



The Role of Men in Combating GBV

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What about men and violence?

- Strong gender pattern in violence
- Violence is primarily perpetrated by men, while most men don't use violence
- Gender-based violence: **not restricted to men's violence against women and girls**
- Many men are victims of violence - from other men - in the name of gender

Gender? VAW?



What about men?

Power makes men and masculinities invisible

This happened: **John beat Mary**

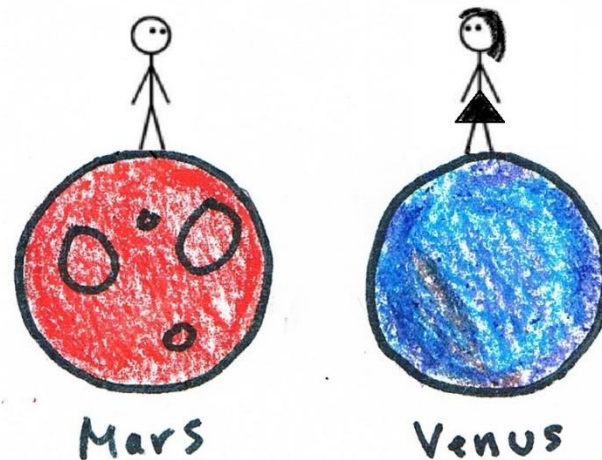
- Mary was beaten by John
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This is how it is commonly described and thought about:

Mary is a battered woman

The invisibility of the man/abuser is a consequence of power and privilege... It leaves power relations and social norms of masculinity unchallenged.

