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# MYTHS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

## #1

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION AND IS RARE.

## #2

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURS ONLY AMONG POORLY EDUCATED FAMILIES IN THE LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSES.

## #3

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS USUALLY A ONE-TIME, ISOLATED INCIDENT BETWEEN ADULTS.

## #4

- IF THE VICTIM DIDN'T LIKE IT, SHE WOULD LEAVE. VICTIMS PROVOKE VIOLENCE.

## #5

- SEXUAL ASSAULT DOESN'T HAPPEN IN MY COMMUNITY.

## #6

- RAPE IS MOST OFTEN PERPETRATED BY A STRANGER.

## #7

- RAPE VICTIMS ARE YOUNG, SEXY WOMEN WHO DRESS PROVOCATIVELY.

# #8

- WOMEN CANNOT BE RAPED BY THEIR HUSBANDS OR PARTNERS.