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Activity: Media

Domestic abuse

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- analyse some of the patterns of domestic abuse with reference to a case study.

Leslie Morgan Steiner is a writer and outspoken advocate for survivors of domestic violence — including herself.

Watch the clip and answer the questions that follow.

https://www.ted.com/talks/leslie_morgan_steiner_why_domestic_violence_victims_don_t_leave

1. Why does Steiner state that she is not a typical domestic violence survivor?
2. Who does Steiner suggest can be a victim of domestic violence?
3. Why does Steiner say domestic abuse is confusing?
4. Which group does she suggest is most at risk of domestic violence?
5. Note the statistics she gives for domestic violence in the United States (US).
6. How many children are victims of domestic violence in the US?
7. What does Steiner identify about her former partner that might have contributed to his actions?
8. Note the phases of domestic violence that Steiner identifies in her story.
9. Why didn't Steiner report the early cases of domestic violence?