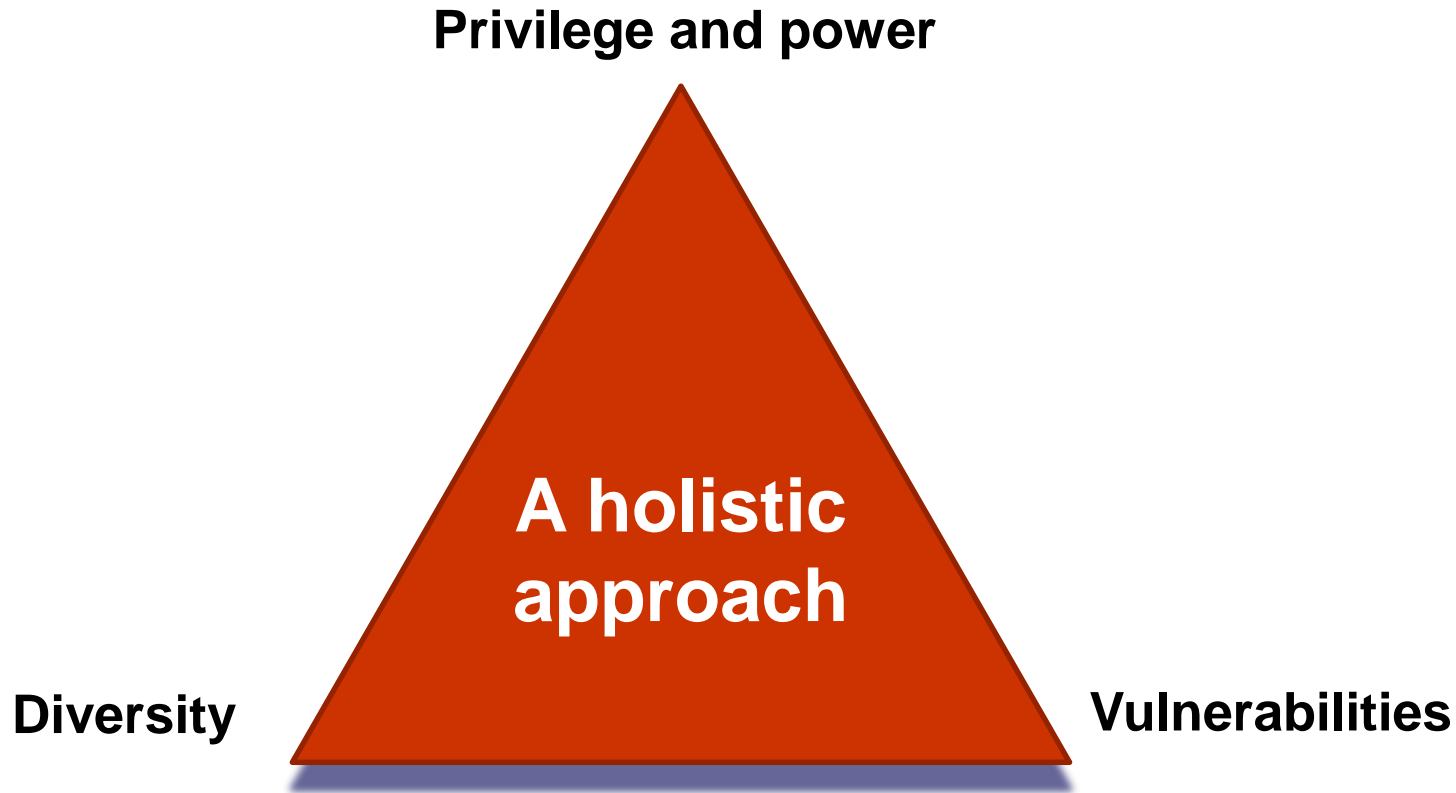
Men are in fact also gendered



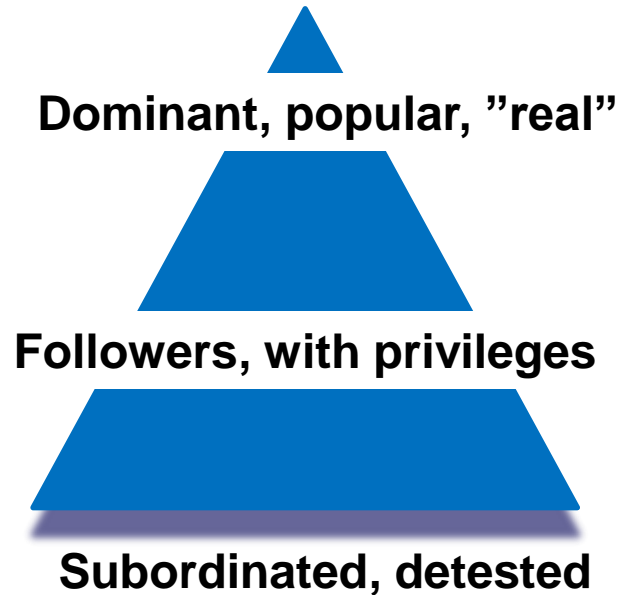
Gender is relational in a gender unequal society, i.e. masculinities and femininities are defined in relation to each other.

The relation is based on incorrect notions and stereotypes that men and women are essentially different.

Men & Masculinities



Connell's *Masculinities*

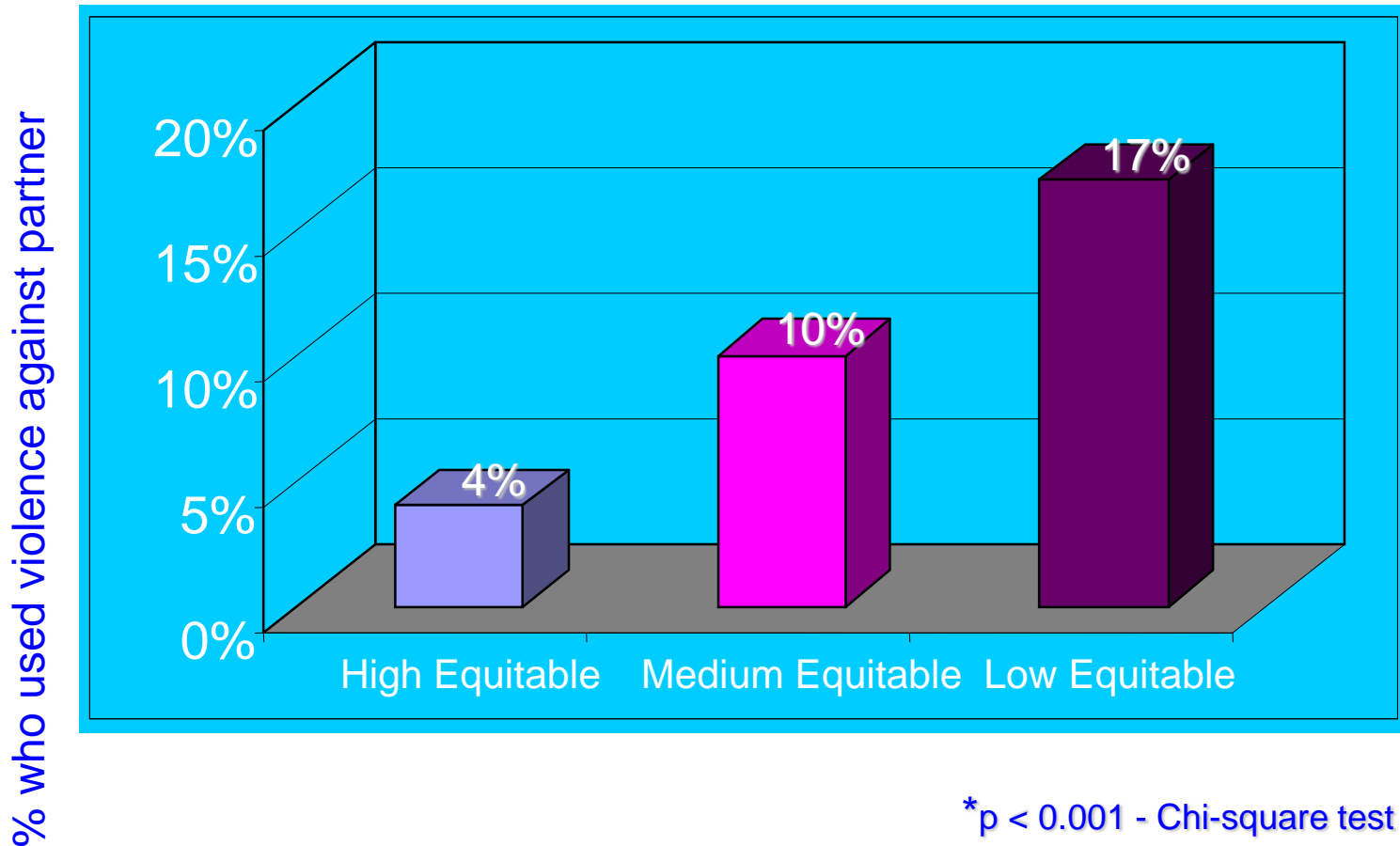


HOW
Men and masculinities
dominate
Women and
femininities



Illustrating hierarchy, power relations
and violences also between men and
groups of men

Social gender norms drive the behavior of men and boys: GBV and norms about manhood



