Where do the Roots of Domestic Violence Sprout From?

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Questions to Ponder

• What are some of the effects that domestic violence have on children?

• What are characteristics of the ‘real man’ and ‘machismo’?
Brief Overview of Today

- Historical
- Biological
- Cultural
What Do These Numbers Stand For?

- 1,750,000 workdays
- $67 Billion
- 85%-90% female
- Every 9 seconds
- 3 to 4 Million
- 20-34 years old
The History Of Violence

- constant state of violence
- 800,000 years of history
- evolutionary advances
- survival of the fittest
Biological Side of Domestic Violence....

- personality profiling:
  - traits to look for
  - what is an “oppositional temperament”
  - at what age do specific traits become apparent
“violence is a behavior taught by the culture, or an infectious disease epidemic to certain environments” - Pinker
Cultural Differences And Their Influence…

cultural norms differ for masculinity and sexism

Spain- Machismo
Italy- Braggadocio
North America- real man
Who is Machismo?

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Social Construction of the ‘real man’

- who is the ‘real man’

- how is he connected with domestic violence

- what can be done about this epidemic?
What Makes the ‘Real man’

- socially adapt
- financially sound
- physically fit
- domineering
- respected
Other Environmental Influences

- yearly Income
- community suffering
- stepparent syndrome
What Happened To the Children Who Witness domestic Violence?

-modeling
-socialization
-violence
-disassociation

-poor health
-low self-esteem
-higher risk of alcoholism
-drug abuse
-offenders themselves
-suicide
“The tragedy is that people who have been victimized often become victimizers themselves”
-Richard Rhodes
Quick Summary

- *Through the passing of time it has been shown repeatedly that violence is in our society. In some cultures it is just more apparent then in others.*
- *There have been evolutionary changes proven that show man has both adapted and grown physically to support violent habits*
- *Children are the unsuspecting, non-deserving victims of violence, which in the end turns out to be at their diadvantage.*
Questions to Ponder

- What are some of the effects that domestic violence have on children? The children are more likely to be violent offenders themselves, higher rates of suicide, low self-esteem, poor social interactions.

- What are characteristics of the ‘real man’ and ‘machismo’? Both of these roles are domineering of their partners, and family members. The feel that they are superior to the rest of family and friends.