

BOSTON COLLEGE

SC 144 Legal and Illegal Violence Against Women

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Prerequisite: None, although introductory sociology is useful.

Description: This course will analyze the use of violence and the threat of violence to maintain the system of stratification by gender. Rape, wife abuse, incest, and other related topics will be discussed. The focus will be on 1) causes of this violence, 2) effects, and 3) strategies for change.

Requirements:

1. Knowledge of material presented in class, including announcements. Attendance is expected; a pattern of absences may result in a lower grade. Electronic devices are to be turned off in class and put away.
2. Reading list (and class discussion of reading).
3. Term paper. Approx. 10 pages, based on your own research. Must get topic approved and must follow approved format. Keep printed back-up copy for your files. Keep working notes, articles, etc. until paper is graded. Follow instructions, including instructions on what types of references are acceptable.
4. Short assignments (e.g., analysis of ads, lyrics, etc.)
5. Midterm (essay exam on lectures, films, & reading) (Attendance mandatory)
6. Final exam (essay exam on lectures, films, and reading) (Attendance mandatory)

Due Dates:

Midterm: Mon. Oct. 16, 2006

Term paper: Mon. Nov. 13, 2006

Short Assignments: as announced in class

Final exam: on the date announced by the university

(If this date is a problem, please arrange to take a different course.)

Note: Papers more than two weeks late will not be accepted for even partial credit unless there is an emergency sufficiently serious to require the intervention of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Grading: Midterm 20%; Term paper 35%; Final exam 45%; Short Assignments pass/fail. Must have a passing grade on the final exam to pass the course.

Definition of letter grades (as stated in the Bulletin): A excellent, B good, C Satisfactory, D passing but unsatisfactory, F Failure

Readings for the course are available electronically:

Electronic Reserves

Most of the readings are on BC electronic reserve:

- Go to BC home page
- Use "Quick Links" to reach Library home page
- Under Resources, click on "Course Reserves"
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- Open it (Go to "Click here to view article") and Print

Readings from the journal, *Violence Against Women*, can be accessed electronically through Quest:

- Go to BC home page
- Use "Quick Links" to reach Library home page
- Click on Quest Library Catalog
- Search by title for *Violence Against Women*
- From 6 items that appear, go to *Violence Against Women* [electronic resource] (journal from Sage)
- Click on "Check Online Availability"
- Enter information for year of reference you are seeking
- Click on Go
- Sign in [With User Name and Password]
- Click on month of issue you are seeking
- Locate specific article, Open it (the PDF file), and Print

Session 1: Introduction Media portrayal of violence; Fear of Violence. (9/6)Sessions 2,3,4,5,6 Medical Violence (9/8 - 9/18)

- 9/11 Discuss Ehrenreich & English, *For Her Own Good* (e-reserve)
- 9/13 c/section rates—brief news readings:
 Sherman, "Caesarean Deliveries Hit U.S. Record" (e-reserve)
 Declercq & Norsigian "Mothers Aren't Behind Vogue for Caesareans" (e-reserve)
 Anon., "Caesarean Birth Triples Maternal Death Risk" (e-reserve)
 Bakalar, "Voluntary C-Sections Result in More Baby Deaths" (e-reserve)
- Discuss ob/gyn mini papers
- 9/15 Cont'd
- 9/18 Discuss:
 Toubia, *Female Genital Mutilation*
 Gagen, "Social Change in Senegal" (e-reserve)

Comparative reading:

Arin, "Femicide in the Name of Honor in Turkey" (e-reserve)

Brief news readings:

- Samuel, "Court in Nigeria Delays Stoning Death Appeal" (e-reserve)
 Anon., "Turkish Father Kills Raped Girl" (e-reserve)
 Nickerson, "For Muslim Women, Deadly Defiance: 'Honor Killings' on Rise in Europe" (e-reserve)
 Anon. "Jail for 'Honour Killing' Family" BBC 2005/12/12 (e-reserve)
 Anon. "Two Given Life for Honour Killing" BBC 7/14/2006 (e-reserve)
 Anon., "Jail for Denmark 'Honour' Killing" BBC 6/29/06 (e-reserve)
 Tanveer, "Accused of 4 'Honor Killings,' Father Says He Had 5th in Mind" (e-reserve)