Results from IMAGES study in Brazil

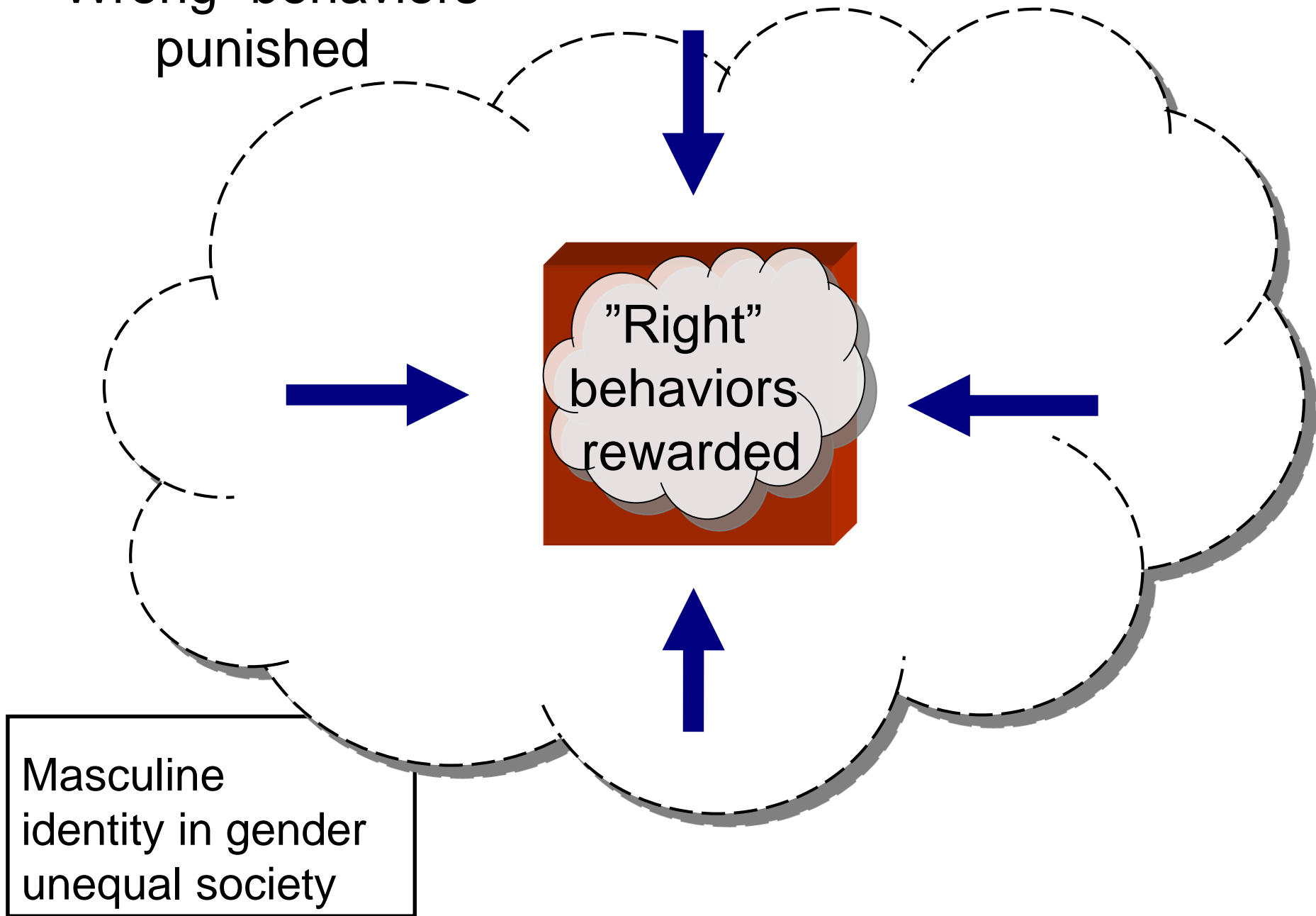
The Man Box

Making visible social notions/norms on
dominant masculinity



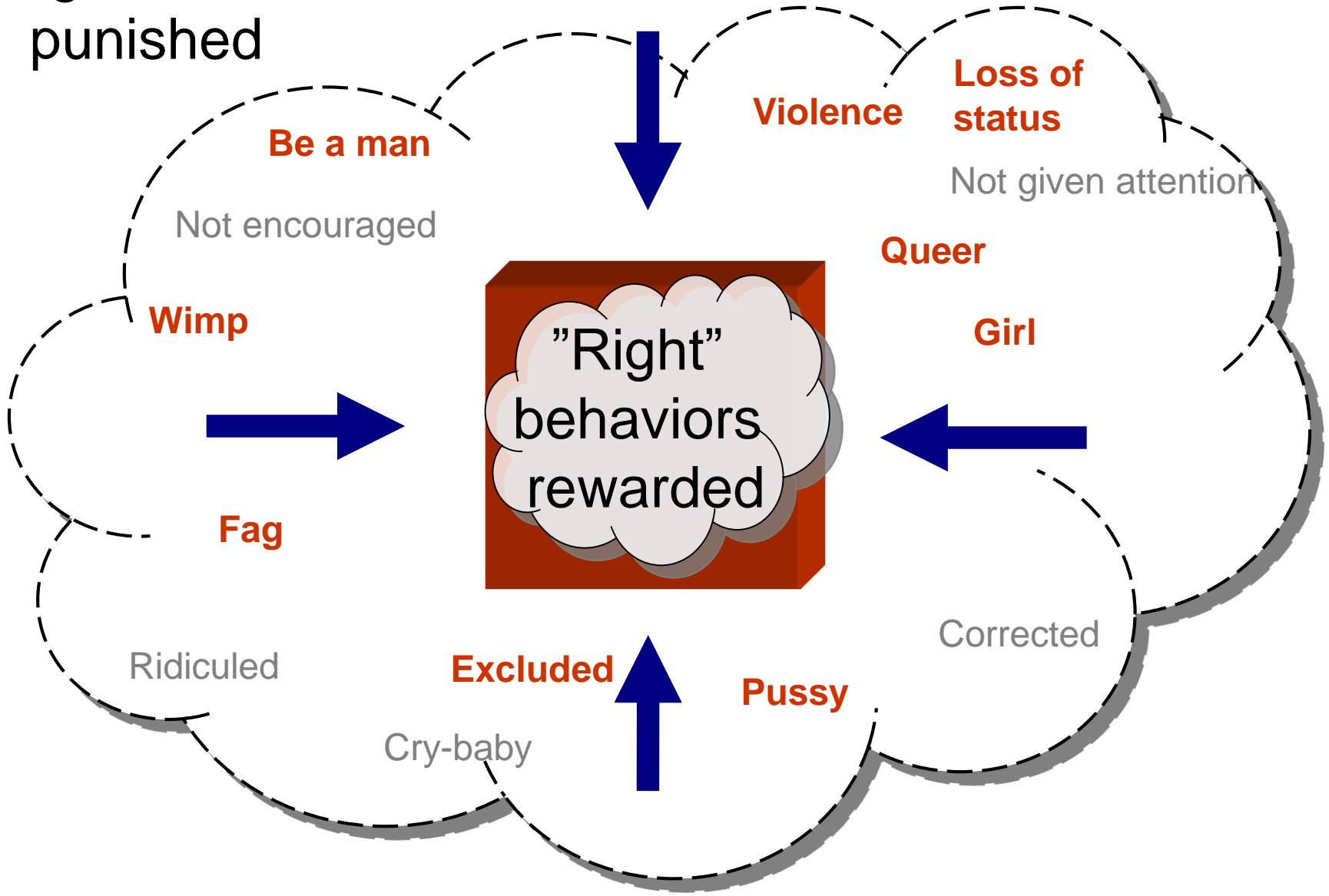
