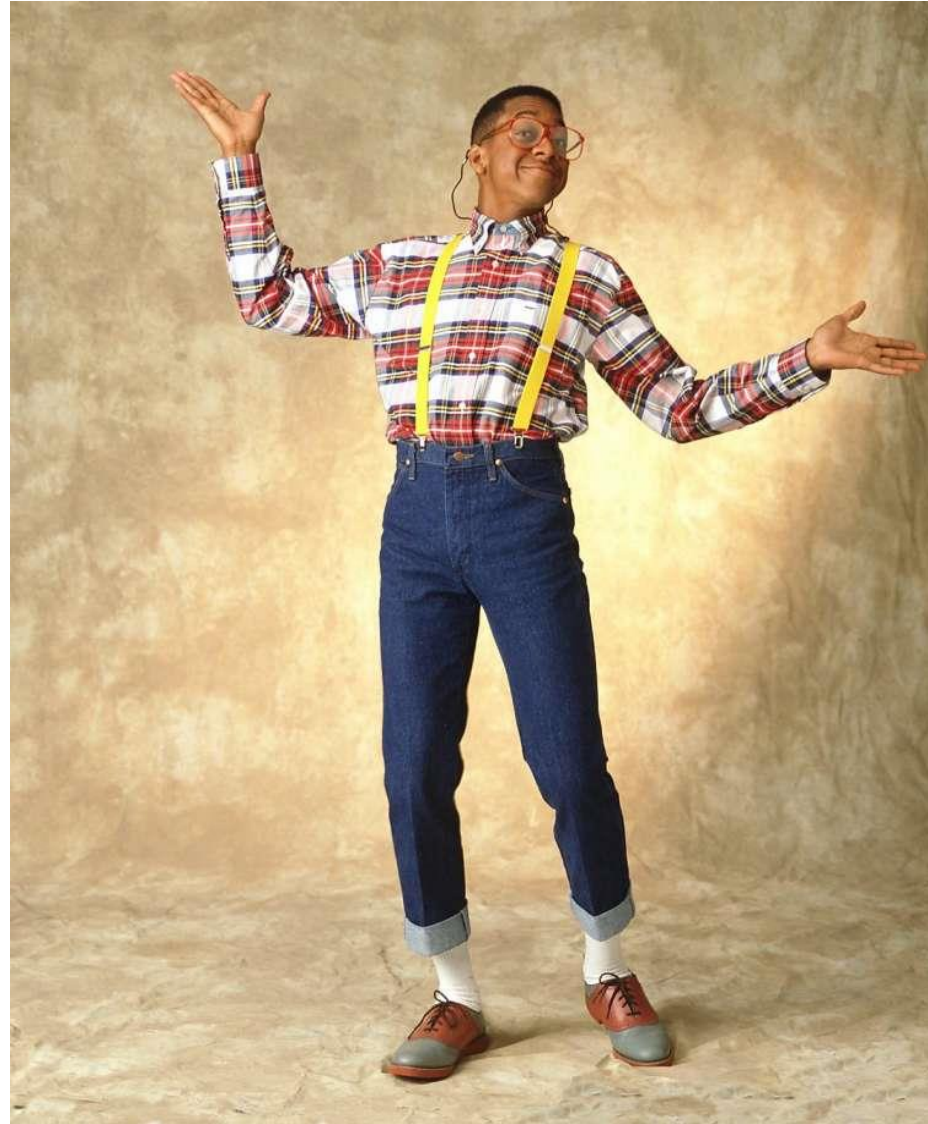
Red Pill / Blue Pill is a Meme Representing a Choice Between Taking Either a "Red Pill" that Reveals an Unpleasant Truth, or Taking a "Blue Pill" to Remain in Blissful Ignorance.

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- 8 out of 10 male OHMAN Questionnaire respondents believe that violence against women is a learned behavior that can be changed (Ortega, S. 2018)
- Only 4 out of 10 male OHMAN Questionnaire respondents felt confident that other men would listen to them if they confronted them about their sexist attitudes (Ortega, S. 2018)
- Unhealthy ideas about gender roles can be harmful to men, teach them not to speak out against their peers who degrade women, keep them from working to end SV / IPV, and silence them if they survive SV.
- Society teaches men that the worst thing one could be is like a woman, which continues to perpetuate hyper-masculinity and violence. (Maternal Sadism)

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**'Anything That Fits
OUTSIDE the Box,
We are Taught to
Laugh At, Make
Fun of, or Bully.'**

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Understanding Special Barriers that May Inhibit Men from Disclosing and Seeking Services After Experiencing IPV / SV

- Men DO NOT See Themselves Reflected in the Anti-Violence Movement as Survivors/Victims
- Men Who are Readily Open to Seek Services are Often More Detailed in Their Disclosures
- Myths about male survivors dominate our collective narrative over facts
- Disability, Language, Sexual Orientation, Gender identity, Black & People of Color face additional systemic barriers
- Men Fear Being Perceived as Weak, and/or Less Than When it Comes to DV, or Will I Be Believed.



