

SOCIAL ISSUE POSTER SERIES

MARITAL RAPE

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TOPIC RESEARCH

Definition

Marital rape, or spousal rape, is the term used to describe non-consensual sex in which the perpetrator is the victim's spouse. It is a form of partner rape, domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Facts

- Marital rape didn't become an issue until the 1970's when women's rights activists began advocating for the criminalization of marital rape.
- In fact, a marital rape exemption legally shielded husbands from being charged with the rape of their wives, and this exemption was not successfully challenged until the late 1970s.
- The most frequently cited source of this exemption was 17th century British Chief Justice Matthew Hale, who wrote that husbands could not be guilty of a rape of a wife because "by their mutual matrimonial consent and contract the wife hath given up herself in this kind unto her husband, which she cannot retract"
- According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, there are three types of marital rape:
 - Battering rape – battering rape occurs when physical and sexual violence occur together. Victims may experience the physical and sexual violence at the same time or one may occur after another. The rape may occur after physical violence as an attempt to "make up."
 - Force-only rape – this type of rape happens when physical violence is not present. As with all rape, this type of spousal rape is spurred by a desire to exert power and control over another person. This desire manifests in acting as if sex is an entitlement to one party from another.
 - Obsessive/Sadistic rape – obsessive or sadistic rape is rape that involves torture or perverse sexual acts. This type of marital rape tends to be very violent and result in physical injuries.

Statistics

- Russell (1990) and Finkelhor and Yllo (1985) studies to be the best estimates we have of the overall prevalence of wife rape, indicating that at least one of every 10 married women will be raped by a husband or cohabiting boyfriend in her lifetime, it is likely that practitioners who work with battered women will find that these women are much more likely to have experienced such an assault (Campbell, 1989; Pence & Paymar, 1993)
- Between 10% and 14% of married women will be raped at some point during their marriages.
- 18% of female victims of spousal rape say their children witnessed the crime.
- Marital rape is the most underreported form of sexual assault. Only 36% of all rape victims ever report the crime to police, and the percentage of married women who report a spousal rape is even lower.

Quotes of Survivors

"It's over quicker if I just give in."

"If I expected to keep the marriage together I would have to cooperate sexually."

"If I refuse he will go to other women."

"Every time we had sex it was unwanted, but I knew I had to do it because I was his wife."

"He was the husband and I was the wife and it was my responsibility to satisfy him."

"If you have any doubt, leave. Don't stay for anyone, get out for you."

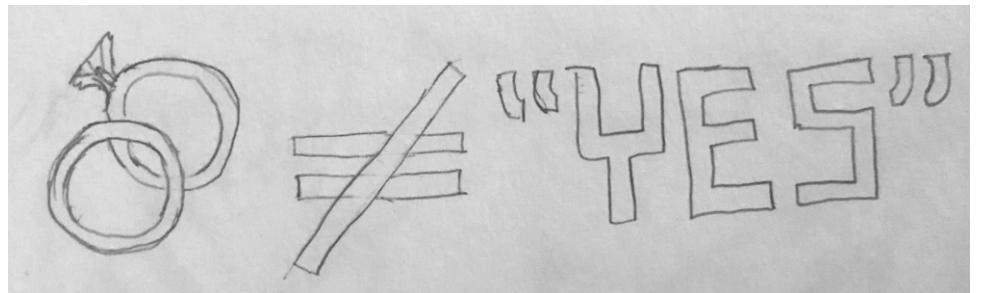
"It's not consent if you make me afraid to say no."

