

relationship violence myths

*Relationship violence
does not affect many people.*

GET THE FACTS!

1/3 of American women (31%)
report being physically or sexually abused
by a boyfriend or husband at some point in
their lives (The Commonwealth Fund,
1999).

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*Relationship violence
only happens between a man and
a woman.*

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1 in 4 gay, lesbian, bisexual and
transgendered (GLBT) people are battered
by a partner
(Jane Doe, Inc.).

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Relationship violence is caused by drugs or alcohol.

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- Alcohol and drugs are not causes of abuse, even though it may intensify violent behavior.
- Abusive people typically make excuses for their violence, claiming a loss of control due to alcohol/drug use or extreme stress.
- Relationship violence, however, does not represent a loss of control, but a way of achieving it.