

The 25<sup>th</sup> November is “The international day for the elimination of violence against women” but I would prefer it was “The international day for the elimination of violence against PEOPLE”. When politicians say “we want to eliminate the violence against women” they only speak about one kind of violence. They speak about the violence between married men and married women.

From my point of view this idea is wrong. Because there are several kind of sentimental relationships between people. I can't understand the difference. It's a person abusing another one.

If a woman goes to the police station and says “my partner hits me or abuses me” the first question that police officer has to make is...”What is the sex of your partner?” If the partner is male the police officers have to catch him... but in the other situations it won't happen. Sorry, but I don't understand it.

In Spain, the law to eliminate the violence against women doesn't defend most people. If you are a heterosexual man or homosexual person and you are a maltreated person, you don't have this protection.

But I think there is another problem with the law. Its inadequate use. Some people use this law to hurt their enemies and that's a pity because for police officers it's very difficult to help everybody. Although everybody is innocent until proven guilty they have to catch them immediatily.

On the other hand there are more kinds of violence. There is violence against old people... There is violence against young people...

I think there is no answer to the violence because people are very aggressive with each other. When people have no problem there isn't any violence but when people lose their safety they look for any excuse and then they have found a guilty one for their problems. And violence is the easiest solution.