

Domestic Violence Speech

A monster had been plaguing the Australian society in stealth lately. It had confiscated the lives of many people, decent men and women who had been cherished husbands, wives, friends, mothers, fathers or soul mates, and devastated many other lives of other similar individuals. Sometimes, innocent children had also been gobbled up in the ugliness of their parents' wrongdoings against each other. It's called domestic violence, defined as "violent or aggressive behaviour within the home, typically involving the violent abuse of a spouse or partner."

Now our country isn't doing enough to help out one of the most vulnerable groups of our society- people menaced by domestic violence. Obviously every decent Australian should take a stand against such atrocious behaviour. We should tackle the problem by education, strict enforcement of current anti-domestic violence laws and offering support for the victims.

Most could agree that a major factor in causing domestic violence is the social inequality between males and females. To neutralise this situation, one must let people in charge of tomorrow to know how to respect each other regardless of gender- our children. One ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. Lots of the "family terrorists", as Rosie Batty calls the abusive individuals, grew up in homes where their parents are also abusive (to each other or to the children) so they learnt that domestic abuse is perfectly acceptable. Clearly it's not. As a result, many of the domestic abuse perpetrators (98% of which are males) believes that it's okay to mistreat women. Such diabolical logic should not be allowed to proceed into adulthood. Education is definitely the antidote for domestic violence because it nips abusive personalities in potentially abusive individuals in the bud.

Another way to battle domestic violence is by enforcing current laws against it rigorously, quickly and efficiently in order to deter any potential offenders. People will be less daring if they're guaranteed that they'll be caught. One case of domestic violence incident showcased on the TV show "The Drum" indicates that the police response time is 44 days. During this period of time, significantly more harm could be done to the victims, emotionally and physically. Innocent women and children. Sometimes, the law wasn't enforced at all and the perpetrators gets a "Get out of Jail Free" card that they don't deserve at all. This doesn't sufficiently protect the victims from their scary spouses, considering how some contemptuous people think that they could get away with murder with the current state of apathy of the Law Enforcement Departments (~~ie the police forces~~) in Australia.

Some may believe that Australia is doing enough for the victims of domestic violence. Certainly the government had done many good things to the victims' benefit, however with nasty statistics like 1/4 of young Australians who believe that it's alright to hit their partners after a few drinks and 32% of all homeless people are people fleeing from domestic violence, there's still room for improvement. We have not pulled out this weed by its root.

Moral support is a crucial piece of a jigsaw puzzle that is the victims' recovery process in the aftermath of a domestic violence incident. Their spectre-like spouse/partner decides to bully them, tantalise them and break them beyond their extreme point of tolerance. Deciding enough is enough, many of the victims leave the house with all their possessions. Alternatively their partners kicks them out of the house. In either case, they're left without shelter AND support, homeless. The victims obviously need a new home where they could be respected, supported and loved during their psychological recoupment. There's many different non profit charities out there that provides

victims of domestic violence with such support, like White Ribbon, however they need to work in collaboration with the government financially in order to do the most good for the victims. Many of the charities' fundings are insufficient for them to run by themselves.

~~In conclusion,~~ domestic violence could be halted in its spread and in its influence in the modern Australian society. Educating men against initiating violence against women will prevent the problem from spreading, enforcing anti-domestic violence laws vigorously will also prevent domestic violence from spreading by deterring potential perpetrators. Emotional support for the victims will act as a Plan B if domestic violence did occur. These are all good courses of actions meant to be taken at a national scale, however there are little things you could do on an individual scale to help stop domestic violence. Things like distributing anti-domestic violence messages in the school, workplace and social media.

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