

Abuse and Cultural Context

Domestic violence may look different to different people.



Domestic violence can affect anyone, but the ways in which it appears may manifest itself or be received differently depending on the setting in which it occurs. Cultural context can play a large role in a survivor's decision to leave an abusive relationship. The specific cultural setting may be determined by your race, gender, sexuality, class, education, or any number of factors.

In the United States, a country with various and overlapping forms of social, economic, and political discrimination along precisely these lines, certain communities experience heightened vulnerability to domestic violence.

Always consider your individual circumstances when making decisions about your safety and remember that advocates from The Hotline are available 24/7 by phone or chat to discuss your situation and help you consider your options.

While the information contained below may not include your specific cultural context (yet), many of the [warning signs of abuse](#) and other dynamics may bear similarities to abuse in your community and can be useful to explore.

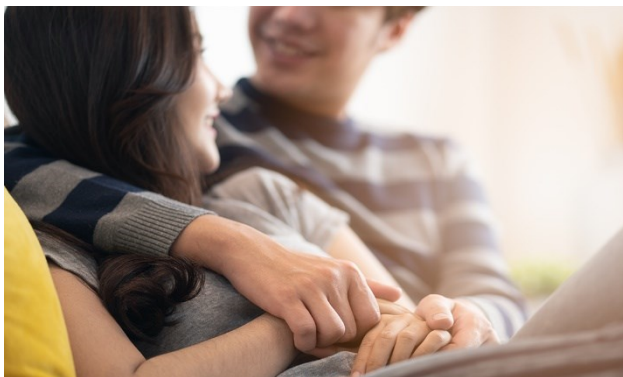
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Abuse is never okay.

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“Regardless of the circumstances of your relationship or past, no one ever deserves to be abused and you’re never responsible for your partner’s abusive actions”.



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