WHY DO SOME MEN USE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND HOW CAN WE PREVENT IT?

QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS MULTI-COUNTRY STUDY ON MEN AND VIOLENCE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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THE STUDY

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STUDY AIM: to deepen the understanding of men's use of violence against women in order to prevent it

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COUNTRIES

Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
Indonesia
Papua New Guinea
Sri Lanka

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SITES

10,178
MEN AGED 18–49

3,106
WOMEN FOR VALIDATION

Largest cross-country comparable dataset on male perpetration of violence against women in Asia-Pacific

WHERE DID WE CONDUCT THE STUDY?

Multi-stage representative sample

Representative of men aged 18–49 year in selected sites

Not nationally representative (except Cambodia)

Does not represent the whole Asia-Pacific region

HOW DID WE CONDUCT THE STUDY?

Population-based quantitative household surveys

Men interviewed men, women interviewed women

Followed rigorous international ethical and safety standards for research on VAW

Standardized structured questionnaire on men's use and experiences of violence, attitudes and practices, childhood, sexuality, and health

iPod Touch devices allowed men to answer questions about rape perpetration anonymously

HOW DID WE MEASURE MEN'S USE OF VIOLENCE?

PHYSICAL PARTNER VIOLENCE PERPETRATION

-slapped or threw something at partner

-pushed or shoved

-hit with fist

-kicked, dragged, beat, choked or burned

-threatened to use or used gun, knife or other weapon

NON-PARTNER RAPE PERPETRATION

-forced her to have sexual intercourse against her will

-had sex with woman or girl when she was too drunk or drugged to say whether she wanted it or not

THE PROBLEM

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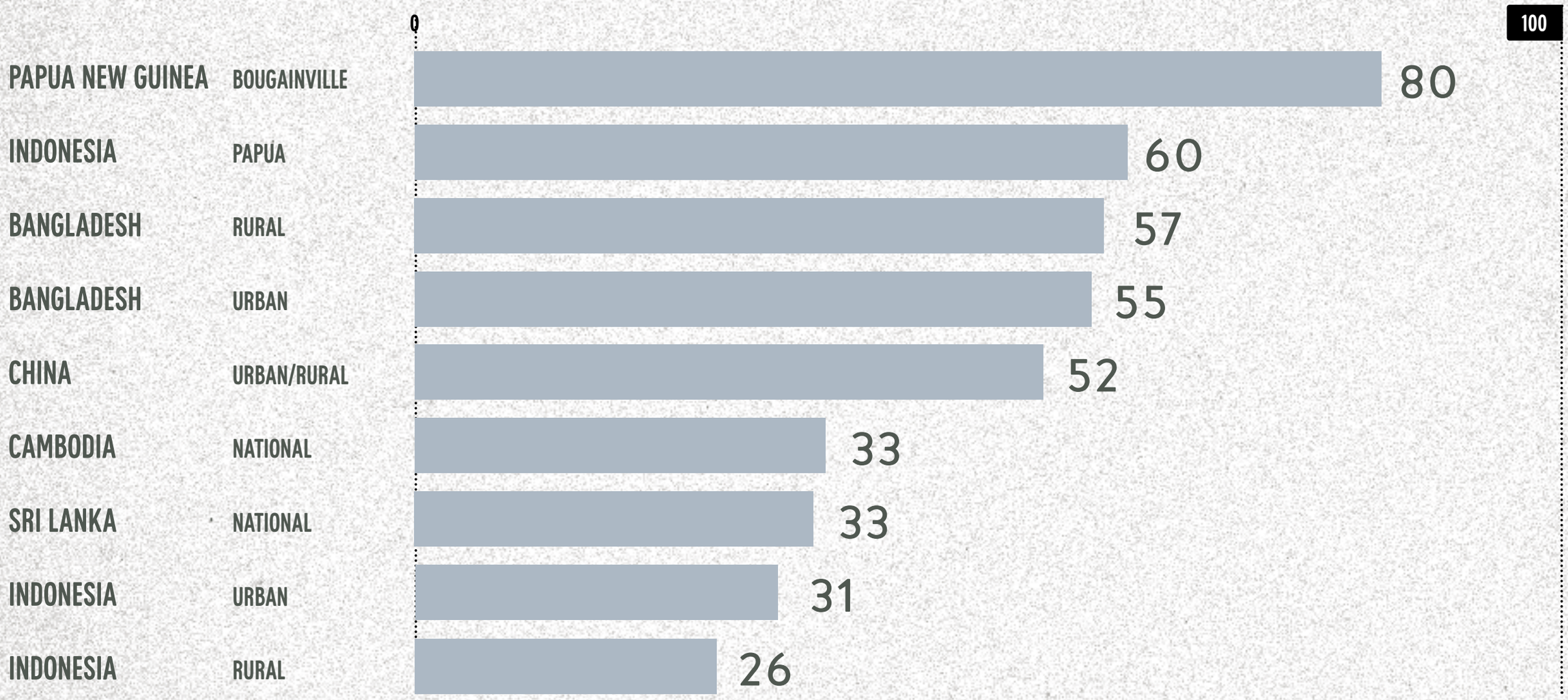

