'Yeah but, it’s funny if she does it to him': Society's silencing male victims of Domestic Violence
THE PICTURE

Percentage of adults aged 16-59 who experienced intimate violence at least once since the age of 16

Key
- Men
- Women
- All

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*Source: Crime Survey for England and Wales. *Inc. Attempts
THEORY, WHAT THEORY?

Is Male Domestic Violence considered as an entity? Academically? Mentally?
Men are much less likely than women to report domestic violence.

- Threat to masculinity and machismo, threat of ridicule.
POWER AND STEREOTYPES

**Men**
- Power
- Dominance
- Assertiveness
- Sexual/Domestic Violence
- Perpetrators

**Women**
- Powerlessness
- Passivity
- Weakness
- Sexual/Domestic Violence
- Victims

What happens when men do become victims?
THE PROBLEM

• Men are much less likely than women to report domestic violence
• Threat to masculinity and machismo, threat of ridicule

• Whilst there is a global issue with male-on-female domestic violence – a silent problem exists in the form of F-M DV
• Lack of support from social network (Tsui et al, 2010; Tsui, 2014)
• Police (Buzawa & Thomas, 1993) – Satisfaction with care
• Criminal Justice System (Lynette & Kris, 2005) – Sentencing
“Scarlett and John have been arguing for the past three days. Scarlett has been getting frustrated that John has been spending a lot of money from their joint bank account. The bills are supposed to be paid in two days and John has asked Scarlett to pay more than his half once again. Scarlett and John start arguing and John pushed Scarlett out of the way to leave the room. Scarlett pulls John back and punches him in the face”
Men and Women judged the vignettes similarly for all questions (i.e., gender was non-significant in all models)

Broadly, judgements were higher in the F-M scenario than in the M-F scenario (aside from Perpetrator Blame)

* = p<0.001

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AND IN POPULAR MEDIA?

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7m5v8pLtog
THE IMPLICATIONS

Lift the Mask off DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Brutal Truth

40% of domestic abuse victims are male; that’s 2 of every 5 victims

1 in 6 Men will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime

1 Man is killed every fortnight by a current or ex partner

YOU ARE NOT ALONE
BREAK THE SILENCE
REPORT IT

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Mobile Swindon 07967 772523

Keeping Swindon Safe - Swindon Community Safety Partnership
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PR5ryhnYtQ

• Uniform, and yet aware, approach to victims of domestic violence
  • Academia needs to support this
  • Both victims and members of support networks need to work towards changing their attitudes towards F-M DV
  • Great charity work!
THANK YOU!