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"Wrong" behaviors
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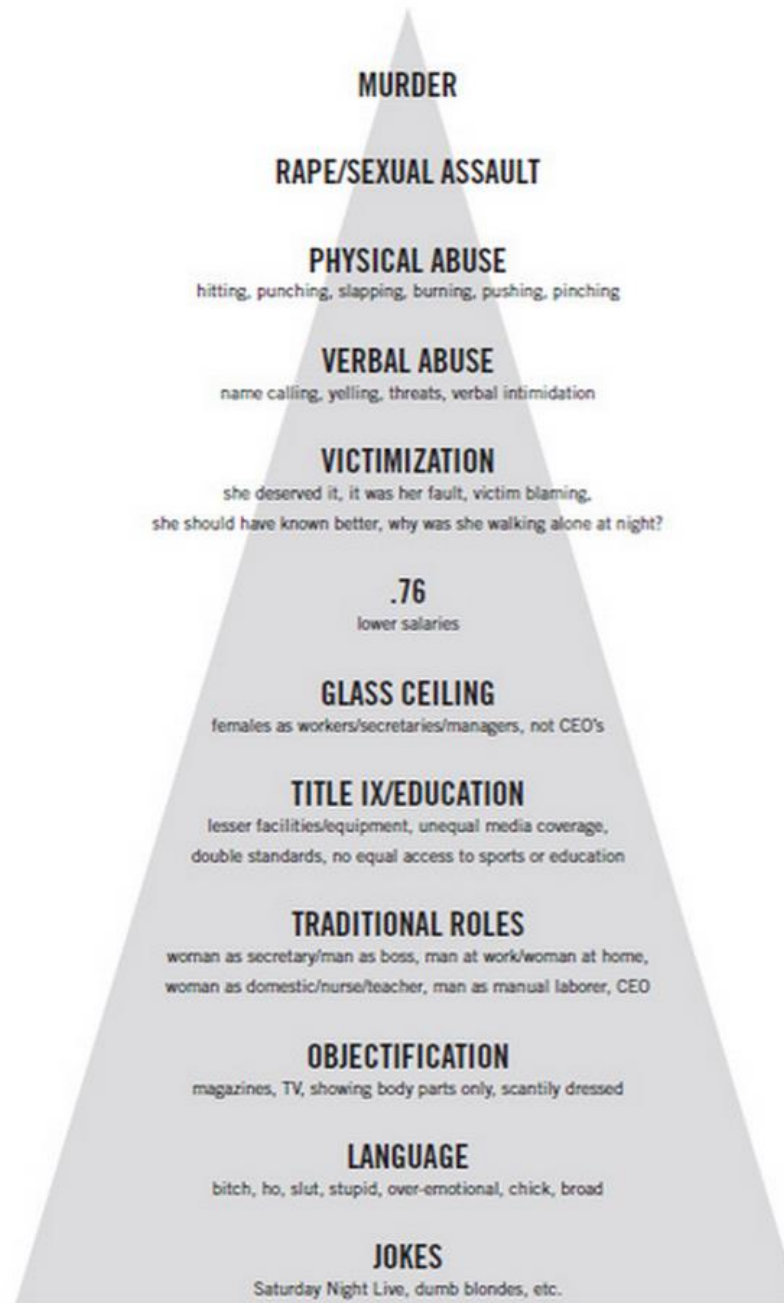