Overall, 1 in 2 ever-partnered men reported perpetrating partner violence, but prevalence rates varied widely across sites

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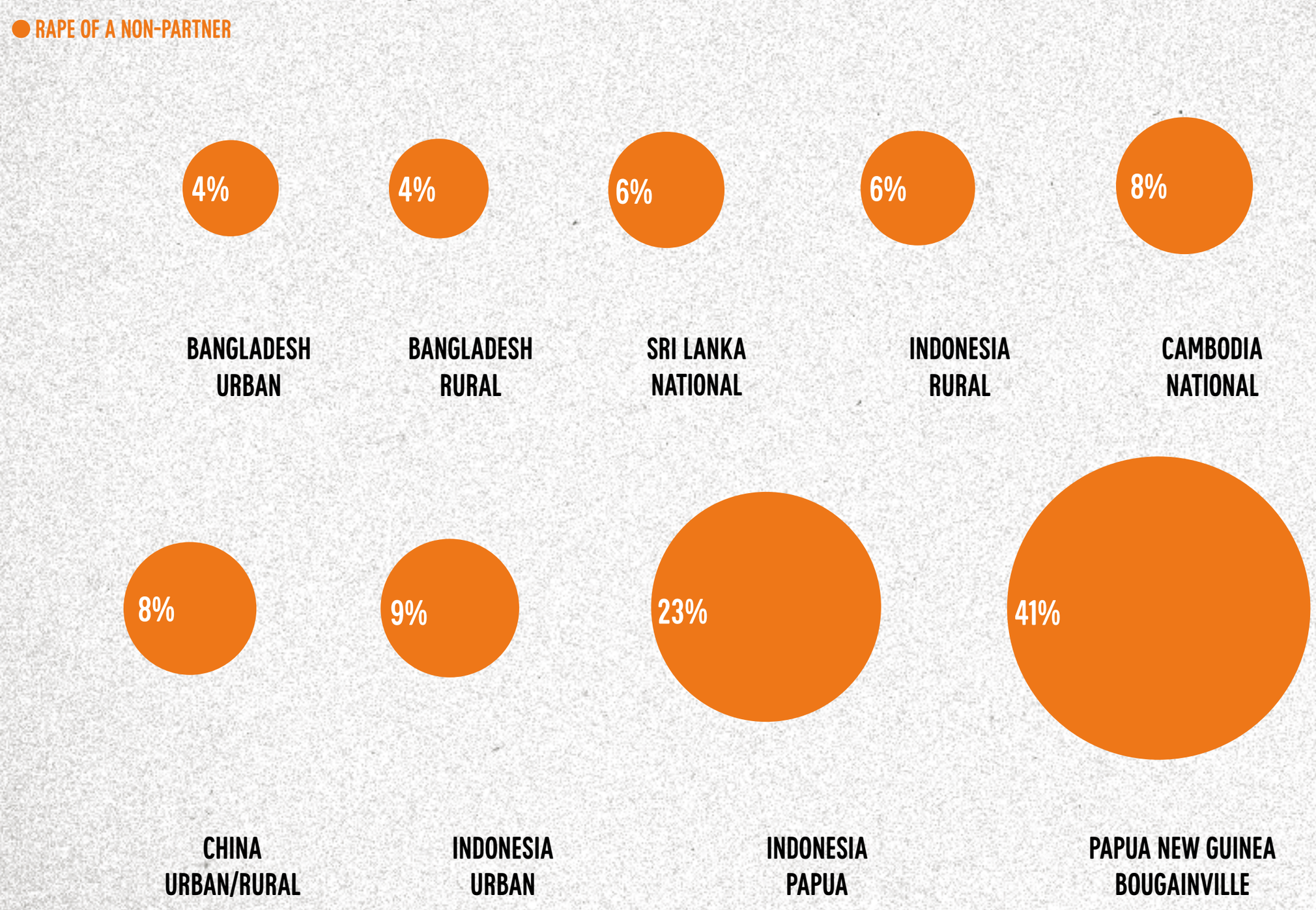

