

Center for Women Students Video Library

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ADVERTISING

◆ **Deadly Persuasion: the Advertising of Alcohol and Tobacco (video, 55 min.) (guide)**

Jean Kilbourne exposes the manipulative marketing strategies and tactics used by the alcohol and tobacco industries. Illustrating her analysis with current advertising examples from mainstream and trade sources, she presents a compelling argument that these industries have a clear and deep understanding of the psychology of anxiety and addiction – an understanding they exploit to create and feed life-threatening dependencies on their products.

◆ **Killing us Softly III: Advertising's Image of Women (video, 30 min.) (guide)**

[Jean Kilbourne's](#) pioneering work helped develop and popularize the study of gender representation in advertising. Her award-winning films **Killing Us Softly** (1979) and **Still Killing Us Softly** (1987) have influenced millions of college and high school students across two generations and on an international scale. In this important new film, Kilbourne reviews if and how the image of women in advertising has changed over the last 20 years. With wit and warmth, Kilbourne uses over 160 ads and commercials to critique advertising's image of women. By fostering creative and productive dialogue, she invites viewers to look at familiar images in a new way, which moves and empowers them to take action.

◆ **What a Girl Wants (video, 33 min.) (guide)**

During the spring of 2000, eleven girls aged 8 to 16 from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and two classrooms of middle and high school students were interviewed about their views on media culture and its impact on their lives. Their insightful and provocative responses provide the central theme of the film, a half-hour examination of how the media presents girls. Juxtaposing footage culled from a typical week of television broadcasting with original interviews, *What a Girl Wants* will provoke debate and, ideally, act as a catalyst for change in media content.

EQUITY AND EQUALITY ISSUES

◆ **One Woman, One Vote (video, 106 min.) A short history and guide available.**

This film focuses on the highlights of seventy-two years of the suffrage movement, beginning with the first women's rights convention in 1848 and climaxing in passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. It is a thrilling story of women determinedly working generation after generation to win the rights of full American citizenship, and the story of those women and men who fought against suffrage.

SEX ROLE STEREOTYPES

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◆ **Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity (video & DVD, 80 min.) (guide)**

In this innovative and wide-ranging analysis, Jackson Katz argues that the widespread violence in American society – including the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colorado, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and elsewhere – needs to be understood as part of an ongoing crisis in masculinity. *Tough Guise* is extensively illustrated with examples from popular culture, ranging from Howard Stern to Stone Cold Steve Austin, from *Good Will Hunting* to *Boyz in the Hood*, from Garth Brooks to hip-hop styles.

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◆ **Wrestling With Manhood: Boys, Bullying, and Battering (video, 60 min.) (guide)**

This film is the first educational program to pay attention to the enormous popularity of professional wrestling among male youth. Sut Jhally and Jackson Katz offer a new way to think about the enduring problems of men's violence against women and bullying in our schools.

SEXUAL ASSAULT/DATING VIOLENCE

◆ **Acquaintance Rape: The Perpetrators (video, 25 min.)**

This program presents the true nature of acquaintance rape by profiling several convicted rapists. It explores the motivations behind rape and it breaks down the rationalizations used to justify it. Social factors are also explored. As the video ends, five victims of a serial rapist speak at his sentencing hearing.

◆ **Our Stories (video, 21 min.)**

Our Stories is a public service video about acquaintance rape that uses personal testimonies of survivors, friends and family members, statistics and impromptu interviews.

◆ **Rape Is... (video, 32 min.) (guide)**

"Rape Is..." explores the meaning, severity, and consequences of rape. This documentary looks at rape from a global and historical perspective, but focuses mainly on the domestic cultural conditions that make this human rights outrage the most under-reported crime in America.

◆ **Searching for Angela Shelton (video, 94 min.) (guide)**

Filmmaker Angela Shelton journeys across the United States meeting other Angela Sheltons in an effort to survey women in America, only to find that 24 out of 40 Angela Sheltons have been raped, beaten, or molested- 25 if she includes herself. The filmmaker's survey of women becomes a journey of self discovery during which she decides to finally confront her past and her own father.

◆ **The "Undetected" Rapist (video, 6 min.)**

The "Undetected" Rapist is a re-enactment of an interview conducted by Dr. David Lasek, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Men's Sexual Trauma Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Takes a look at the mystery of why the number of women who have been victims of rape outnumber the number of men indicted or convicted of rape.

● **A Response to The Undetected Rapist (23mins.)**

This is a response which presents discussions in single-sex groups and then a mixed group. The responses are powerful catalysts for discussion. Appropriate for use with audiences of all ages.

