

Violence Against Women: A Men's Issue

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Who's in the room?

Why should men care about violence against women?

- Men commit violence against women.
 - Most men aren't abusers, but most abusers are men.
- It confines us.
 - It's virtually impossible for women to distinguish a "safe guy" from a man who might hurt them. Women approach relationships with men with fear and mistrust.
- We all know survivors.
 - 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner.
 - 1 in 5 women in the U.S. has been raped in their lifetime.
- Men can END violence against women.
 - We can challenge behaviors that contribute to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



Types of Abuse



Warning Signs of Abuse

- Constantly putting someone down/name calling/insults
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive temper
- Isolating someone from their family or friends; dictating who they can see or hang out with
- Telling someone what to do or what to wear
- Mood swings (nice one minute and angry the next)
- Checking someone's cell phone, social media or email without permission
- Possessiveness
- Physically hurting someone in any way

Healthy

Unhealthy

Abusive

Abuse Culture

- Glamourization of men's violence against women, acceptance of misogynistic language and jokes, belief that it's the job of women and girls to avoid being abused or raped
 - Don't wear short skirts, watch your drink, don't walk alone in the dark, learn to defend yourself
 - Causes shame if someone is victimized
- Sexist and degrading language

"You throw like a girl."

"Stop being a pansy."

"What are you – gay?"

"Don't be soft."

"Hey baby!"

"You're really strong for a girl!"

"Hey gorgeous!"

"You should smile more!"

Whistle

"OK, sweetheart"

"Women – can't live with 'em, can't live without 'em!"

"That's not ladylike."

"Let's settle this like men!"

"Hey beautiful!"

"Is it that time of the month?"

"Hey sexy!"

What else contributes to
abuse culture?

