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# Family Violence as an Acute Problem in Contemporary Society

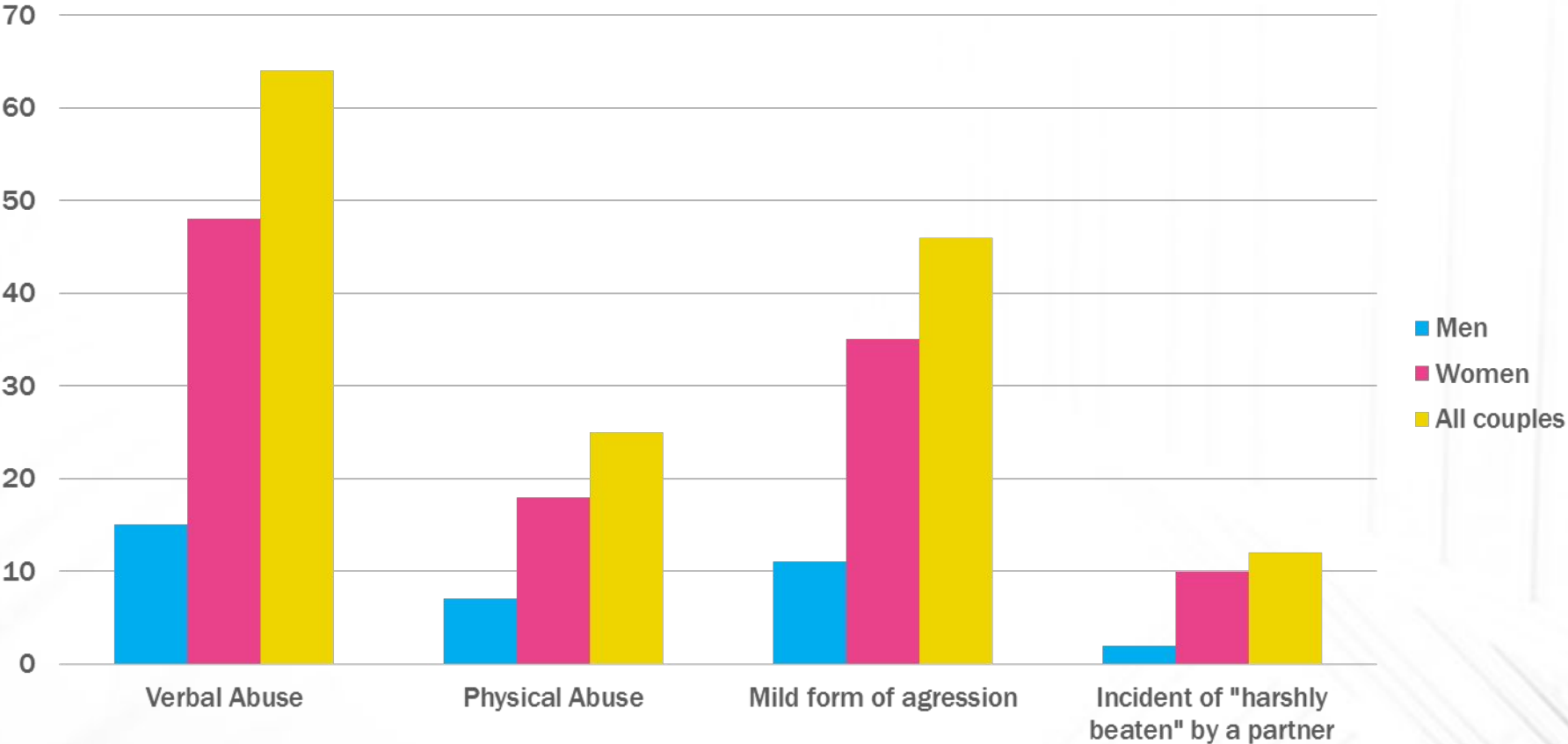
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# Domestic violence – what is it?

- Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior which involves violence or other abuse by one person in a domestic setting against another, such as in marriage or cohabitation.



# Data (in %)



# Causes of domestic violence



- Rigid gender roles
- The “paradox of masculinity”
- Mental illnesses
- Perpetrators were themselves abused as children
- Drug and alcohol abuse

# Types of abuse

## Physical abuse

- Using physical force to control an intimate partner by pushing, biting, punching, throwing objects at the partner, or assaulting them with a weapon.

## Sexual abuse

- Using words, actions, or threats to force another to engage in sexual activities against their will.

## Psychological abuse

- Using words or actions to isolate, humiliate, demean, intimidate, or control an intimate partner.

# What does a victim feel?

Threat of  
“outing”

Extreme  
isolation

Lack of access  
to the legal  
system

Lack of civil  
rights  
protections

Nobody to turn  
for help

The perpetrator's  
threat to take  
the children  
away

# Consequences of domestic violence

- Higher rates of many chronic conditions
- High risk health behaviors and shortened life span
- Posttraumatic stress disorder
- Interfere child's life
- Suicide



# Social advertising against domestic violence

PSA

"Tea Party" (:30)

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**Be careful.  
Stop domestic violence.  
Protect yourself and your family.**



**Thank you for your  
attention!**

