

Gendercide

Fact:

Census statistics report that in countries such as China and India the male to female ratio is as high as 120 men for every 100 women. In most of the world it is 101 males to 100 females. This means for every 10 girls born 2 will be killed.

Think about:

Why does gendercide happen?

Discuss:

1. Why do you think boys are preferred to girls in family?
2. Why are 200 million girls missing?
3. What should be done to prevent this?

Take Action:

Learn more watch ["The 3 Deadliest Words In The World - 'It's A Girl' : Evan Grae Davis](#) at TEDxGateway.

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Honour Killings

Fact:

Noor pictured top left was run over and killed by her own father in a parking lot in Arizona because she had brought "dishonour" to her family because having her picture taken with boys and wearing modern clothing was too Westernised for her father's taste. Honour killing, is the practice of killing a family member because she was believed to have brought "shame" to the family.

Think about:

What is honourable about murder?

Discuss:

1. Why do you think this predominately happens to females by males?
2. How does society stop this from happening?
3. Do you think there are different expectations on girls that there are on boys in society? Discuss
4. What honour crimes have been committed in Ireland's recent past? Did we imprison unmarried mothers and sell their babies in order to protect family honour?

Take Action:

Learn more read about Ireland's role in protecting honour. Watch ["No country for young women: Honour crimes and infanticide in Ireland"](#) by Stephanie Lord.

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Reports from women's rights organizations working in South Asia and the Middle East

women are honor killed each year

20,000



Defines honor killing as:

Acts of violence, usually murder, committed by male family members against female family members, who are perceived to have brought dishonor upon the family.



Women can be targeted by her family for:

- Refusing to enter into an arranged marriage
- Being the victim of a sexual assault
- Seeking divorce, even from abusive husband
- Committing adultery

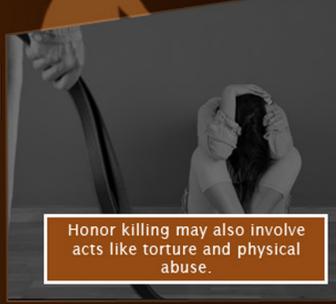
Mere perception that a woman has behaved in a specific way to "dishonor" her family

is sufficient to trigger an attack

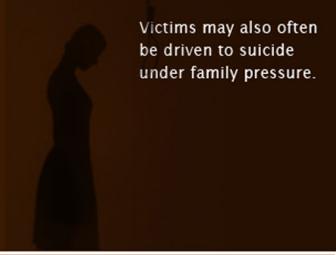


Typically, women are the victims of honor killings

Each year 5,000 honor killings are reported around the world according to the United Nations



Honor killing may also involve acts like torture and physical abuse.



Victims may also often be driven to suicide under family pressure.

In many societies, honor killings are planned by family members and other prominent members of society. Murders often go unreported.

Average age of honor killing victims is between 15 - 25 based on a 2010 study



Rape and Sexual Assault

Fact:

One in five women and one in ten men have experienced sexual assault in adulthood. (Rape Crisis Centre Ireland).

Think about:

Who is blamed for rape? Are victims blamed for crimes?

Discuss:

1. Should intoxication or what you wear be a justification for being raped?
2. Why is it important for men to campaign on this issue?
3. In Ireland, we've witnessed cases in which custodial sentences were suspended in lieu of a fine; in which perpetrators were given character witnesses by local politicians; in which local people have rallied around a convicted rapist, while cold-shouldering his victim. How does this impact on victims.

Take Action:

Hold a "skirt the issue" protest similar to these Indian men or similar awareness raising day in school. Join the #HeForShe Campaign heforshe.org

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Prostitution

Fact:

Some say prostitution is adults consenting to buy and sell sex. However the facts differ on women involved in the sex trade. iwantrest.com

1. She was just 13 years old when she entered into the sex trade.
2. She is a victim of incest. (65% to 90%)
3. She is the most raped demographic on the planet. (80%)
4. She will die within 7 years after entering into prostitution.
5. She has a trafficker selling her as a commodity and keeping all or most of the money. (70%-90%)
6. She is or has been homeless. (72%)
7. At some point she has considered suicide. (75%)
8. She is 40 times more likely to die than the average.
9. She is two times more likely than a soldier in a war zone to have Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. (68%)

Think about:

Is prostitution a real choice?

Discuss:

1. Why is buying sex legal in Ireland but living off the earnings of selling sex illegal?
2. Studies indicate that 1 in 10 men have bought sex, the majority of them are white men, aged 16-65, are educated and in a relationship. Does this surprise you?
3. Are prostitutes criminals or victims? How should they be dealt with by the state?