◆ **Welcome to the Party (video, 34 min.) (guide)**

Welcome to the Party is a full teaching curriculum centered on a one-half hour film/drama designed for young adults and teenagers. The curriculum is designed to be presented by a qualified professional with experience in sexual assault prevention education. The detailed curriculum includes eight classroom activities, extensive lecture materials, supplemental student handouts, thorough background information, as well as resources and reference guides.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PORNOGRAPHY, PROSTITUTION

◆ Battered (video, 56 min.) (guide)

As a rate of one per 15 seconds, acts of domestic violence strike more women than automobile accidents, muggings and rapes combined. It's the leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. This powerful video offers important information and perspective to families faced with domestic violence. "Battered" focuses on case studies of women abused by their husbands and boyfriends. The special also features interviews with men now in counseling for battery. This documentary stresses need for active intervention and counseling for both the victims and the offenders.

◆ Domestic Violence Response

There is often a fine line between love and hate. All law enforcement officers must be aware when responding to a domestic violence call they are entering what can be an extremely volatile situation. A disturbance can escalate from arguing to violence in seconds, and officers must be able to keep the peace, separate combatants, and be concerned about their own safety. Entering a subject's home, the officers are suddenly on the "other guy's turf." Hosted by Ed Nowicki, former executive director of the American Society for Law Enforcement Training (ASLET), this program features realistic reenactments highlighting the most crucial training points, as well as commentary from several training experts.

◆ Hidden Victims: Children of Domestic Violence (video, 45 min.) (guide)

This film is a powerful and revealing program that explores some of the devastating ways in which children are affected by growing up in a home in which there is domestic violence. This program profiles four families and reveals the impact domestic violence experiences have on children both now and later on in life.

◆ No Safe Place—Violence Against Women (video, 56 min.) (guide)

By U.S. Justice Department estimates, three out of four women will be the victims of violence in their lifetimes. This powerful documentary goes behind the headlines and statistics to explore the origins of violence against women. This film includes the moving stories of women who have been assaulted, as well as interviews with men who commit the most intimate of crimes. Gloria Steinem, Robert Bly, and other nationally known experts look at the causes and solutions.

● Searching for Angela Shelton (DVD, 94 min.)

Filmmaker Angela Shelton journeys across the United States meeting other Angela Sheltons in an effort to survey women in America. She discovers that 24 out of 40 Angela Sheltons have been raped, beaten or molested – 25 if she includes herself. Finally she decides to confront her past and her own father – on Father's Day.

◆ Until The Violence Stops (DVD, 73 min.)

In 2002, over eight hundred cities around the world have participated in V-Day by staging benefit performances of The Vagina Monologues. From locales as diverse as New York, the Phillipines and Kenya, director Abby Epstein's UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS features emotionally charged interviews and readings by everyday and celebrity women (including Rosie Perez, Salma Hayek, Rosario Dawson, Jane Fonda and LisaGay Hamilton), all of whom courageously reveal their intimate experiences and bond together to break the silence that surrounds abuse. More than just a group testimonial, UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS is a moving celebration of community awareness that leaves us with the hope that change can happen.

WOMEN OF COLOR

- **Bell Hooks: Cultural Criticism and Transformation (video, 66 min.)**

MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- **Breaking Our Silence: Gloucester Men Speak Out Against Domestic Abuse (dvd)**

“Advocates for victims of domestic abuse will find this ten-minute video inspiring and instructive. As men join in our struggle to end violence against women, *Breaking Our Silence* has enormous educational value. Seeing these men from Gloucester and hearing their stories will motivate mens’ groups, schools, and communities. These men bring it home loud and clear: there is no excuse for domestic abuse.”

- **HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats & Rhymes (dvd, 61 mins.)**

This film provides a riveting examination of representations of manhood in hip-hop culture. Director Byron Hurt, former college quarterback, gender violence prevention educator and longtime hip-hop fan, pays tribute to hip-hop while challenging the rap music industry to take responsibility for too often perpetuating destructive, deeply conservative styles of manhood that glamorize sexism, violence and homophobia.

- **The Locker Room and Beyond: Student Athlete Leaders Challenging Sexual Violence (dvd)**

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- ◆ **Wrestling With Manhood: Boys, Bullying & Battering (video, 60 min.) (guide)**

Wrestling with Manhood is the first educational program to pay attention to the enormous popularity of professional wrestling among male youth, addressing its relationship to real-life violence and probing the social values that sustain it as a powerful cultural force.

MISCELLANIOUS

Reviving Ophelia (video 35 min.)

In this exclusive, illustrated interview, Mary Pipher, Ph.D., discusses the challenges facing today's teenagers, especially girls, as well as the role of media and popular culture in shaping their identities. She offers concrete ideas for girls and boys, families, teachers, and schools to help girls free themselves from the toxic influences of today's media-saturated culture.

The Strength to Resist (dvd 33 min.)

"The Strength to Resist" is a 33 minute documentary about the fight against the toxic and degrading messages to girls and women that dominate the media. This documentary movingly presents the ideas of many leading authorities in the fields of psychology of women and girls, eating disorders, violence against women, and media literacy, all focusing on long term solutions.

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