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## **COERCIVE CONTROL IN DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

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This submission is in regards to the coercive control domestic violence bill.

I have read quite a lot of literature about the subject.

My main issue the misuse of domestic violence legislation by abusive and controlling people.

I myself was a victim of coercive control by my former partner who falsely accused me of child sexual abuse then used our 4 children as a form of control until the family court ordered a 50/50 care and responsibly arrangement.

There is a lot of independent studies and research dealing with domestic violence. May I suggest the researchers professor Murray Strauss, Dr Dutton, Erin Pizzy, Deborah Powney. To name a few.

My belief is with a non gendered domestic violence policy we can lower domestic violence. As a example in 2017 Kentucky legislated mandatory 50/50 custody and within a few months as a by product there was a 11% decrease in family court trials and a 10% decrease in domestic violence claims.

We need to remove Duluth modelling from legislation and programs dealing with the subject.

Our current system does not and has not worked for over 10years. Men,

women and more importantly children are being let down by the current system.

Men and women can both be abusive. Anger and violence are not and have never been a gender issue.