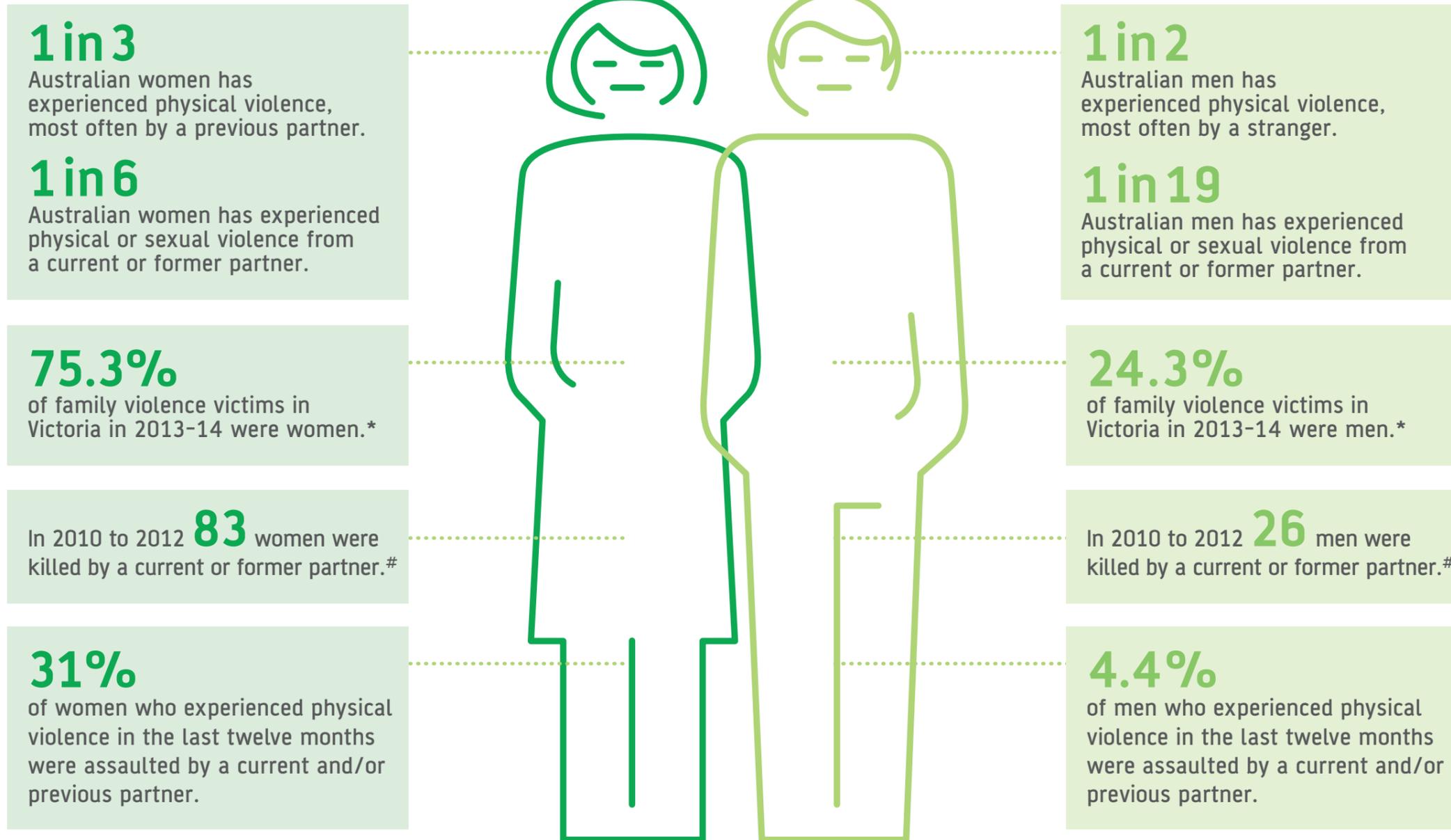


# VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Why focus on violence against women?  
Aren't men victims of violence too?



