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- Around the world, at least one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime.

Heise, L., Ellsberg, M. and Gottemoeller, M. Ending Violence Against Women. Population Reports, Series L, No. 11., December 1999

- Thirty percent of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.

Lieberman Research Inc., Tracking Survey conducted for The Advertising Council and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, July-October 1996



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- Women of all races are about equally vulnerable to violence by an intimate. BJS, Violence Against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey, August 1995
- More than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. BJS Special Report, Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-99, October 2001.
- 37% percent of women who sought treatment in emergency rooms for violence-related injuries in 1994 were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend. U.S. DOJ, Violence Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments, August 1997



# Domestic Violence and Youth

- Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner. Silverman, Raj, Mucci, and Hathaway, 2001
- 8% of high school age girls said “yes” when asked if “a boyfriend or date has ever forced sex against your will.”

The Commonwealth Fund Survey of the Health of Adolescent Girls, November 1997



# Prevalence of Domestic Violence in Indian Country



# American Indian Homicide



- Approximately 75% of AI/AN female victims are killed by someone they know (Homicide and Suicide Among Native American 1979-1992)
- Among all U.S. female homicide victims, 65% are killed by someone they know



DOJ, BJS, 1999




# American Indian Victims

- American Indians are twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault (5 per 1,000 age 12 or older) compared to all races (2 per 1,000)
  - Indian women are more likely to be victimized than women of any other race
  - Native American women are more likely to be raped than women of any other race (7 per 1,000 compared to 3 per 1,000 African American women)
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American Indians and Crime, 2004



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- 3 out of 4 domestic violence cases involving American Indian women are alcohol related
  - 60% of victims are battered while they are pregnant
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DOJ, BJS, 1999