Masculine
identity in gender
unequal society

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Pyramid of abuse

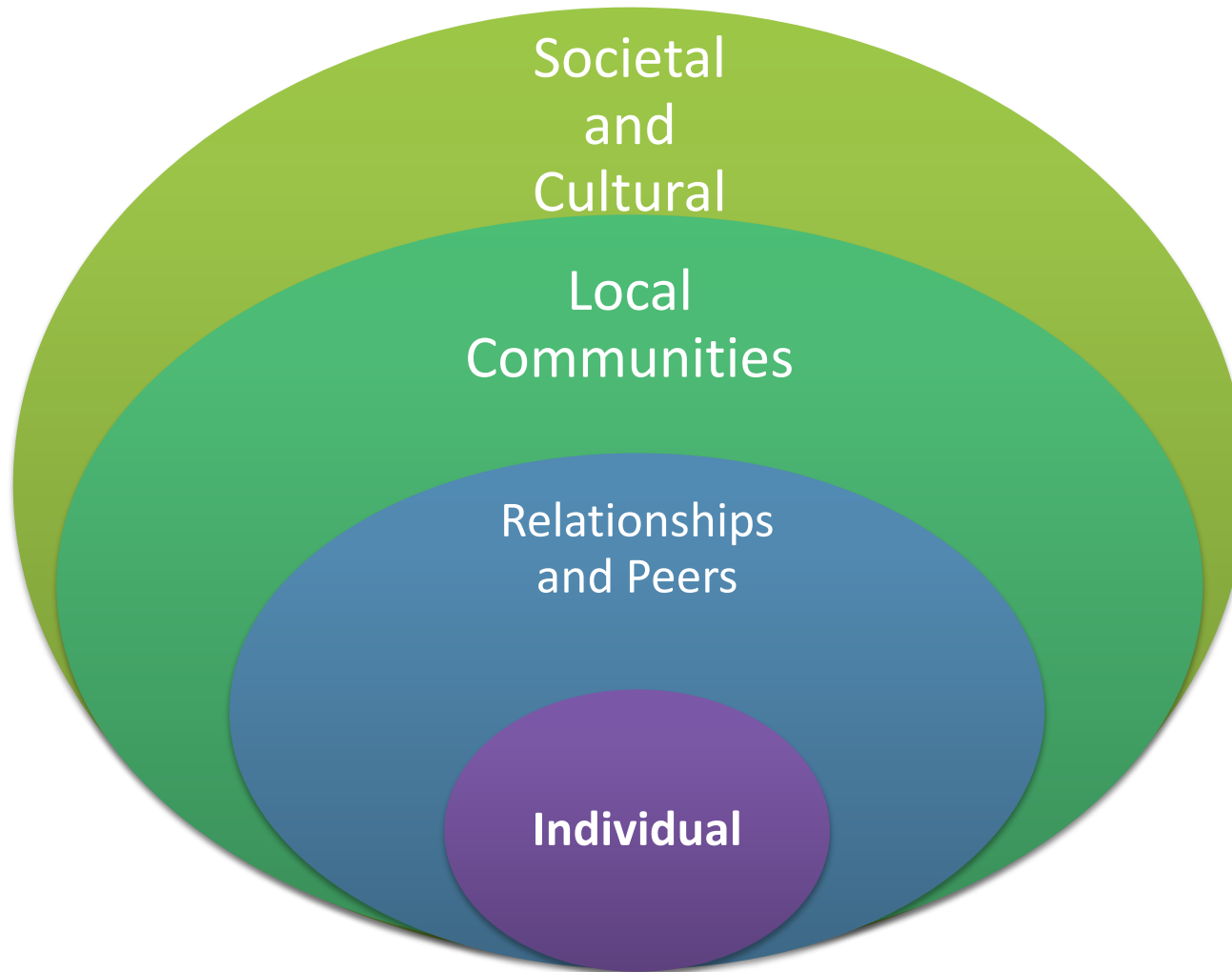


Serious forms of GBV is always preceded by degrading language, lighter forms of verbal and physical violence etc.

Everyone can contribute in undermining GBV by intervening constructively against lighter forms of violence. A prevention model:
The prosocial **bystander approach**

