

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a social phenomenon. In the course, domestic violence is defined as intimate partner's violence (IPV), due to the wide definition adapted to family settings. Domestic violence is perceived within the social and cultural framework of gender inequalities and patriarchal structures. The issue is also addressed in its legal and criminological perspectives, analyzing the offender and victim's profiles. The contribution of the social movements, as the feminist, human rights and victimological movements are, to the social recognition of domestic violence as a field of research and policy, is also addressed. Child abuse, women's abuse, and elderly's abuse are only a few aspects of the domestic violence that the students are getting familiar to. Domestic violence prevention policies in the European, national and community level are thoroughly analyzed in the course.

Indicative Bibliography

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