Sessions 7,8,9,10,11 Social Standards of Beauty (9/20 – 9/29)

- 9/20 Plan beauty mini-paper.
 Discuss:
 Sexton, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (poem) (e-reserve)
 hooks, "Back to Black: Ending Internalized Racism" (e-reserve)
- 9/22 Video: "Miss America"/ "The Famine Within"
- 9/25 Video: "The Famine Within"
- 9/27 Discuss video plus eating/beauty readings:
 Cunningham, "Barbie Doll Culture" (e-reserve)
 Wolf, "The Beauty Myth" (e-reserve)
 Brumberg, "Anorexia Nervosa in the 1980's" from *Fasting Girls* (e-reserve)
 Brumberg, *The Body Project*, (e-reserve)

Also brief readings:

- Brodey, "Blacks Join the Eating-Disorder Mainstream" (e-reserve)
- Barnard, "Wasting Away:...Medical & Psychological Attention..." (e-reserve)
- Brumberg and Jackson, "The Burka and the Bikini" (e-reserve)
- Goodman, "The Beauty Show Goes On—Warts and All" (e-reserve)
- Paulson, "Studying Gender in Islam" (e-reserve)
- Cohen, "Dads Take On Advertisers Who Insult Daughters" (e-reserve)

9/29 Discussion of above readings continued, plus the following:

- Wilson, "Pharaonic Circumcision under Patriarchy and Breast Augmentation under Phallogocentric Capitalism" (e-reserve)
- Beauty mini-papers.

Session 12 Potpourri including midterm preparation and rules (10/2)

10/2 H & B, *The Victim of Rape* pp xxxi-xxxv (prevention & avoidance concepts)

Sessions 13,14 Rape: The Event & Effects (10/4,10/6)

- Taylor, "Disturbing Behavior: Coddled Existence Can Skew An Athlete's Perspective (e-reserve)
- Forbes, et al, "Dating Aggression, Sexual Coercion, and Aggression-Supporting Attitudes Among College Men as a Function of Participation in Aggressive High School Sports" (*Violence Against Women*, 2006, #5 On-line through Quest)
- Knapp, "Duke Just Another Spoiled Jock School" (e-reserve)

- Cole, "DA Warns of Dangers Online" (e-reserve)
- Ly, "Learning the Keys to Cool on the Internet: FBI Agents Learn Teen Lingo..." (e-reserve)
- Roberto & Teaster, "Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Young & Old Women" (Abstract) (*Violence Against Women*, 2005, #4 (On-line through Quest)

- Burgess & Holmstrom, "Rape Trauma Syndrome" (e-reserve)
- Pelka, "Raped: A Male Survivor Breaks His Silence" (e-reserve)
- Grossfeld, "A Voice for the Victims" (e-reserve)

Session 15 Rape: Event and Effects cont'd (10/11)

Session 16 Rape: The Event and Effects cont'd (10/13)

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Session 18 Rape; Feminism (10/18)

Sessions 19 & 20 Date Rape and Acquaintance Rape (10/20, 10/23)

- 10/20 Video "Date Rape Backlash"
- 10/23 Discussion of the video.

- Gross, et al "An Examination of Sexual Violence Against College Women" (*Violence Against Women*, 2006, #3 – On-line through Quest)
- Harned, "Understanding Women's Labeling of Unwanted Sexual Experiences with Dating Partners" (*Violence Against Women*, 2005, #3 – On-line through Quest)
- Lee, et al, "Attitudes Toward Rape: Comparison Between Asian & Caucasian College Students" Abstract (*Violence Against Women*, 2005, #2 – On-line through Quest)

Session 21 Rape: Criminal Justice System: Police, Hospital, DA (10/25)

Clay-Warner & Burt, "Rape Reporting After Reforms: Have Times Really Changed?" *Violence Against Women*, 11 (2) 2005 Online-through BC Quest.
 H & B, Introduction, *Victim of Rape*, pp xiv-xvii
 Campbell, "Rape Survivors' Experiences with the Legal and Medical Systems: Do Rape Victim Advocates Make a Difference?," *Violence Against Women*, 12 (1) (January, 2006) (Online through BC Quest)

Sessions 22, 23 Rape: Criminal Justice System: Trials (10/27,10/30)