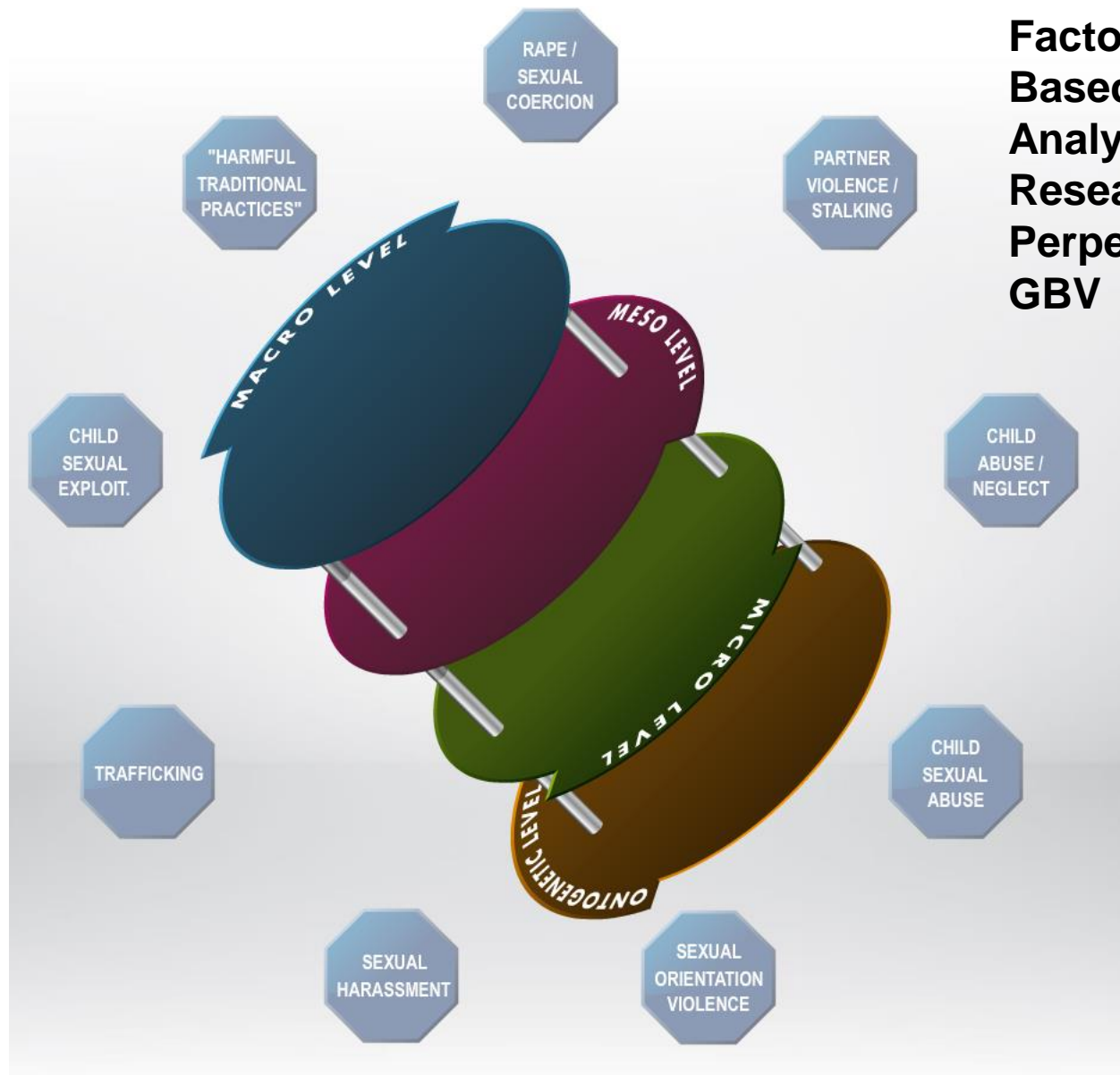


Socio-Ecological Model



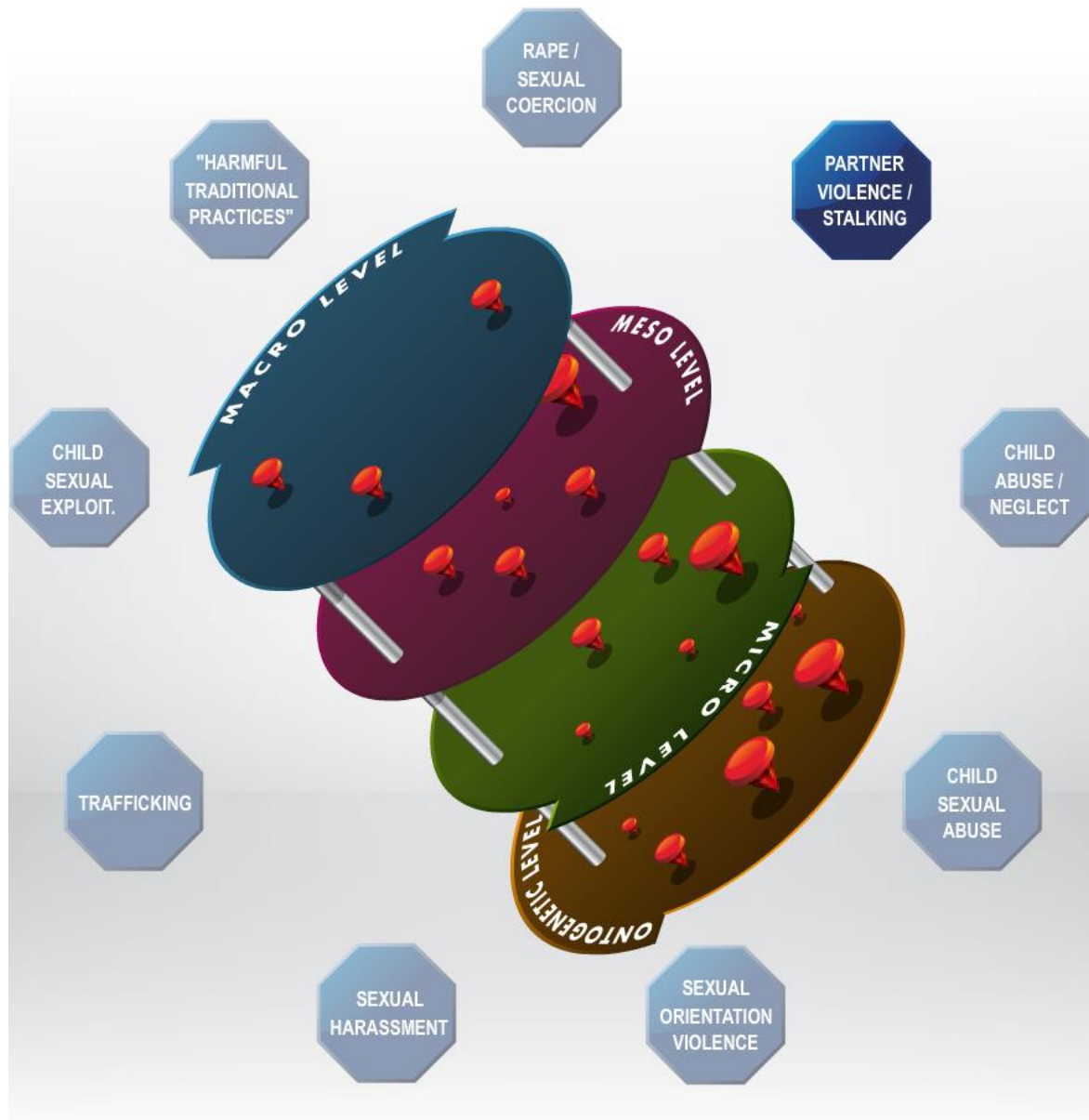
A model to
analyze
and
understand
individual
behaviors

A Perpetrator Factor Model Based on Analysing Research on Perpetrators of GBV



Hagemann-White et al

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/daphne3/multi-level_interactive_model/understanding_perpetration_start_unix.html