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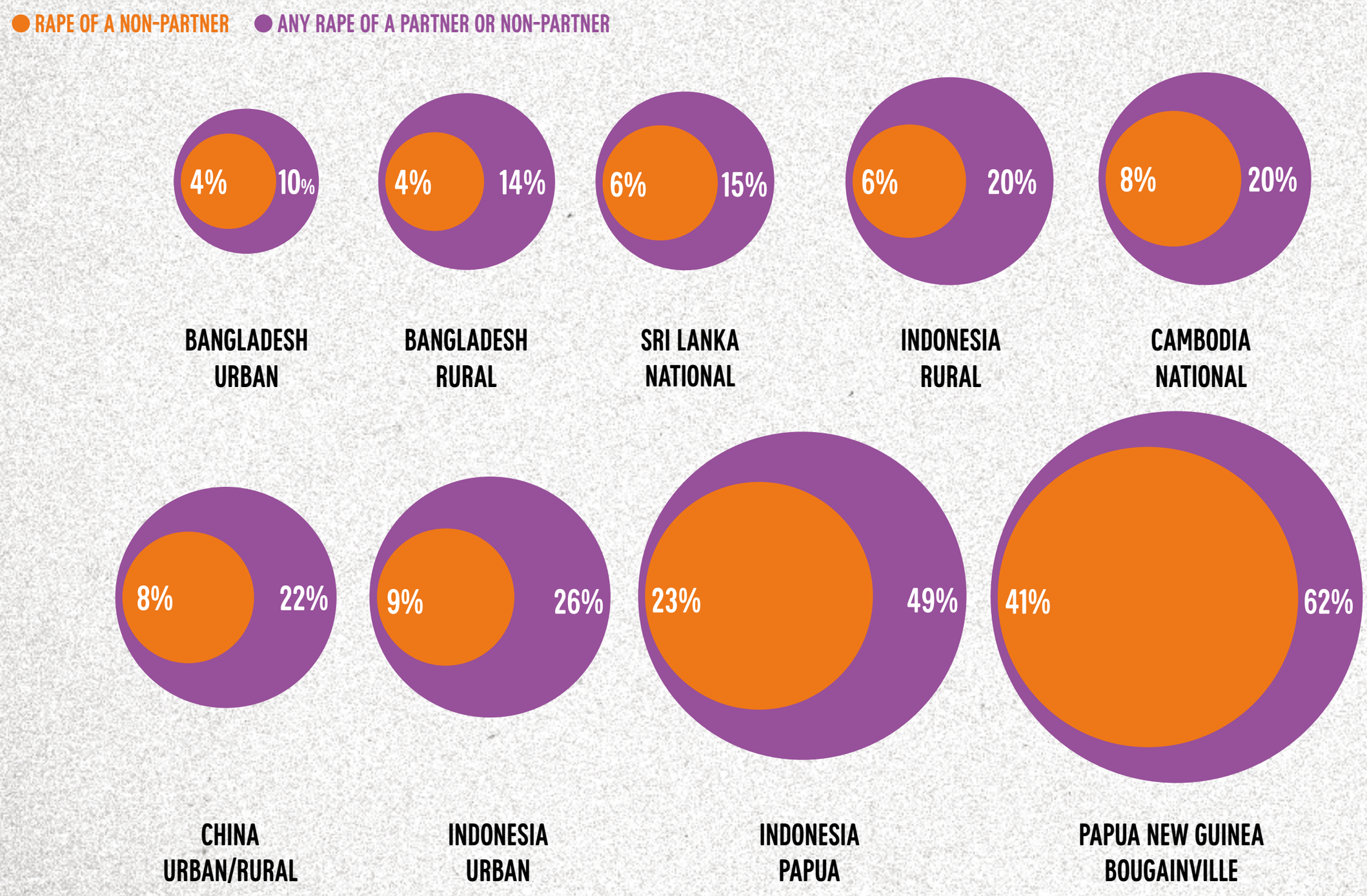
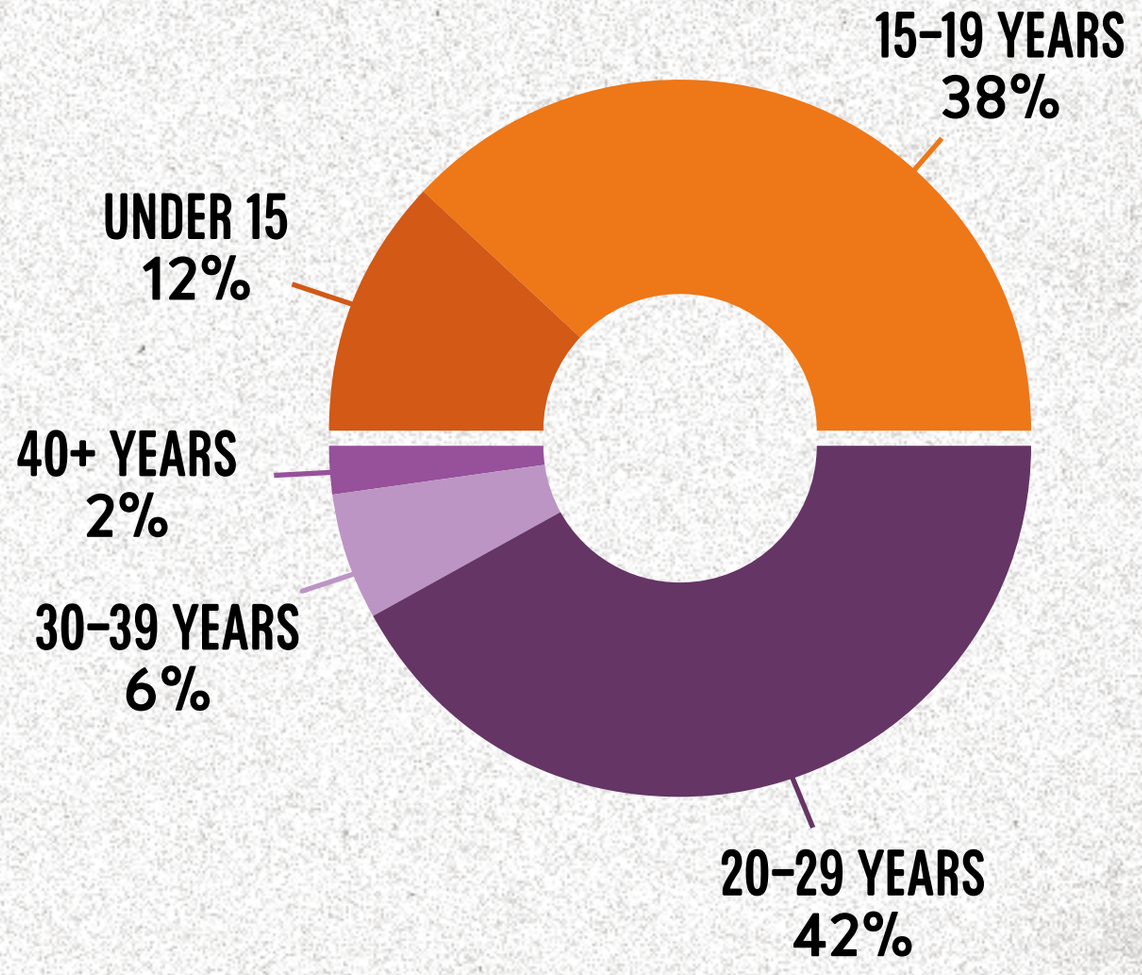


