Engaging Men & Boys

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Domestic violence is a terrifying concept, not only because of the permanent mental and physical trauma that ensues, but also because of how it stems. An emotion such as love that is so raw and passionate can create the strongest of relationships, yet it can also lead to paranoia and obsession, altering the life course of partners for the worse. Who would ever foresee this out of a once healthy, stable relationship? I believe it is essential for children, especially boys, to learn from a young age about limits, comfort zones, and the importance of consent. With such fundamentals instilled in them, they will naturally respect women and have a higher likelihood of maintaining future healthy and happy relationships.

In Indian society, women serve as the backbone, holding families and communities together. Their servile nature is one to be respected and appreciated, but more often than not it has been taken advantage of and exploited. Their passiveness is not a symbol of weakness, but one of pure love. This must change as women should prioritize their and their children’s safety and health over the continuity of a toxic relationship. As a community, it is our job to unite and serve as the voice of the silent, wounded women and provide women with a platform from which they can comfortably and boldly speak.