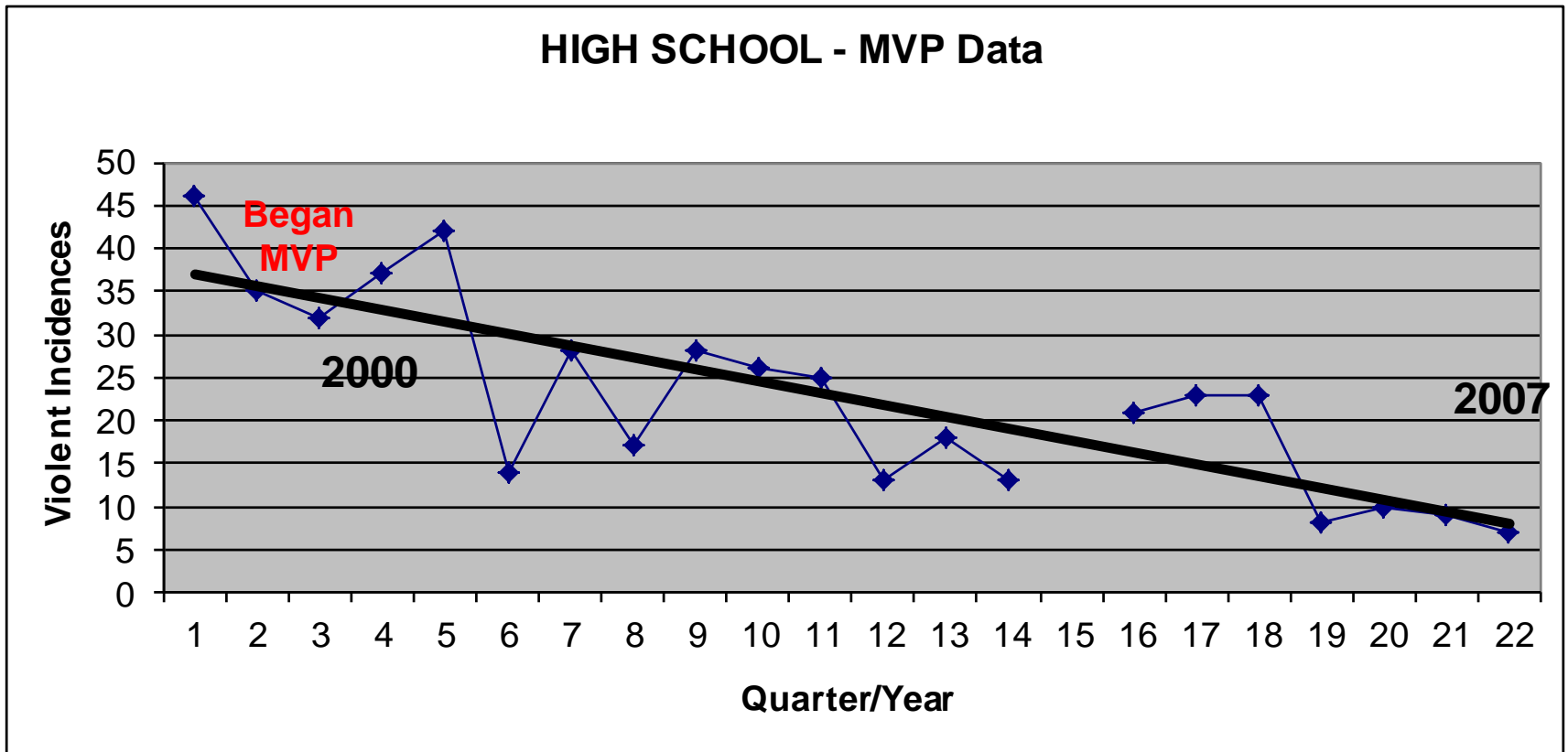


The multilevel model here showing risk factors at different levels for partner violence and stalking behaviors, in line with the socio-ecological model

Promising work in GBV prevention with men&boys

- Multi-level interventions addressing risk factors at different levels
 - Ex Whole School Approach or Spectrum of prevention
- Gender-Transformative approaches, i.e. "gender boxes" are challenged
- **Primary** prevention: Mentors in Violence Prevention, Bringing in the Bystander, Know Your Power, MenCare, Program H, Program P etc.
- **Secondary, Tertiary**: new methods being developed in social work, police, treatment

