

## Social Norms Pie

Audience age: 9th grade and up

Source: Adapted by Theresa Kuehl of Domestic Abuse Intervention Services and Julie Andersen of Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence from the exercise "Causal Pie"

Purpose:

To help communities or groups gain a shared understanding to which social norms have the greatest impact as to why Domestic Violence occurs within their community/society.

Time: one hour

Materials: sheet of newsprint for each small group; set of colored markers/crayons for each team; explanatory sheet (see below)

Introduction: 10 minutes (or longer if presenting the social norms for the first time)  
(Presentation on social norms and IPV –30 minutes)

Facilitator – Ask the group what impact social norms have on IPV/DV in their communities. Acknowledge the responses. Express that there are many possible responses to this, but for the purpose of planning for prevention it's important to come to a shared understanding of the impact of social norms on DV in order to focus the planning process.

For quick review, ask the participants to name the six social norms that are significant in DV.

Break the group into smaller groups of 3-4 people each. Give each small group a piece of news print, the directions sheet and markers and have them create a pie chart illustrating which norms the group feels has the most impact in DV. The larger the pie slice equals the greater impact the norm has. Groups do not have to use all six norms named and/or they may name another norm they feel is significant.

Small group work time: 20-25 minutes

Return to large group: 30 minutes

Each small group presents their pie and reasoning.

As each group presents, ask questions such as:

How was that experience for your group?

How did your individual perspectives change through this process?

Suggested questions to wrap us up:

So what new thoughts are you having based on hearing others present their pies?

If one norm is missing from a pie(S) completely, what insights are you having?

What did you think about the 'other' norm *this* group added?

## **Social Norms Pie: Small Group**

### Purpose:

To help communities or groups gain a shared understanding to which social norms have the greatest impact as to why Domestic Violence occurs within their community/society.

### Instructions:

Each group will have a piece of news print and markers. Use materials to create a pie chart that illustrates the **impact** of each of the 6 social norms that contribute to Domestic Violence. The larger the pie slice the greater the impact the norm has. If you chose to exclude one of the social norms, please be prepared to explain why your group made that decision. If you chose to include an additional norm that your group feels contributes to the prevalence and pervasiveness of Domestic Violence, please be prepared to explain why you did so.

Each group will have 20 minutes to create their pie. Each small group will present their Social Norms Pie to the large group.

Please color code your social norms as directed below.

**Brown-Limited roles for women**

**Red-Narrow definitions of manhood, traditional gender roles for men**

**Orange-Sexualization of children**

**Green-Violence is acceptable and everywhere**

**Blue-Value of power and claiming and maintaining power over others**

**Black-Privacy and Silence, violence is something to be kept secret**

**Purple—Other**