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## 6 out of 10 male drug-addicts abuse their intimate partners

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Washington, March 04: New research has revealed a high rate of gender-based violence -both physical and psychological- directed by drug-addict men against their partners.

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The study conducted at the University of Granada also detailed the type of violence perpetrated. Personal control, sexual abuse, emotional neglect and emotional blackmail out of guilt are the most prevalent forms of abuse in this collective

According to a study conducted at the Department of Pedagogy of the University of Granada, about six out of ten male drug-abusers direct some type of violence against their intimate partners.

Thus, the study revealed a high rate of domestic violence -both physical and psychological- by male drug-abusers against women. The study also detailed the most recurrent forms of abuse, as well as the variables associated to them.

The study revealed that between 6.5 and 72.4pc of the population admits to having committed some form of violence against their partner. The less prevalent conduct was "I forced her to abort against her will" (6.5pc), and the most prevailing being "I show total disregard for her needs, wishes and interests". In addition, 63.5pc of the respondents ensured that they wanted to know what their partner makes at all times of the day, their hours, whom they speak to...". The rate of physical violence oscillates between 6.5pc and 21pc, while psychological violence varies between 7.3pc and 72.4pc.

This research was carried out by Amelia Matute Lopez, and conducted by professor Andres Soriano Diaz. The author took a sample of 153 men aged between 20 and 65 years, attending some of rehabilitation units in Andalusia; all of them were cocaine, alcohol, heroin or heroin-cocaine abusers. The study was a questionnaire-based prevalence survey of spousal abuse, containing also some questions to obtain some information on the variables selected.

The research conducted at the University of Granada revealed that 78.8pc of the couples ended in separation, although such separation was generally temporary. In most of the cases, the couple ended getting back together.

"Despite their negative effect on their health and well-being, women remain in this type of relationship as a result of the pressure exerted by their male partners and of the romantic myths of unconditional and imbalanced love," Lopez states.

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