H & B, Chap 6, *Victim of Rape*, "In the Courtroom," (excerpt) pp. 171-220.
 H & B, Court Outcome, Comparative Questions, *Victim of Rape* pp.xvii-xx
 Brown, "Rape Trial Divides Okla. Town" (e-reserve)
 Anon. "N.H. Court Rules In Rape Case: Says That Outfit Was Not Consent" (e-reserve)
 Davis, "Spotlight in Skakel Case is on Bench." (e-reserve)
 Konradi and Burger, "Having the Last Word" (e-reserve– skim)

10/27 Video "On Trial"

10/30 Video "On Trial" cont'd, plus comparison of it with related readings

Sessions 24, 25 Rape Culture: Everyday Life 11/1, 11/3

H & B, "Rape As Part of Everyday Life," *Victim of Rape*, pp. xxi-xxvi
 hooks, "Seduced by Violence No More" (e-reserve)
 Plath, "Daddy" (e-reserve)
 Middlebrook, *Her Husband: Hughes & Plath—A Marriage* pp.184-89 (e-reserve)

Rhoads, "Whales Tales, Dog Piles, & Beer Goggles...Frat Life" (e-reserve)
 Lauren Joseph, "Review of *Pledged: The Secret Life of Sororities* by Alexandra Robbins," pp. 567-68. (e-reserve)

Ryan & Kanjorski, "The Enjoyment of Sexist Humor..." (Abstract) (e-reserve)
 Jackson, "Say No to Hip-Hop's Excesses" 11/12/05 (e-reserve)

hooks, "Introduction: Revolutionary Attitude" (relevant to images) (e-reserve)
 Plan for ad mini paper (pornographic themes in ads/comparison ad)

Sessions 26, 27, 28 Pornography (11/6,11/8,11/10)

Griffin, Pornography and Silence (excerpts) (e-reserve). Read ahead for later discussion.
 Dines, "The Porn Buster," p. A15 (e-reserve)

11/6 Video "American Pornography." Related short readings:

Anon., "Linda Boreman, 53; Starred as Linda Lovelace, Fought Porn" (e-reserve)

Anon., "Maker of 'Girls Gone Wild' Videos Faces Sex, Drug Charges" (e-reserve)

Aucoin, "The Pornification of America" (e-reserve)

Crary, "Battle Brews as Porn Moves into Mainstream" AP /2006 (e-reserve)

11/8 Discuss video & Griffin book excerpts (e-reserve)

11/10 Discuss Griffin book excerpts

Sessions 29, 30, 31 Macro Analyses (11/13,11/15,11/17)

H & B, "Causes of Rape: Macro Analyses," in *Victim of Rape*, pp xxvi-xxxi
 Collins, "Sexual Politics of Black Womanhood" (e-reserve)
 Card, "Rape as a Weapon of War" (e-reserve)

Fisher and Chang, "Cold Comfort: Japan Still in Denial over WWII Rapes" (e-reserve)
 Bodeen, "Li Xiuying, at 86; A Survivor of Nanking Massacre," p. D9. (e-reserve)
 Messerschmidt, "The Forgotten Victims of World War II: Masculinities and Rape
 in Berlin, 1945" *Violence Against Women* 12 (7) July, 2006) 706-12. (On-
 line through BC Quest)

Dixon, "For Rape Victims, Rwanda's Horrors Live on through Aids" (e-reserve)
 Johnson, "After Visit to Refugees, Doctors' Group Asserts Sudan Is Practicing Genocide" (e-
 reserve)

11/17 Video on "Comfort Women" in WWII
 Discussion of rape & war readings (i.e., Card; Fisher & Chang; Messerschmidt; Dixon,
 Johnson)

Sessions 32, 33, 34 Wife/Girl Friend Abuse (11/20,11/27,11/29)Abuse Readings:

Lavoie, Robitaille, and Hébert, "Teen Dating Relationships and Aggression"
 (e-reserve)
 Hassounch-Phillips, "'Marriage is Half of Faith and the Rest is Fear Allah':
 Marriage and Spousal Abuse Among American Muslims," (e-reserve)
 Bacchus, Mezey, & Bewley, "A Qualitative Exploration of the Nature of Domestic
 Violence in Pregnancy, Abstract p 588 *Violence Against Women* 12 (6)
 2006. On-line through BC Quest.