RAPE PERPETRATION STARTED EARLY IN LIFE

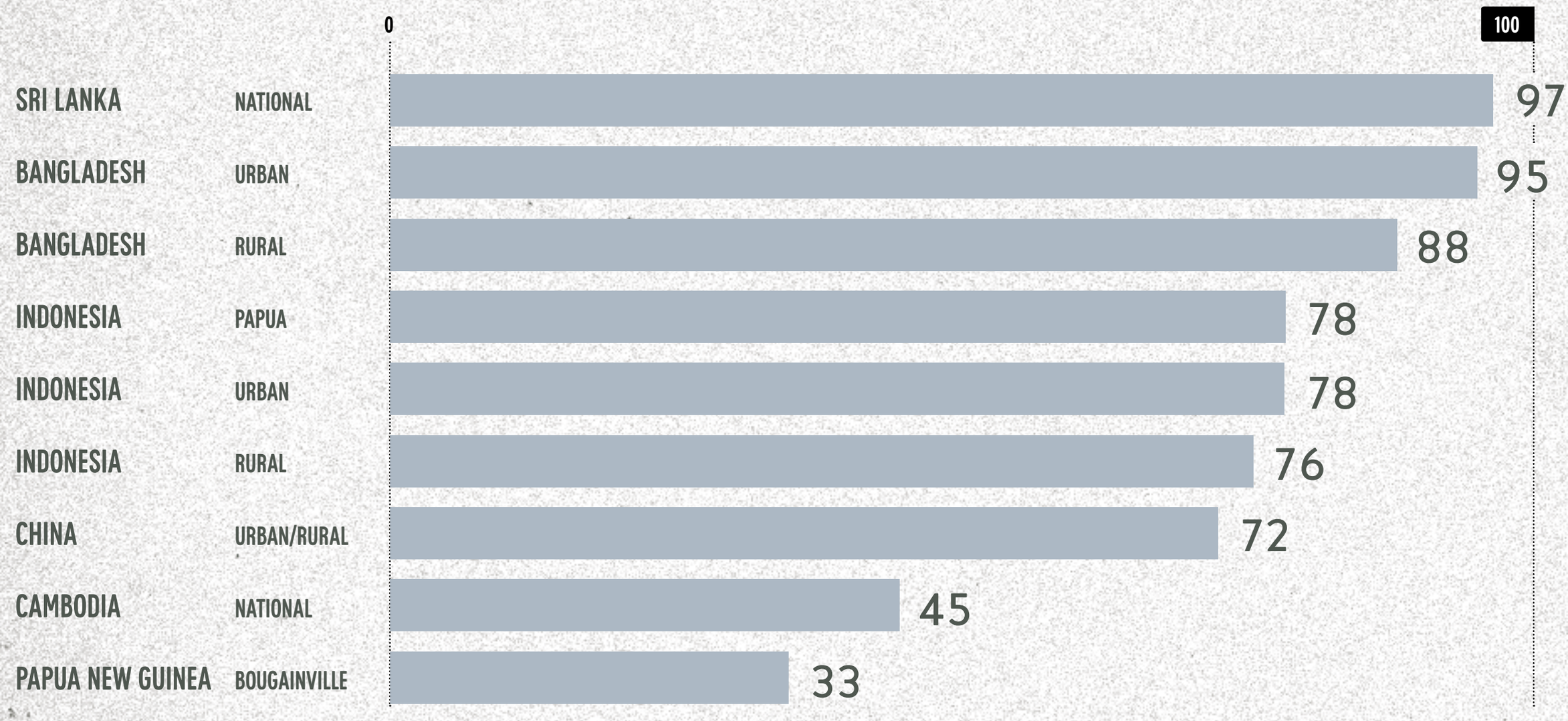
Half of all men who had perpetrated rape did so for the first time when they were teenagers (younger than 20 years)