SKETCHES

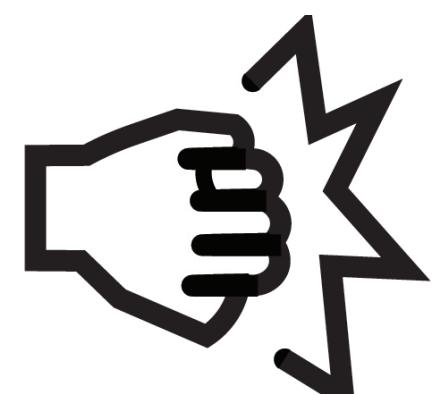
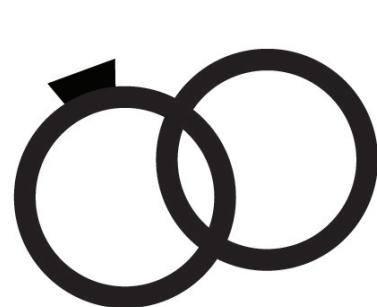
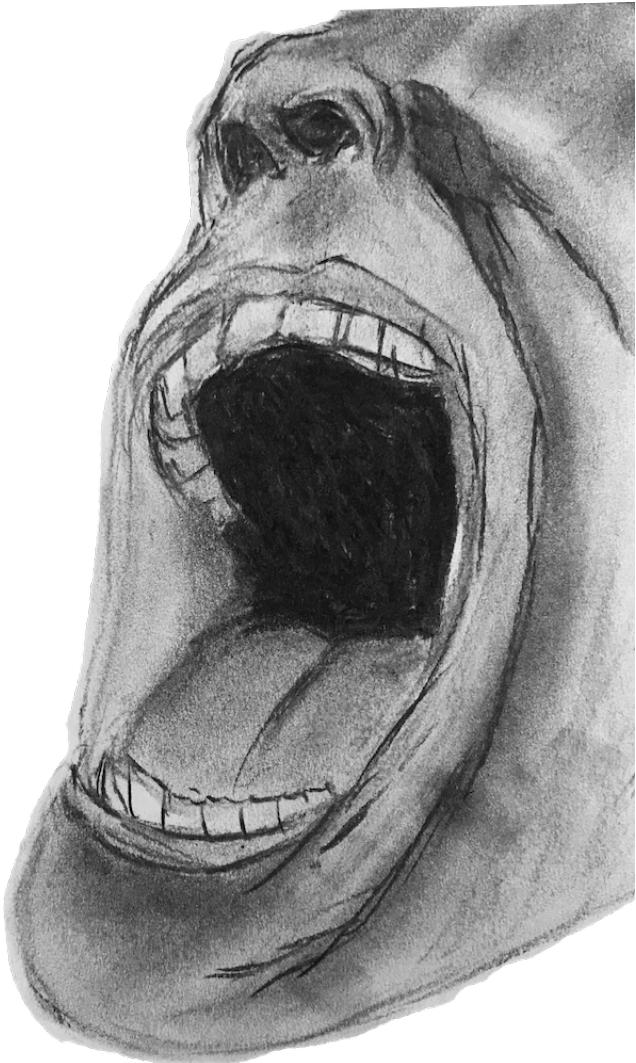
Three Kinds of Rape Series Idea



— Does Not Equal — Series Idea



Charcoal Sketches Series Idea



POSTER CONTENT

Three Kinds of Rape - Content

Force-Only Rape

I wasn't in the mood
I felt like I had to
Because he was my husband.

Battering Rape

I didn't want him to touch me
I felt like I had to
Because he was my husband

Obsessive/Sadistic Rape

I didn't want to try that
I felt like I had to
Because he was my husband

Charcoal Sketches - Content

Title: Marriage Does Not Equal Consent

Content: Marital rape is real, and it is a factor of domestic violence. Marital rape occurs when unwanted sexual acts are committed by one spouse to another. These sexual acts can happen not only vaginally, but also orally and anally.

There are three types of marital rape:

Force-Only Rape

Threats (or threats coupled with violence) are used only to coerce sex
Typically appears in relationships where verbal violence occurs and/or physical violence occurs only/primarily in sexual interactions

Battering Rape

Physical violence and sex occur together and/or before/after one another
Typically appears in relationships as part of the psychological, verbal, emotional, economical, and/or physical abuse pattern

Obsessive/Sadistic Rape

Obsessive sex that is also violent
Typically appears in relationships where the abuser appears obsessed with sex and uses violence and/or torture to become aroused

No matter how small or big you may think your experience was, help is here for you. Marriage does not equal consent.

