

University of Maryland Baltimore County
SOWK 376: Intimate Partner Violence: A Social Work Perspective

Assignment #1 – IPV Media Portrayal Paper

Due Date: March 25, 2020

Percentage of grade: 25%

The purpose of this assignment is to analyze societal views on IPV (nationally or internationally) and their role in perpetuating it, so students can critically think about practical responses to this global issue.

Throughout the semester, you should be reading or listening to the news. You will select one story that involves IPV. The article/news story needs to be in a popular media outlet (for example, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *CNN*, *CBS*, *British Broadcasting Corporation*). You will write a 4-5 page critical review that should include the following:

1. **Introduction:** Write a brief introduction where you present the issue you plan to address and state the purpose of your paper.
2. **IPV definition**
 - a. After reading your news story and doing additional research, explain the implicit or explicit definition of IPV provided by the author of story. What does the author think IPV is? Use your article to support your assertions.
 - b. Based on course materials and other research, discuss if this definition is accurate and appropriate. → Will attach an article from ~~work~~ class discussion.
3. **Participants' Perspective on the Issue/Case:**
 - a. Explain the victim's perspective as presented by the author.
 - b. Explain the perspective of the person who committed the abuse as presented by the author.
4. **IPV Myths:**
 - a. List and explain two myths about IPV that are reinforced in the article. Use **class materials and scholarly articles (at least two sources outside of class materials)** to provide support to the argument that they are myths.
 - b. Use **scholarly articles (at least two sources outside of class materials)** to address what the evidence shows about the issues/myths promoted. You need to use the data to dismiss the myths.

*5. **Diversity and Intersectionality:**

- a. Apply the material you learned in class regarding intersectionality to the case presented in the story. What aspects, in this case, are interacting with each other to perpetuate IPV in society? How does diversity and intersectionality play a role in the situation?
 - b. Be sure to address interconnectedness, as well as difference in your response.
6. **Response:** Develop a macro level response to address the myths you discussed earlier. Think about how these societal perceptions can be combated and changed. Address the following:
- a. List and explain at least one social work strategy to fight this problem. Be specific. Keep in mind your plan needs to be at the macro level, so the change needs to occur at the organizational, community, state, national, or global level.
 - b. Briefly explain how you think this strategy will influence clients and society as a whole.
7. **Conclusion:** Write a brief conclusion (one paragraph) summarizing the main points of your paper.

I will attach other articles from class discussion to help
please contact me if there is any question.