

## Batterers

All who batter seek to dominate and control their victims, we need to understand WHY they seek to dominate and control their victims to determine the risk of lethality.

Types:

Survival (I)	Without you, I'm nothing
(II)	You contribute to my status Perfect Image
Entitlement	You are supposed to serve me I get to have what I want
Materialistic	You provide what I need and want – its all about money and assets
Sadistic	Inflicting pain empowers me

### Survival – DESPERATION!

Must have a partner to survive, or for image to be intact

reaction to loss is not fear, but terror

betrayal causes not anger, but rage

often fits Lenora Walker's strong cycle of abuse ("Cycle of Violence")

may fit Dutton's 'abusive personality'

Total desperation when faced with possible loss of partner/control

**\*\*set up for murder\*\***

he begins by trying to prevent her from leaving, but progresses to destroying her once  
he realizes she is lost to him

dangerous to LE – LE is helping remove the 'thing' he needs to survive  
mass shooters fit this role

if he kills her, he gets to "keep" her forever, no one else can have her

often, he doesn't have a long criminal history – people are shocked when the violence is learned

if he begins living as if life is over (cashes out life insurance, quits job, etc.) – HE IS GOING TO KILL!

even if there has been NO history of abuse

### Entitlement

sense of privilege – if I don't get what I want I have the right to punish you

behavior is very calculated – being in absolute control is important to him, pride not to be "out of control"

may fake anger, or have "righteous" anger

Power and Control Wheel – fits well

"I know what's best for people, why don't they just listen to me?"

"if I don't have someone else (relationship) then you can't either ... or you should expect harassment"

"I'm entitled to treat others as I see fit ... I'm the man! ... I don't care what anyone else says, its not a two-way street ... what I say goes"

“I control everything, they do what I tell them to do”

Recidivism is very high

Most common batterer – lots of DV calls

relatively low risk of homicide

### **Materialistically Motivated**

Primary interest is money and assets

Expect service from partner (sex, support, companion, housekeeping, etc.) without assuming any responsibility

Views women as interchangeable and disposable

may view women as restrictive of their liberty

might force them into prostitution

when the relationship between an HT victim and the perpetrator was known, 25% was spouse

### **Sadistic**

Most intelligent

Often are “pillars of the community” – works hard to create a high profile public image

Usually have high power on job (doctors, etc.)

Derives immense pleasure from plotting/planning

Abuse may actually begin long after marriage, as he took that time to plan

Masterful at hiding the abuse – part of the “game”

Victimization may first be noted when the victim enters psych unit!

“compliant victim” of sexual sadist (Hazelwood)

convinces victim she is crazy (gaslighting: psychological manipulation meant to make victim question her own sanity)

Abuse escalates to torture – must escalate to provide pleasure