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Discourse community

Domestic violence is important to my discourse community. I will be appealing to active women who are seeking the right to independence and a happy life, without letting yourself and children be bullied. I would like to enroll in a society for the protection of women, their rights and freedoms. In this forum, I want to appeal to women from all countries with the following words.

A family is the most important structural component of society, which lays the foundations for social norms and influences the process of primary socialization of the individual, participates in economic and cultural processes, therefore, the well-being and stability of the family is a condition for socio-economic and political stability of society, as well as guarantees the strategic security of any state. A family in a state of crisis which manifests itself in a number of different ways and destructive processes. One of the brightest manifestations of this crisis is the increase in cruelty and violence between family members. The solution to this problem is one of the main tasks of state family policy. However, despite wide publicity of this problem, there are still no clear and legitimate definitions of domestic violence, both in

sociological science and in the state. Even in different families, they treat such manifestations. In some families, one act is considered violence and in others is considered the status quo.

I would like to give an example from the life of my friend, who was abused as a child by her stepfather and who constantly showed her actions of a sexual nature. In this case the girl was only 12 years old. She stayed traumatized for life, terrorizing memories, fear of relationships and sexual relations, and as a consequence now as an adult my friend does not want to start a family, nor does she want to have children out of fear they will be subjected to similar violence.

A second example of domestic violence in the family can be seen in another friend of mine where violence was hidden from her in plain sight. After the death of her father, the truth was revealed. It turned out he was a real tyrant to her mother, and just adored the children. When my friend asks her mother why she didn't mention the abuse, she refuses to answer. Although the mother's psyche did not suffer, she was very sorry for the life of a mother who had to hide the violent actions of her husband for the happiness of her children. But violence doesn't only come from men, but also violence from the mother is not uncommon. Mothers show aggression and violence against their children.

Next story happened to my neighbor. A long time ago, when she was a child, her mother had alcohol problems and often became out of control. On one of those days, her daughter had a very hard time because the mom, spend all the money for alcohol and drugs, leaving the seven-year-old girl with nothing to eat. When the mother needed more alcohol or a quick fix she would beat her daughter and force her to perform sexual acts on men in order to get paid, so she can then buy more alcohol. On another occasion her father, who was separated due to incarceration was walking down the street and saw a little girl crying. Moved by this little girl

in tears he went to help her only to realize that she was his daughter. Thankfully when her father recognized his daughter he was appalled by his wife's behavior and immediately took custody of the little girl.

A friend of mine who lived in a happy family told a very interesting story of humiliation in her family. And although there was no physical violence, she lived in constant fear of doing something wrong. The father of this family was a real tyrant although he did not use physical violence he did torment her emotionally. He would harm the wife, children and even his mother emotionally. The family was timed when eating and if the time was up or it was up to his discretion he would remove the food from them. Sometimes his mother was not fed for days, simply because he would forget to feed her or out of punishment for her clumsiness or forgetfulness due to age. Although many of my friends and their parents live quite calmly, according to my calculations, domestic violence is manifested to one degree or another in almost 40% of families.

Therefore, this is a serious problem in my discursive community. Sociological science identifies the following forms of domestic violence:

- 1) Physical violence (beating, torture, etc.);
- 2) Sexual violence (forced sexual intercourse, committing sexual acts against will, rape);
- 3) Psychological violence (isolation, humiliation, threats);
- 4) Economic violence (forced to work, work ban, financial restrictions and controls);
- 5) Neglect (systematic inability or refusal to provide basic needs of the dependent family member for the essentials: food, clothing, medical care, protection and affection). From this the list follows that violence can be carried out not only by action, but also inaction (neglect).

Violence can be the same direct or indirect (violence lies in the impossibility of victims to provide for their basic needs on their own).

According to the subject of family violence, there are 3 types of domestic violence:

- 1) Parental violence against children;
- 2) Violence of one spouse over another;
- 3) Violence against elderly relatives.

The prevalence of domestic violence does not depend on class, racial, cultural or religious aspects, it is common in all layers society. Every person living in a family of violence does not become immune to such violence against your own person. From a practical point of view, when considering violence, one can speak of a pronounced muscular specificity. To commit physical violence men are more prone to sexual violence. Due to gender differences and mental characteristics. An additional factor in the perpetration of violence by men is state of alcoholic and drug intoxication (more than 70% crimes in the field of family - domestic relations). On the other hand, types of violence such as psychological abuse and neglect are more characteristic of women. They are more likely to show aggression towards their own children than men (60.8% versus 39.2%).

From a criminological point of view, there are two main types of violence: criminally punishable and criminally not punishable. The main difference between these types of violence is that in the first case for committing violent actions the perpetrator will be punished, and in the second the perpetrator will be subject only to censure from society, expressed in various forms of mental impact on the personality of the individual. Sometimes even this censure will never come to fruition because the victim of violence doesn't speak up about the issue due to fear.

I appeal to you, dear women, by imploring, not to be silent and not to forgive those who try in some way to be violent toward you. If you will forgive or remain silent, then perhaps you might lose the most precious thing you have which is your life. I urge everyone to start a fight with those who are trying to establish themselves in this way in life. After all, these are often people with a rather difficult fate, a crippled psyche. One cannot expect such people to change. Need not to allow such a manifestation to themselves under no circumstances. Sure, I would like to appeal to Congress with a proposal to tighten punishment for domestic violence. After all, we will always be subject to violence only defenseless, which means the task of society is to help all people find freedom, and of course help in difficult situations such family circumstances.

You must remember that tyrants will never change. Tyrants often times resort to bullying and they always go according to a strict plan to destroy you. In psychology, they associate such behavior with the cyclical development of domestic violence, dividing it into the following periods: an increase in psychological stress; committed violence; reconciliation of the parties. Subsequently, the above periods may be repeated. Domestic violence cannot be considered as personal issue of family members rather it should be public. The social significance and danger of these crimes requires amendments to the criminal law, aimed at preventing domestic violence. Development required a comprehensive system of social measures to protect human rights in the family sphere and prevention of family crimes. By means of mass media and educational activities to promote non-violent methods of solving domestic conflicts. In particular, we see the point of introducing into practice the media consultations and conversations on the problems of legal regulation of intra-family relationships, increase the number of social advertising on issues of family violence, disseminate information about civil rights family members and parenting

responsibilities and, of course, actively to draw public attention to the problem of inadmissibility of family violence and domestic violence.

At the end of my speech, I would like to say that those who are indifferent to this problem which sadly are quite a lot, we need to unite and begin to proclaim the freedom of family life from violence.

If all people start proclaiming such rights than perpetrators would be more afraid to commit these crimes leading to lives being saved. This issue pertains to us all because if we do not act on behalf of the victims the society we know will be at the brink of destruction.

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