



REPRODUCTIVE COERCION

Reproductive coercion is a form of power and control where one partner strips the other of the ability to control their own reproductive system and timeline. It can be difficult to identify reproductive coercion because other forms of abuse are often occurring simultaneously.

PREGNANCY PRESSURE & COERCION

Forcing a partner to terminate a pregnancy

Forcing a partner to carry a pregnancy to term

Threatening harm to a partner who does not agree to become pregnant

Injuring a partner in a way that may cause a miscarriage

CONTRACEPTIVE SABOTAGE

Withholding hiding or destroying contraceptive

Intentionally breaking or poking holes in condoms

Not withdrawing when agreed upon

Removing IUD's, contraceptive patches, and vaginal rings

SEXUAL COERCION

Repeatedly pressuring a partner to have sex

Threatening to end a relationship if the person does not have sex

Forcing sex without a contraceptive

Intentionally exposing a partner to a STI

THE FACTS

15%

OF WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE REPORT BIRTH CONTROL SABOTAGE ¹

HOMICIDE

IS A LEADING CAUSE OF PREGNANCY-ASSOCIATED MORTALITY IN THE UNITED STATES ²

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