AGE OF FIRST RAPE PERPETRATION AMONG MEN WHO REPORTED EVER PERPETRATING RAPE AGAINST A WOMAN OR GIRL (PARTNER OR NON-PARTNER)



LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF RAPE PERPETRATION

PERCENTAGE OF MEN WHO REPORTED PERPETRATING RAPE BUT REPORTED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED OR JAILED AS A CONSEQUENCE, BY SITE

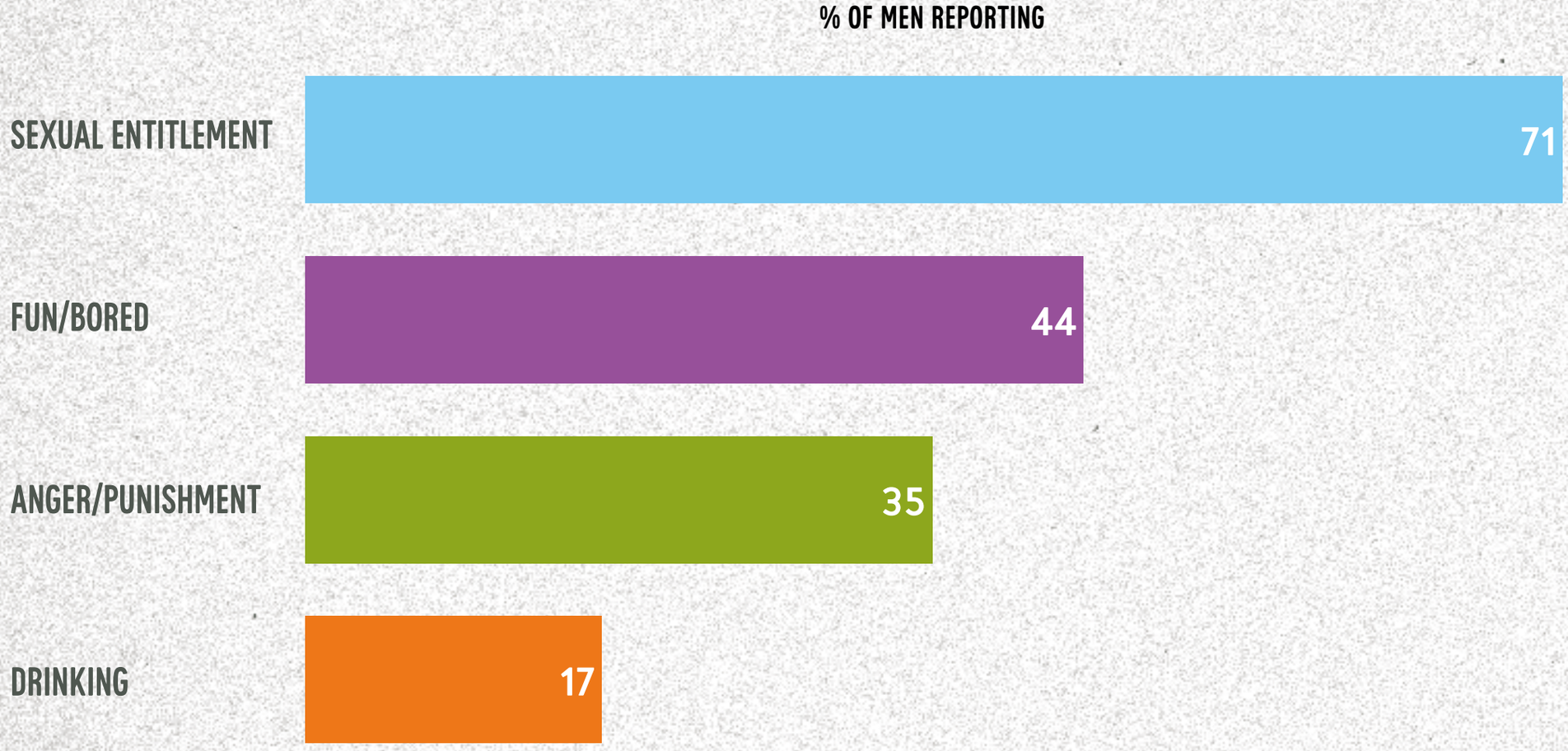


Majority of men who admitted to perpetrating rape did not experience any legal consequences

DRIVERS OF MEN'S USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

WHY DO SOME MEN PERPETRATE RAPE?