Charcoal Sketches - Subtitle Ideas

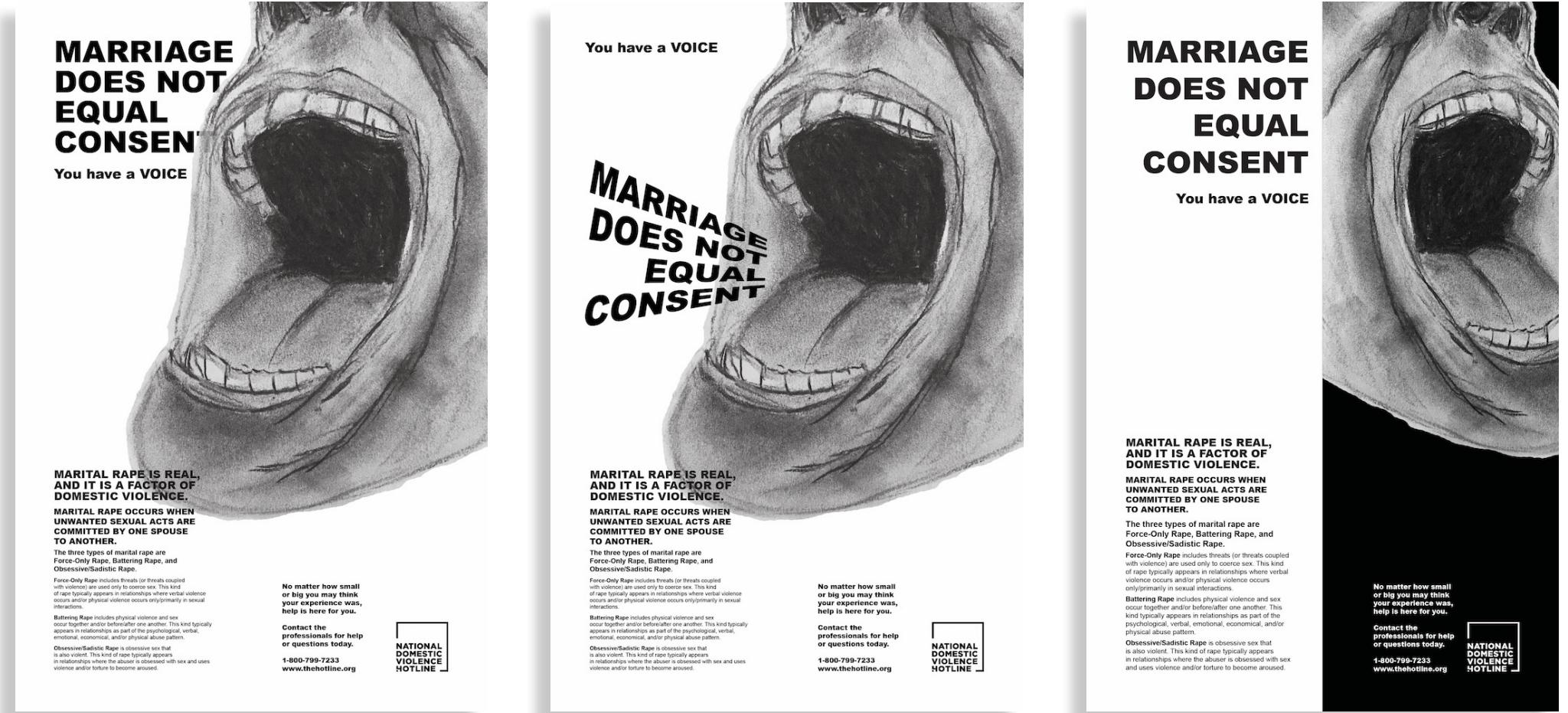
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No More Giving in
No More Staying Silent
No More Manipulation
No More Intimidation
No More Tormentation
No More Debilitation
No More Minimalization
No More Negotiation
No More Normalization
No More Rationalization
No More Participation
No More Stigmatization
No More Victimization
No More Sympathizing
No More Walking on Eggshells
No More Turning the Other Cheek
No More Weathering the Storm
No More Caving In
No More Unstable Roller-Coasters
No More Hot and Cold
No More Short Fuse
No More Damage Control
No More Being Caught in a Tornado
No More Bird in a Cage
No More Caged Bird
No More Aching Knot
No More Enslaving Love
You have a VOICE
You have a CHOICE
You have a RIGHT
You have a STRENGTH
You have a POWER
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— Does Not Equal — - Titles

Marriage Does Not Equal Consent
Violence Is Not Okay
Threats Do Not Equal Love

POSTER IDEATIONS

CHARCOAL SKETCHES SERIES IDEA



POSTER IDEATIONS

GENERAL BLANK/WHITE LAYOUT



POSTER IDEATIONS

— DOES NOT EQUAL — SERIES IDEA



FINAL POSTER SERIES

**MARITAL RAPE IS REAL,
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"YES"

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POST CRITIQUE

The image displays three posters side-by-side, each addressing a misconception about marital rape. The first poster uses a double circle icon and the word "YES" to critique the idea that marital rape is acceptable. The second poster uses a hand icon and the word "OKAY" to critique the idea that it's just fine. The third poster uses a warning sign icon and the word "LOVE" to critique the idea that love excuses it.

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