

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Every day in Europe, and all over the world, women fall victim to violence. They are raped, mutilated, bullied on the Internet, forced by their husbands or even psychologically abused in their own homes. Nowadays, one out of three women has experienced physical or sexual violence at some point in their lives. It's a well known fact that domestic violence is a worrying and rising phenomenon that affects all kinds of women regardless of age, origin or colour. It's like a real illness.... an awful pandemic. In fact, it's really difficult to fight against this "virus". There are no vaccines or treatments. What is more, our society needs open-minded and sensitive men who believe in gender equality. Not only must we prevent men from using violence, but we also have to provide women with economic opportunities, and encourage girls to participate in public life. Although no government will eliminate the violence, a combination of effort, education and laws can significantly reduce its tragic consequences. This violence can manifest in a great number of ways, like for instance *acid attack* (acid is thrown to face or body), *domestic violence* (abuse by one person against another in a domestic place), *genital mutilation* (removal of part of the external female genitalia), *forced prostitution* and *rape*.

Violence against women is a violation of human rights that can't be justified by any politician, religion or cultural movement.

Last but not least, my wife and I are engineers. Both of us are the head directors of our companies, but my salary is much bigger than hers. Can you give me a reason, please???

We should try to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. Go for it!

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