MOTIVATIONS FOR RAPE, BY MEN WHO REPORTED EVER RAPING ANY WOMAN OR GIRL, INCLUDING PARTNERS AND NON-PARTNERS



The most commonly reported motivation for perpetrating rape across sites was related to men's sense of sexual entitlement

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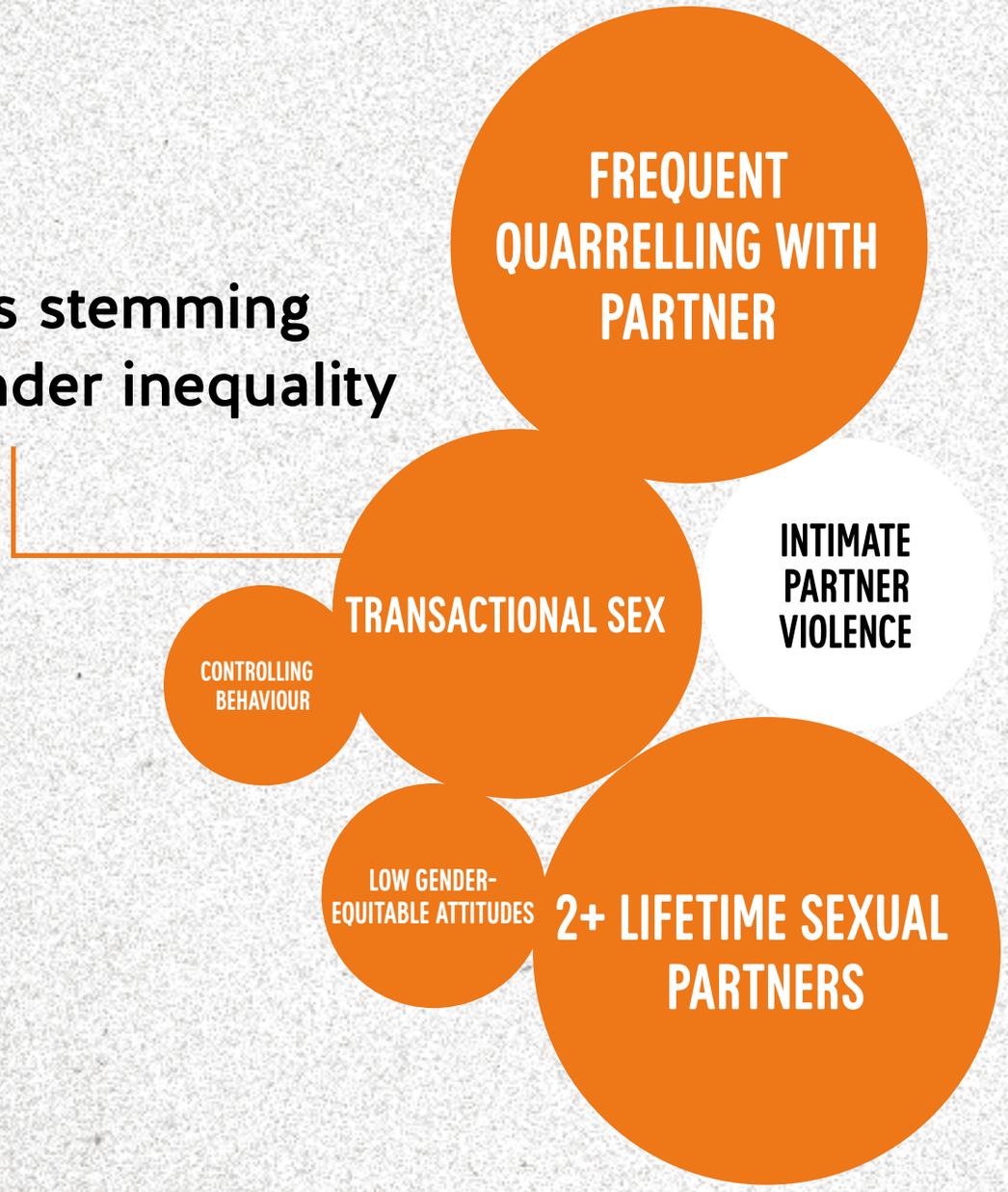
Practices stemming from gender inequality