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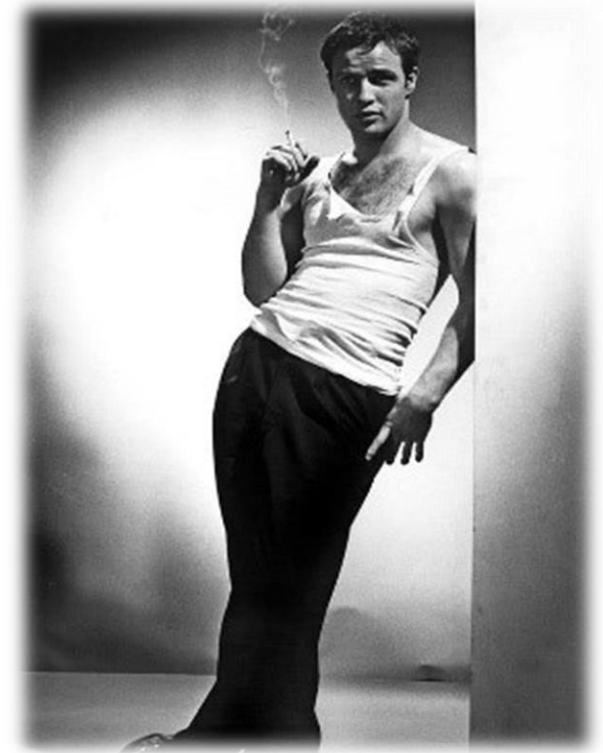
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Patriarchy - A Sociopolitical System that Assumes that Men Should Have Power, Control and Dominion Over Others, Particularly Women and Children.

Patriarchy Requires a Rejection of Femininity to Function, This Rejection of the Feminine Becomes an Expected Behavior, Belief, & Attitude

Responses to Power Based Violence and Motivations to Act to Perpetuate Violence is Often Rooted in How We Understand Gender.

Toxic Masculinity – A Subset of Behaviors & Practices Typically Associated W/ Men That are Harmful &/or Destructive. These Behaviors Include Domination, Humiliation, Control, and Hyper Competitiveness & Connected to the Sexual Objectification of Women & Other Predatory Behaviors Like Aggression, Intimidation, and Violence.



Redefining Strength and
Modeling Healthy
Masculinity Through
Collective Action &
Interaction

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“The Dirty Mirror”

By: Jayvon Howard

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Exploring New Practices for Expanding Services to Male- Identified Persons

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- Engage a Wider Range of Men, Especially Those NOT Connected to the Field - Fathers / Coaches / Teachers / Mentors / Etc.
- Overcome the Deflections That Men Typically Use, Personalized / Relatable
- Not a Condemnation of Men / Delivery is Important
- Engage Men to Be More Aware & Ready to Come into their Role as Allies
- Men Can Play an Important Role by Gaining More Knowledge & Skills to Promote Healthy, Non-Violent Relationships and Communities

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- **BEYOND CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING**
- **MEN OF COLOR CAUCUS** - "The [Men of Color Caucus](#) is a statewide network to provide on-going support to advance the recruitment and retention of men of color who volunteer or work professionally in crisis intervention, prevention and/or emergency response to intimate partner and sexual violence(s)."
- **CONSORTIUM FOR MEN AND MASCULINITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION** - The consortium/conference will focus on transformative and restorative practices for shaping culture and policy on Ohio campuses with the objective of engaging men and eliminating gender-based violence on campuses. Mobilizing students, staff, faculty, administrators, community members and advocates the consortium will address research and practice through comprehensive education, training, workshops, speakers and panels
- **DEVELOPMENT OF MEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS, EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES, GROWING OUTREACH EFFORTS**

Join Our Work

OHMAN

Ohio Men's Action Network



THE NEW PLAYBOOK: STANDING STRONG TO PROMOTE NON-VIOLENCE

Men have been waiting to have authentic conversations about what it really means to be a man with other men. Thus we need to create, embrace, and foster these communications, campaigns and support groups to ensure these conversations happen all across Ohio.

That is why we exist – to provide resources in the form of content and connection. Strive to be an ally of Ohio Men's Action Network to become part of something much bigger than yourself.

OHMAN firmly believes that while most men are not violent, many men do not know how to stand up and take action to prevent violence in their communities.

By providing men with a wide range of opportunities and options to get involved, men can begin to see their crucial role in ending violence, including gender based violence.

Questions And Answers



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