



Domestic Violence - Not a Mere Gender Issue

Domestic Violence is one of the scourges of society. However, it is innately wrong and biased for it to be portrayed as a one-sided issue, where the man is always the abuser.

Repeated media coverage, proposed and promoted by feminist organisations is depicting violent masculinity as a cultural norm. The focus is often placed on the masculine traits of the perpetrator. This reinforces gender role stereotypes. However, female perpetrators of violence are disproportionately covered.

Happy Parenting – Malta (For Happier Children) strongly advocates against gender bias in media coverage of domestic violence:

- Acknowledging women's acts of violence may be a necessary, albeit uncomfortable, step to make dynamic the movement to end gendered violence;
- Domestic violence can be perpetrated against anyone, regardless of race, age, socioeconomic class, sex, religion, culture or any other factor.
- It is critical that the media recognises that women can be perpetrators too, and not solely victims.

Happy Parenting - Malta (For Happier Children) urges the media to cover all cases of domestic violence equally and to eliminate gender bias.

Happy Parenting - Malta (For Happier Children) is also reiterating its call for the legal recognition of Parental Alienation, a reform in the composition of the Family Court, and the setting up of an Agency solely dedicated to child upbringing expenses.



Il-Vjolenza Domestika - Mhux Kwistjoni ta' Ġeneru

Il-Vjolenza Domestika hi waħda mill-pjagi tas-soċjetà. Mhux xieraq li nisħqu li din hi problema li għandha wiċċ wieħed biss, fejn ir-raġel biss hu deskritt bħala l-agressur.

Il-midja ma tiqafx twassal il-messaġġ, propost u mħegġeġ mill-għaqdiet femministi, li l-vjolenza maskili hi n-norma kulturali. Il-lenti tinxtehet fuq l-agressur maskili. Dan il-fatt qed isaħħaħ l-isterjotipi tal-ġeneru filwaqt li jinħbew id-diversi każi ta' vjolenza minn agressuri nisa.

Happy Parenting - Malta (For Happier Children) tistinka biex il-midja ma tibqax tixhet ħarsitha biss fuq il-vjolenza domestika a bażi ta' ġeneru:

- Hu meħtieġ li jingħarfu l-atti vjolenti min-nisa, ukoll jekk skomdu, għax hekk biss jitqanqal moviment dinamiku favur it-tmiem tal-vjolenza imtebba' mit-timbru tal-ġeneru
- Vjolenza domestika kapaċi tolqot lil kulħadd. M'hemmx razza, età, klassi soċjo-ekonomika, ġeneru, twemmin, kultura u kull fattur ieħor immaginabbli
- Hu fundamentali li l-midja tagħraf li n-nisa jafu jkunu agressuri wkoll, mhux biss vittmi

Happy Parenting - Malta (For Happier Children) tħegġeġ lill-midja li tikxef, bl-istess mod, il-każi kollha ta' vjolenza domestika u biex twarrab kull preġudizzju tal-ġeneru.

Happy Parenting - Malta (For Happier Children) qed tkompli tisħaq is-sejħa tagħha biex Parental Alienation tkun rikonoxxuta legalment, biex isseħħ riforma fl-istrutturi tal-Qorti tal-Familja, u biex titwaqqaf Aġenzija li tkun iddedikata biss għall-fondi meħtieġa għat-trobbija tat-tfal.