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FRESHER, IT WOULD BE
PINCHING YOUR BUM
AND ASKING YOU OUT!**

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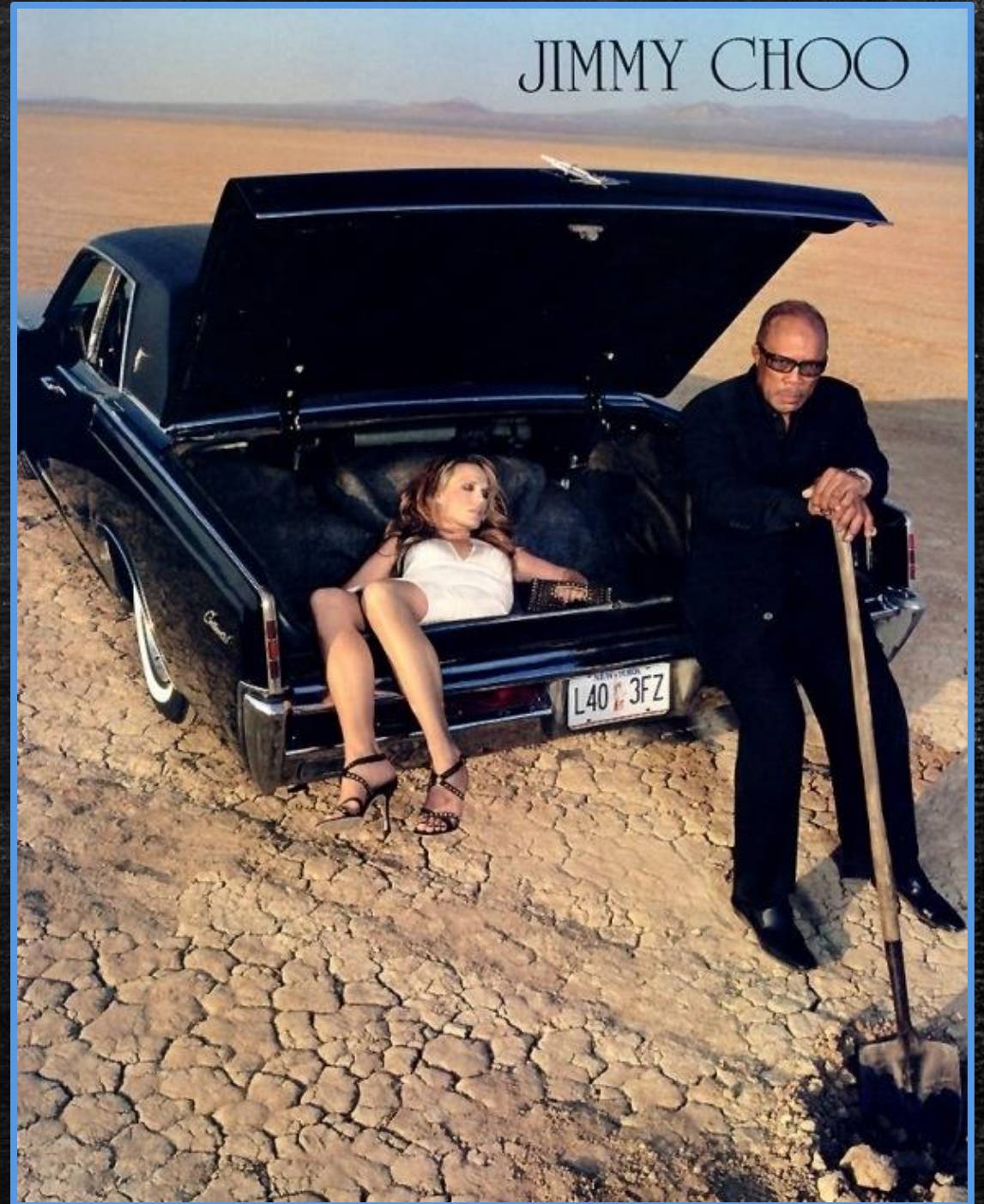
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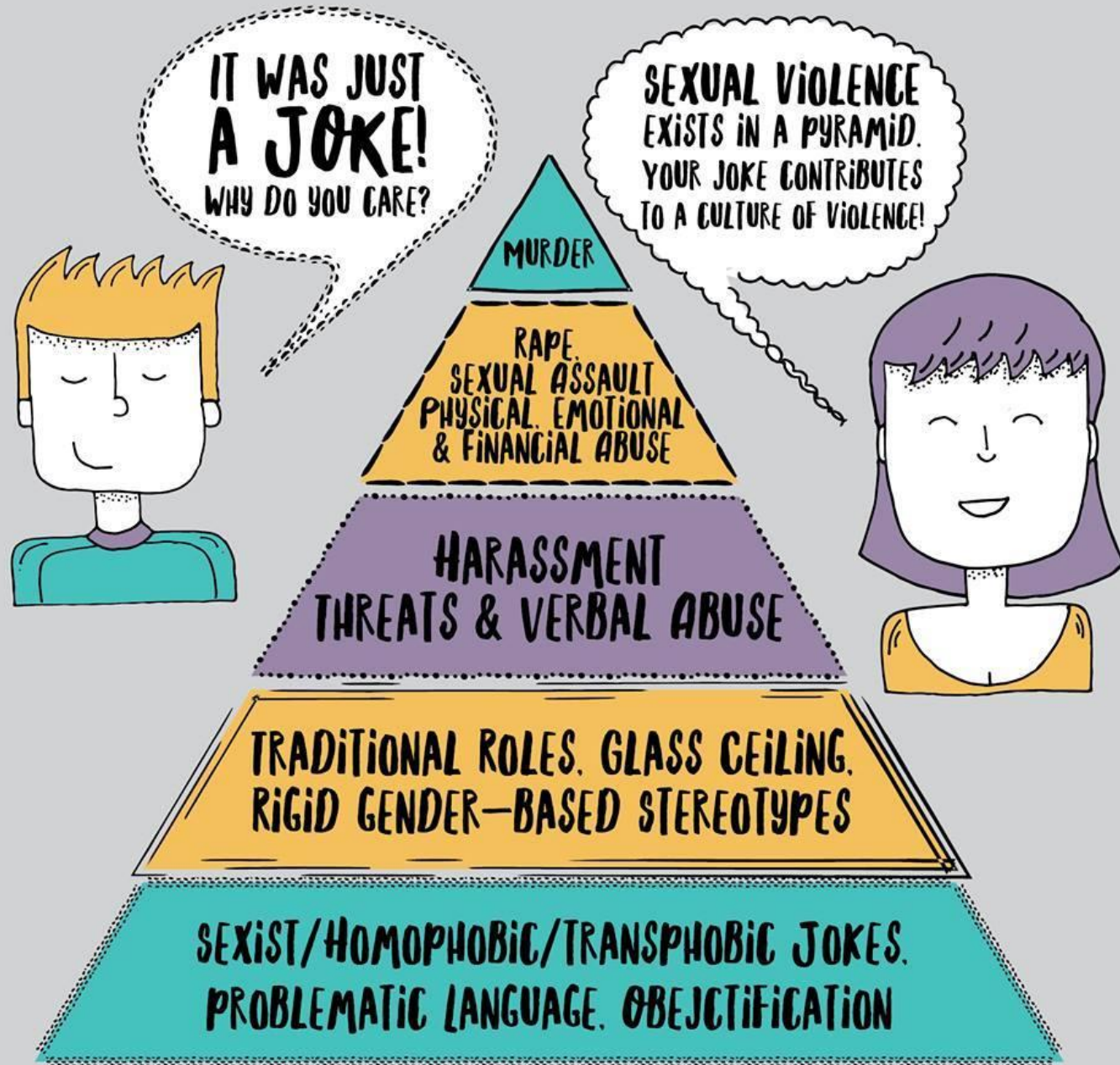