Take Action:

Learn more about the Irish campaign, turnofftheredlight.ie

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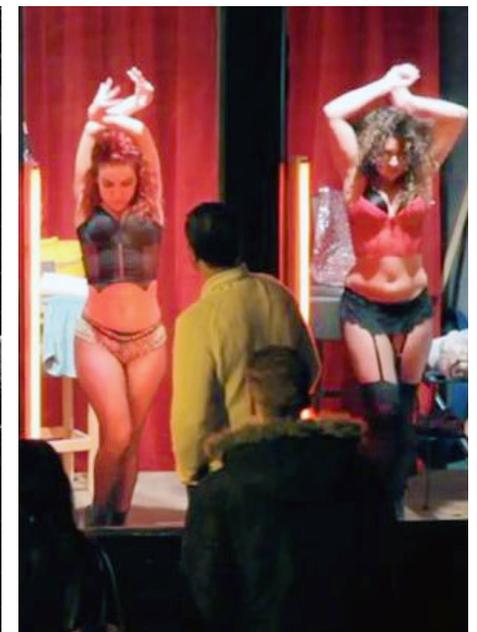
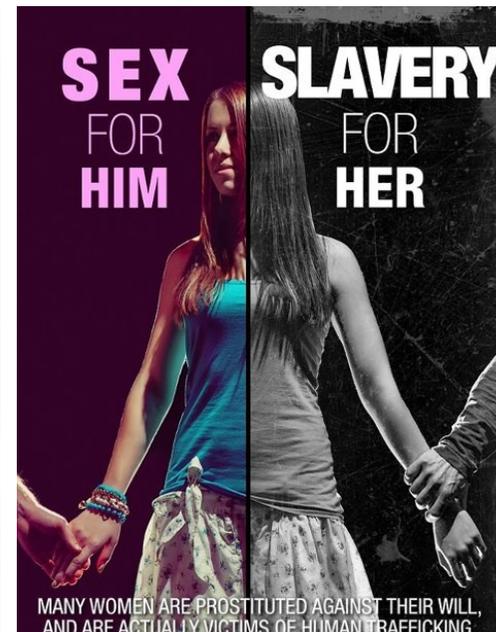
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The person featured in this advertisement is depicted by a model.



Rape as a weapon

Fact:

"It is a myth that rape is an inevitable part of conflict. There's nothing inevitable about it. It is a weapon of war aimed at civilians. It has nothing to do with sex, everything to do with power." Angelina Jolie UN Special Envoy.

Think about:

The long term effects rape has on a community.

Discuss:

1. What extra risks do women face during war and conflict?
2. Why are girls and rape used as a weapon of war?
3. What do you think about this image?

Take Action:

Learn more at stoprapenow.org and take a stand against the use of sexual violence as a tactic of war by adding your crossed arm picture to their global campaign. **#timetoact**

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IF THIS GIRL WAS RAPED BY SOLDIERS AND HER PARENTS MURDERED, THERE WOULD BE A NATIONAL OUTCRY...



...SO WHY IS IT ALLOWED TO HAPPEN TO THOUSANDS OF GIRLS IN CONGO?

REPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROBIN HAMMOND

Learn what is behind the war in Congo

Watch: [Javier Bardem: Peace for Congo's Mothers](#)

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Gender Based Violence

Fact:

Gender-based violence and violence against women and girls (VAWG) is responsible for more deaths and injuries in the world of women aged between 15 and 44 than cancer, malaria, traffic accidents and war combined.

Think about:

Is violence perpetrated against women because of their gender?