**Most family violence and sexual assaults are against women, by men.  
For example, in Victoria in 2013-14, men were perpetrators  
in 83.9% of family violence reports.**

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2012;  
\* Victoria Police Crime Statistics 2013/14; # Australian Institute of  
Criminology Homicides in Australia 2010/11 to 2011/12.



If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault or family violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit [www.1800RESPECT.org.au](http://www.1800RESPECT.org.au). In an emergency call 000.

# THE **REAL** CAUSE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Only 18% of Australians recognise that **UNEQUAL POWER** is the main cause of violence against women.

IT'S NOT FINANCIAL STRESS



But 13% of Australians think it is

IT'S NOT BECAUSE MEN CAN'T CONTROL THEIR ANGER



But 64% of Australians think it is

**By understanding what causes the problem, we can be part of the solution. It's time we all treated men and women as equals.**

# ATTITUDES MATTER

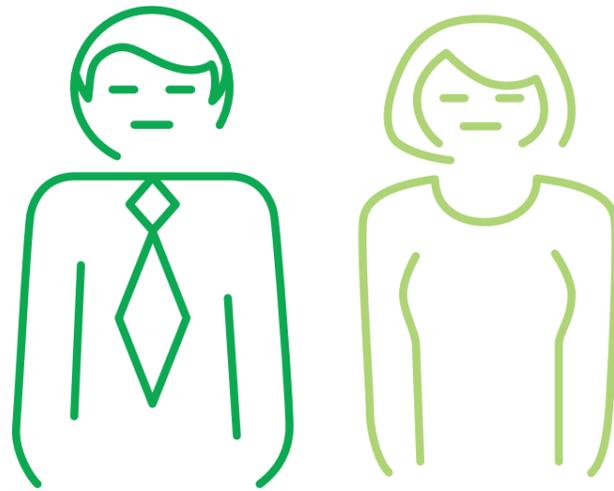
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If we want to stop violence against women, it's time to change our minds.

# WE'RE MORE SEXIST THAN YOU MAY THINK

17,500 Australians were asked about gender roles...



**27%** think that men make better political leaders than women

**19%** think men should be in control in relationships and the head of the household

**12%** think when jobs are scarce, men have more right to a job than women

People who agree with these statements are more likely to excuse, trivialise or justify violence towards women - or think the victim is partly to blame.

**Violence against women begins with sexist attitudes and unequal power. Attitudes matter. Australians, it's time to change our minds.**

# NO EXCUSES



**There is no excuse for rape. Attitudes like these avoid the hard truth that violence is a choice.**

# THE EXCUSES WE MAKE FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



**There is no excuse that makes violence acceptable.  
Attitudes like these avoid the hard truth that violence is a choice.**

## MEN IN CONTROL?



**1 in 5**

Australians believe men should take control in relationships even though controlling behaviour is a key factor in abusive relationships.

**While we continue to see women as less equal than men, disrespect and violence against women will continue to happen.**

**If we want to stop this, we need to change our minds.**

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## TRIVIALISE



“IF THINGS WERE THAT BAD, SHE COULD HAVE WALKED OUT.”

**51%**

of Australians think most women could leave a violent relationship if they really wanted to.

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## EXCUSE

22%

of Australians think that domestic violence can be excused if people get so angry they lose control.



“HE WAS UNDER A LOT OF STRESS AND HE JUST GOT ANGRY”.

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## BLAME SHIFTING

“WELL WHAT DID SHE EXPECT?”



**12%**

of Australians think that if a woman goes to a room alone with a man at a party, it's her fault if she's raped.

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**MINIMISE**

**26%**

of Australians don't think it's serious if one partner tries to control the other by denying them money.



“THAT’S NOT VIOLENCE.  
IT’S NOT LIKE HE’S  
HITTING YOU.”

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## JUSTIFY



“BUT HIS GIRLFRIEND  
CHEATED ON HIM.”

**6%**

of Australians think violence towards  
a current/former partner is justified if  
they admit to sex with another man.

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