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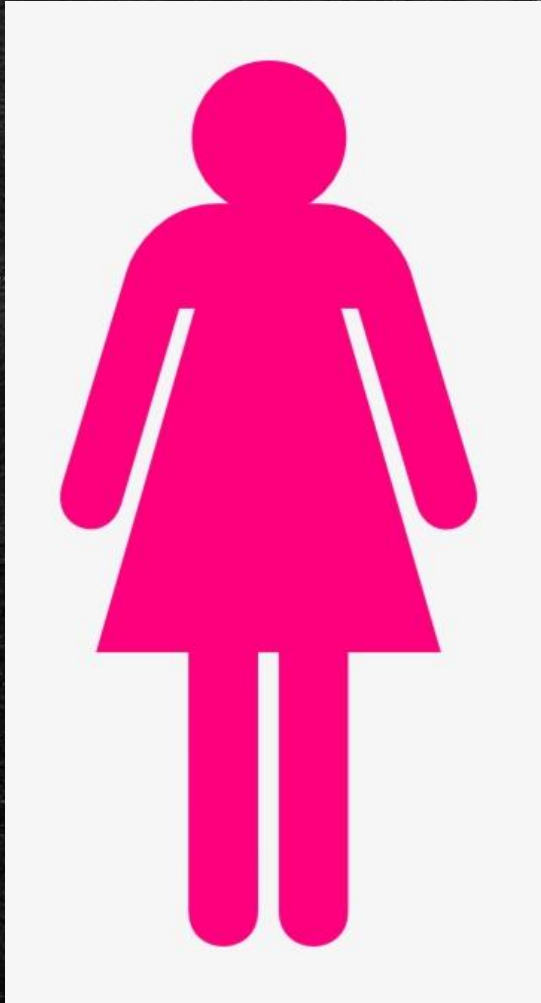
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Dominant Stories of Prevention:



How are women taught to avoid being raped or sexually assaulted?



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81% of women



43% of men

How to Challenge Behaviors That Contribute to Abuse Culture

- Don't use language that degrades or objectifies other people.
 - Women and girls
 - Minorities
 - LGBTQIA+
 - People with disabilities
 - Immigrants/people with limited English
- When you hear someone use demeaning language, say something.
 - It takes courage to stand up for something you believe in, and people will respect you for that.
 - No one wants to live in a world where people are being assaulted, raped, and/or murdered. Speak up when someone says something that contributes to violence.
- Don't trivialize jokes about rape or intimate partner violence.
 - These are serious issues. Remind whoever made the joke that it's not funny.
- Talk to your friends, peers, and family members about abuse culture and victim blaming.
 - Discuss how the language we use contributes to violence in our communities.

We have a choice to make.

What kind of world do you want to live in?

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