

# **Annotated Bibliography on Immigrant and Refugee Issues Relevant to Intimate Partner Violence**

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Chan, K. L. (2009). Sexual violence against women and children in Chinese societies. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse, 10*(1), 69-85.  
This article discusses the types and magnitude of sexual violence in China, including marital sexual violence and dating violence, as well as cultural attitudes toward violence in the home.

Grigg-Saito, D., Och, S., Liang, S., Toof, R., & Silka, L. (2008). Building on the strengths of a Cambodian refugee community through community-based outreach. *Health Promotion Practic, 9*, 415.  
Although this article focuses on physical health promotion, the emphasis on strengths-based approaches, outreach activities, and evaluation is a useful model for any culturally-specific outreach effort.

Koch, C., & Pavon, M. M. (n.d.). *Grupos de Apoyo para Latinas Maltradas/Support Groups for Battered Latinas*. Retrieved April 15, 2009, from [www.nccadv.org/pdf/Booklets/support\\_group\\_manual.pdf](http://www.nccadv.org/pdf/Booklets/support_group_manual.pdf)  
This support group manual, in both English and Spanish, provides a variety of activities and information about intimate partner violence.

Moreno, C. (2007). The Relationship Between Culture, Gender, Structural Factors, Abuse, Trauma, and HIV/AIDS for Latinas. *Qualitative Health Research, 17*, 340.  
While this study focuses on women living with HIV, it examines Latino culture and highlights some of the situations that can exacerbate victimization of Latinas in terms of partner abuse.

Muftic, L., & Bouffard, L. (2008). Bosnian women and intimate partner violence: Differences in experiences and attitudes for refugee and nonrefugee women. *Feminist Criminology, 3*, 173.  
This study involved surveys of approximately 70 Bosnian women, both in Bosnia and as refugees in the U.S. The two groups were remarkably similar in their experience and perception of intimate partner violence, although the women in Bosnia had higher rates of sexual coercion. Women in Bosnia reported 73% had experienced sexual coercion by their partners, while 43% of the U.S. refugees had this experience.

Perilla, J. (1999). Domestic violence as a human rights issue. *Hispanic Journal of*

*Behavioral Sciences*, 21, 107.

Too often, community cultural issues are approached as factors that exacerbate intimate partner violence. Perilla argues that it is also important to examine how the strengths within the Latino culture can be harnessed to provide effective intervention.

Phiri-Alleman, W., & Alleman, J. (2008). Sexual violence in relationships: Implications for multicultural counseling. *The Family Journal*, 16, 155.

This article addresses cultural perceptions of intimate partner violence, the effects of sexual violence within relationships, and implications for providing "muticulturally competent" interventions.

Sullivan, M., Senturia, K., Negash, T., Shiu-Thornton, S., & Giday, B. (2009). "For us it is like living in the dark": Ethiopian women's experiences with domestic violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 20, 922.

Focusing on domestic violence among Ethiopian refugees and immigrants in the U.S., this study used focus groups to highlight the experience of these women. The article is notable for the solicitation of advice about services from the women themselves.

Whitaker, D., Baker, C., Pratt, C., & Reed, E. (2007). A network model for providing culturally competent services for intimate partner violence and sexual violence. *Violence Against Women*, 13, 190.

This article describes a collaborative abuse prevention program implemented by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in two Latino communities. It offers information on how to develop community resources and cooperation to address intimate partner violence in ethnic communities.

### **Additional Resources on Intimate Partner Sexual Violence**

#### **Refugee Women's Alliance**

[www.rewa.org](http://www.rewa.org)

- Printable posters: "Sexual Assault Affects Us, Too" in Vietnamese, Cambodian, Lao, and Chinese
- *The Unspoken Truth: Sexual Assault* video in Amharic, Russian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Mandarin, and Somali (\$10 each)
- Community education and outreach information

#### **Free Online Class on Intimate Partner Sexual Violence**

<http://www.njep-ipsacourse.org/>

Although this was designed for judges, most of the information in this extensive course would be helpful to any service provider. There is quite a bit of information on IPSV issues as they apply to immigrants.

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