Change/Action Readings

Al-Suwaij, "Freeing Muslim Women From Suffering" (e-reserve)
 Rodriguez, "The Power of the Collective: Battered Migrant Farmworker Women
 Creating Safe Spaces" (e-reserve)
 Scott and Wolfe, "Change Among Batterers: Examining Men's Success
 Stories" (e-reserve)
 English, "Fighting Back" (e-reserve)
 English, "A Daughter's Trial: Shannon Sharpe Has Channeled the Horrors of Her Father's Abuse
 and the Murder of Her Mother..." (e-reserve)
 English, "A Surgery Program Helps Rebuild Lives Marred by Domestic Violence." (e-reserve)

Wife/Girl-friend Murder—U.S. Case examples (short news readings):

Daniel, "Cross-Examination Highlights Clean Hands, Bloody Gloves." (e-reserve)
 Kurtz, "Defense Dilemma: Attack the Victim or Not" (e-reserve)
 Bell, "Second Trial Convicts Rabbi of Paying for Wife's Murder" (e-reserve)
 Anon. "[Police] Chief Who Killed Wife, Self Had Disturbing Past" (e-reserve)
 Cramer, "A Civil Trial Begins in Doctor's Death" (e-reserve)

Dowry Deaths and Pressures/Abuses of Forced Marriage (short readings)

Mandelbaum, "Dowry Deaths in India" (e-reserve)

Anon., "Tallagadda Resident Gets 10 Years for Dowry Death" (e-reserve)
 Pandey, "Dowry Deaths On The Rise In City" (e-reserve)
 Gall, "For More Afghan Women, Immolation Is Escape" (e-reserve)
 Walsh, "Team Rescues Women from Forced Marriages" (e-reserve)

Femicide (brief Abstract)

Ensalaco, "Murder in Ciudad Juárez: A Parable of Women's Struggle for Human Rights," Abstract p 417. *Violence Against Women* 12 (5) (2006) (On-line through BC Quest)

Schedule

11/20 Video "To Have and To Hold" + discussion of it.
 11/27 Lecture/Discussion of readings on wife/girl friend abuse & on change/action
 11/29 Video "No Longer Silent" (re dowry deaths) ;
 Discussion of video and related readings.
 Plan empowerment mini papers.

Sessions 35, 36 Incest and Symbolic Incest (12/1,12/4)

Set of articles on "More Clergy Abuse, Secrecy Cases" (e-reserve)
 Herman, *Father-Daughter Incest* (2nd ed), Chap. 4 "The Rule of the Father" and Chap. 12
 "Preventing Sexual Abuse." (e-reserve)

Sessions 37, 38 Empowerment 12/6,12/8

Review prevention & avoidance concepts, H & B, pp. xxxi-xxxv.
 Review readings, lectures, and videos for empowerment ideas (e.g., Toubia, pp 43-47; Herman,
 chap 12; course packet articles.)
 McPhail & DiNitto, "Prosecutorial Perspectives on Gender-Bias Hate Crimes," Abstract p 1162.
Violence Against Women 11 (9) (2005)
 Fink, "Review of *Protest, Policy and the Problem of Violence Against Women: A Cross-*
National Comparison by S. Laurel Weldon." (pp 391-94) (e-reserve)

Empowerment mini papers--discussion.
 Final exam preparation and rules.

References for recommended further readings:

- Cramer, Elizabeth P., "Variables That Predict Verdicts in Domestic Violence Cases," Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 14 (November, 1999), 1137-50 (e-reserve)
- Hartley, Carolyn Copps, "'He Said, She Said': The Defense Attack of Credibility in Domestic Violence Felony Trials," *Violence Against Women*, 7 (5) (May, 2001), pp 510-44. (e-reserve)
- Nash, Shondrah Tarrezz, "Through Black Eyes: African American Women's Constructions of Their Experiences With Intimate Male Partner Violence," *Violence Against Women* 11 (11) (November, 2005), pp. 1420-40. (On-line through BC Quest)
- Yoshioka, Marianne R., Jennifer DiNoia, and Komal Ullah, "Attitudes Toward Marital Violence: An Examination of Four Asian Communities," *Violence Against Women*, 7 (8) (August, 2001), pp. 900-26. (e-reserve)