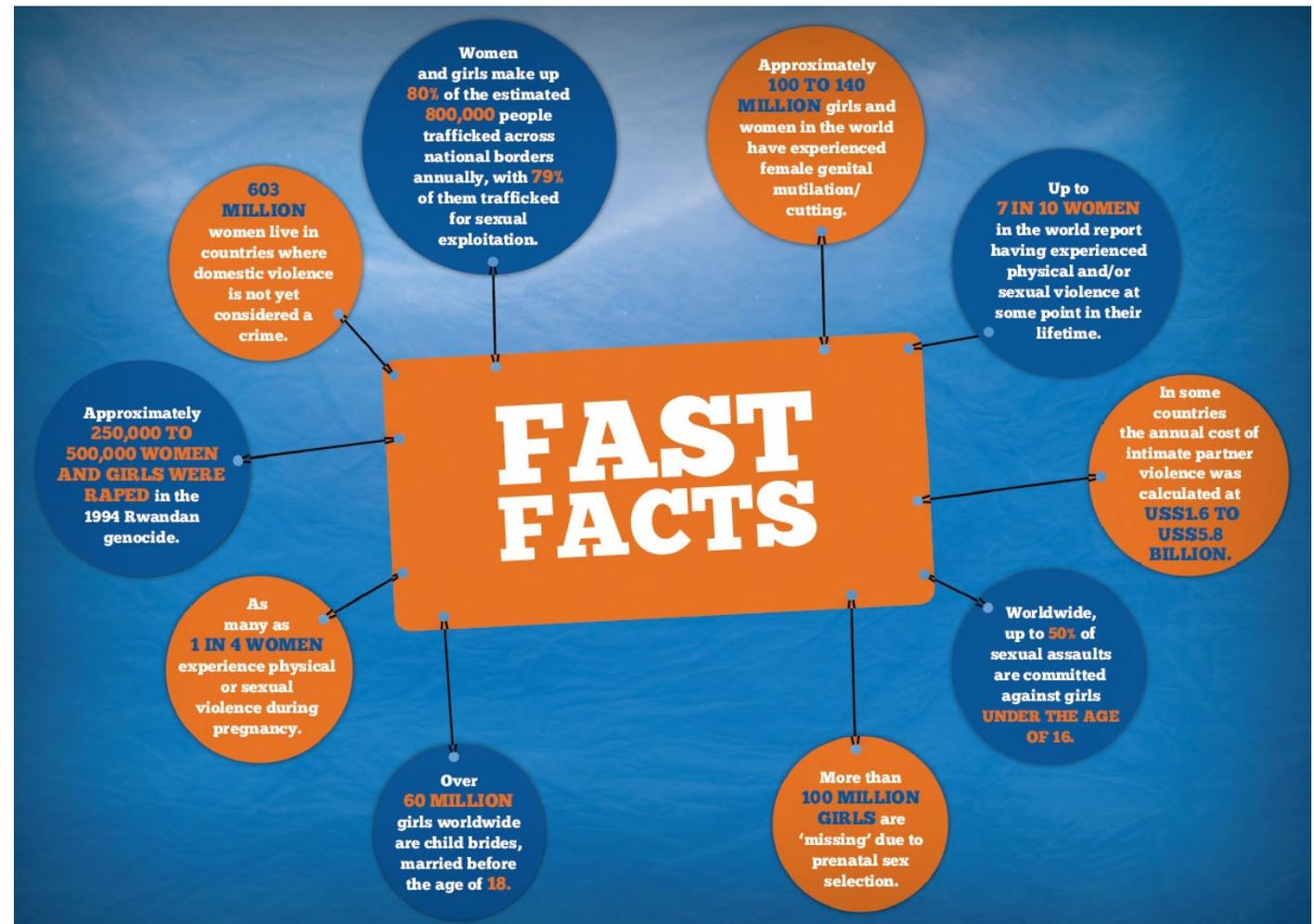
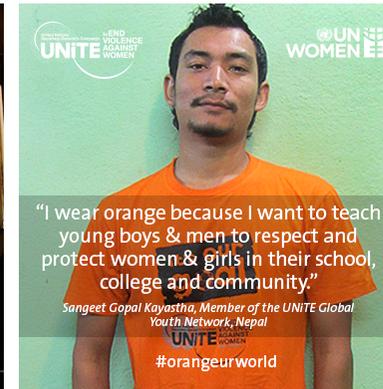
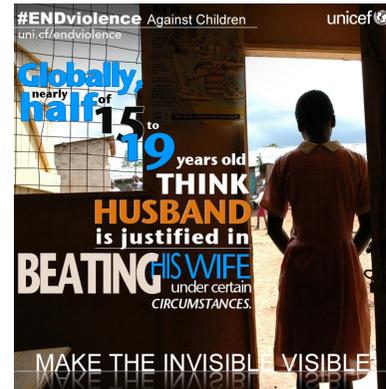
Discuss:

1. What is gender based violence?
2. Why is domestic violence not a crime in some countries?
3. How does violence against women prevent them from participating in decision-making?

Take Action:

Learn more watch [UNICEF End Violence #TimeToAct!](#) or [Gender-based violence](#) by By Half the Sky Movement. Take action join the [#Orangeurworld](#) campaign Play [breakawaygame.com](#)

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Trafficking & Slavery

Fact:

UNICEF estimates that 1.2 million children are trafficked every year.

Think about:

Why are Human beings bought and sold?

Discuss:

1. Why are women and children 80% of those trafficked across borders?
2. There are more slaves now than any other time in our history including during the slave trade. 27 million.
3. Why are human beings still being sold?

Take Action:

Learn More Watch the film **Not My Life** at notmylife.org Watch **"Girls going wild in red light district"** and visit www.stophetraffik.org to find out what you can do about it.

