

Men's Attitudes and Behaviours Toward Violence Against Women

The White Ribbon Campaign conducted an Ontario-wide survey with 1,064 men, 18 years of age and over in May 2012. Here is a sample of the results:

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- 94% believe violence against women and girls is a concern to them.
- 96% agree that domestic violence can happen in any family, regardless of cultural background or economic situation
- 87% think violence against women and girls affects all women including the women in their life.
- 79% disagree that domestic violence is a private matter to be handled in the family
- 97% agree that “men can personally make a difference in promoting healthy, respectful, non-violent relationships”
- 91% would likely intervene if they knew someone in a violent relationship.
- The majority of men (56%) in Ontario think that men and boys are more aware about violence against women today than they were 5 years ago.
- 78% disagree that women often say “no” when they mean “yes”
- 89% disagree that if “a women wears provocative clothing, she’s putting herself at risk for rape”
- 86% disagree with the statement “when women talk and act sexy, they are inviting rape”
- 98% agree that both partners in a relationship are free to say if they don’t want sex
- 97% believe both partners have the right to initiate sex equally provided there is consent
- 96% feel it is important that a women be as happy as a man in a sexual relationship