

GENDER VIOLENCE AND EMOTIONAL EDUCATION

Violence against women has become indeed one of the major social issues that affect our living together as human beings. Not only violence is bad itself, but also violence inflicted against people of the opposite sex is a real drama, since most of the times it takes place within the family, the least expected place for this to happen. Therefore, gender violence is a latent problem that lives among us and affects every one of us to a greater or lesser extent.

No matter how developed a country is, what its standard of living is or the cultural level of its inhabitants. It is a global issue. The problem is complex wherever the rights of women remain diminished by religion, law or any other cultural or political trends. Here, in Spain, we are witness to the murder of dozens of women throughout the year. A lot of resources of the state are dealt out to de Police, Social Affairs Ministry and so on, in order to prevent and foresee this kind of behavior. However, those resources don't seem to be enough.

Due to the fact that resources are not enough, nowadays we are all involved in a sort of social awareness of the problem, which is absolutely necessary to be present in our daily routine as part of the social growth of our country. But social awareness of gender violence isn't enough itself because every week bad news about gender violence overwhelms us. As a society, we must work all together to eradicate gender violence but, moreover, we should think in the long term, in order to aspire to be a better emotionally educated society.

In my opinion, emotional education needs to be in the schools as part of our whole education. This would teach us why respect for other people is necessary and what is right or wrong. If we taught this to our children, we would become better human beings, that class of animals that are supposed to learn from their own mistakes. Education, that's the key.

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