School Data, 1999-2007



Data from a high school using Mentors in
Violence Prevention and more

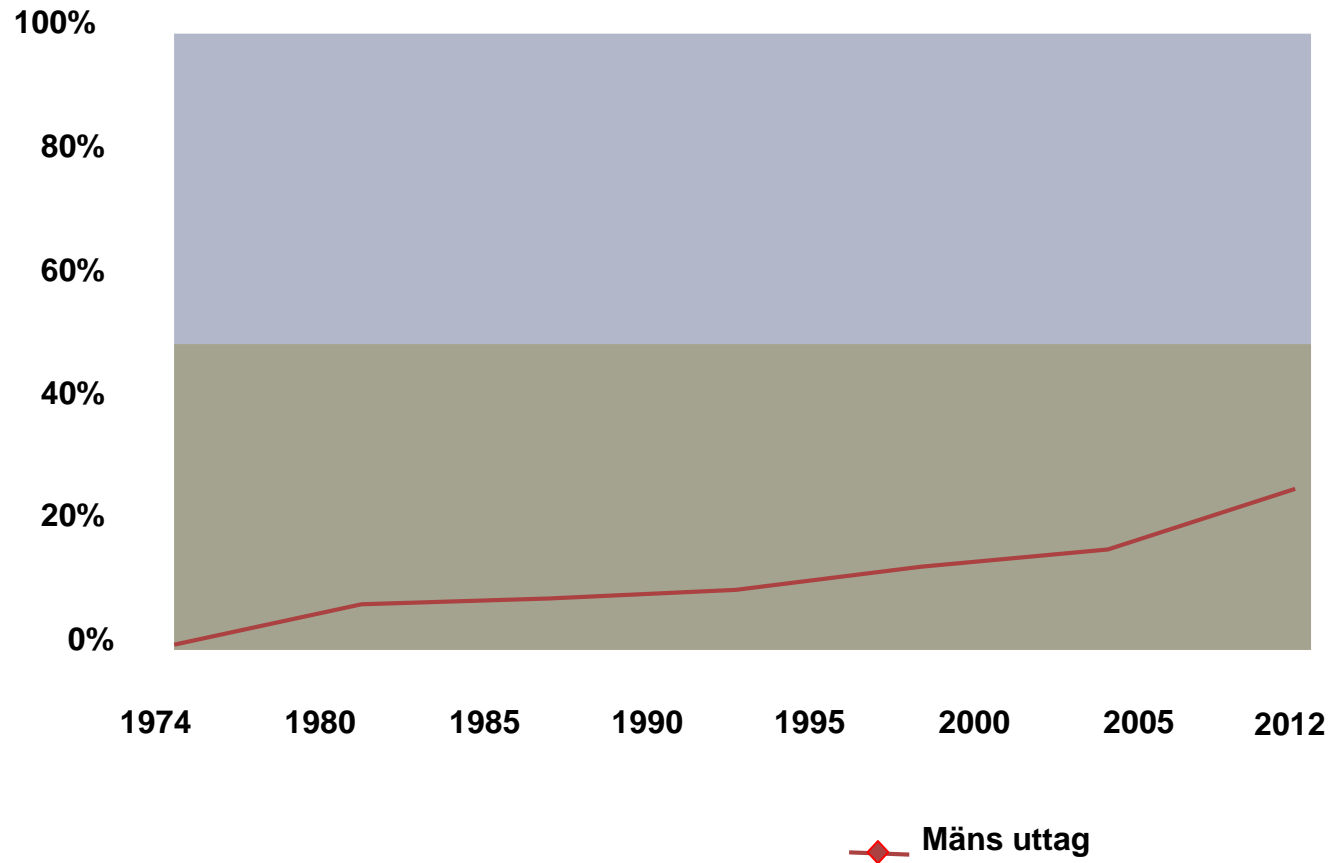
- Care is the antidote to violence

(requires empathy, humanizing those involved, active communication etc.)

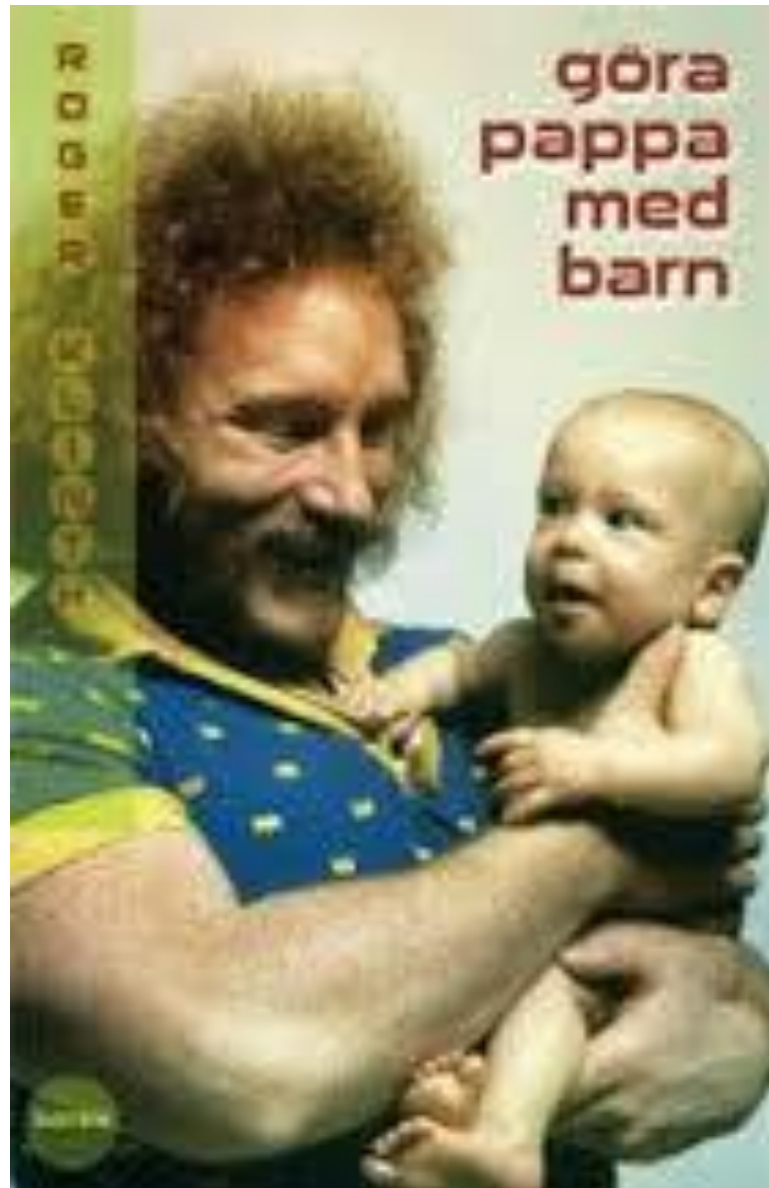
- Promoting men's care work in parenthood as well as professionally is a key strategy to combat GBV



Paternal leave in Sweden



Change created through a multi-level approach:
national policy, campaigns, parent education etc.



A campaign poster from the 1970's

The role of men in leadership

- Leaders have a special and critical role in changing social norms – leaders operate at the societal and local community levels, as well as higher up in the hierarchies of masculinities
- Men in leadership need to learn about GBV, understand the costs it has for everyone and their organizations/communities, and: **lead!**
- Collaborate with women in leadership
- Initiate and publically support GBV prevention and Gender Equality measures in their organizations/communities



Common contemporary media
representations / stereotypes
of men and masculinities



In contrast...



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