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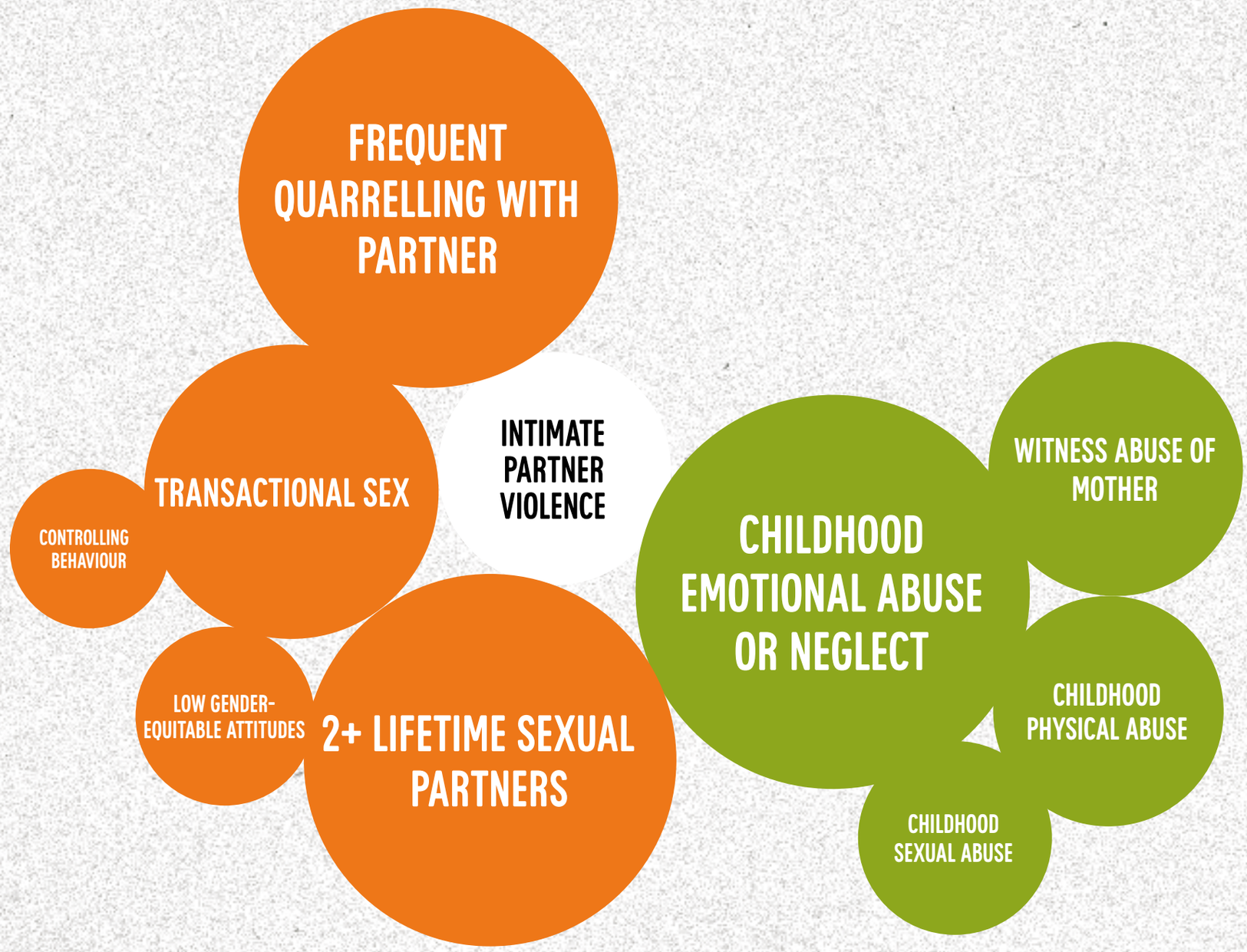

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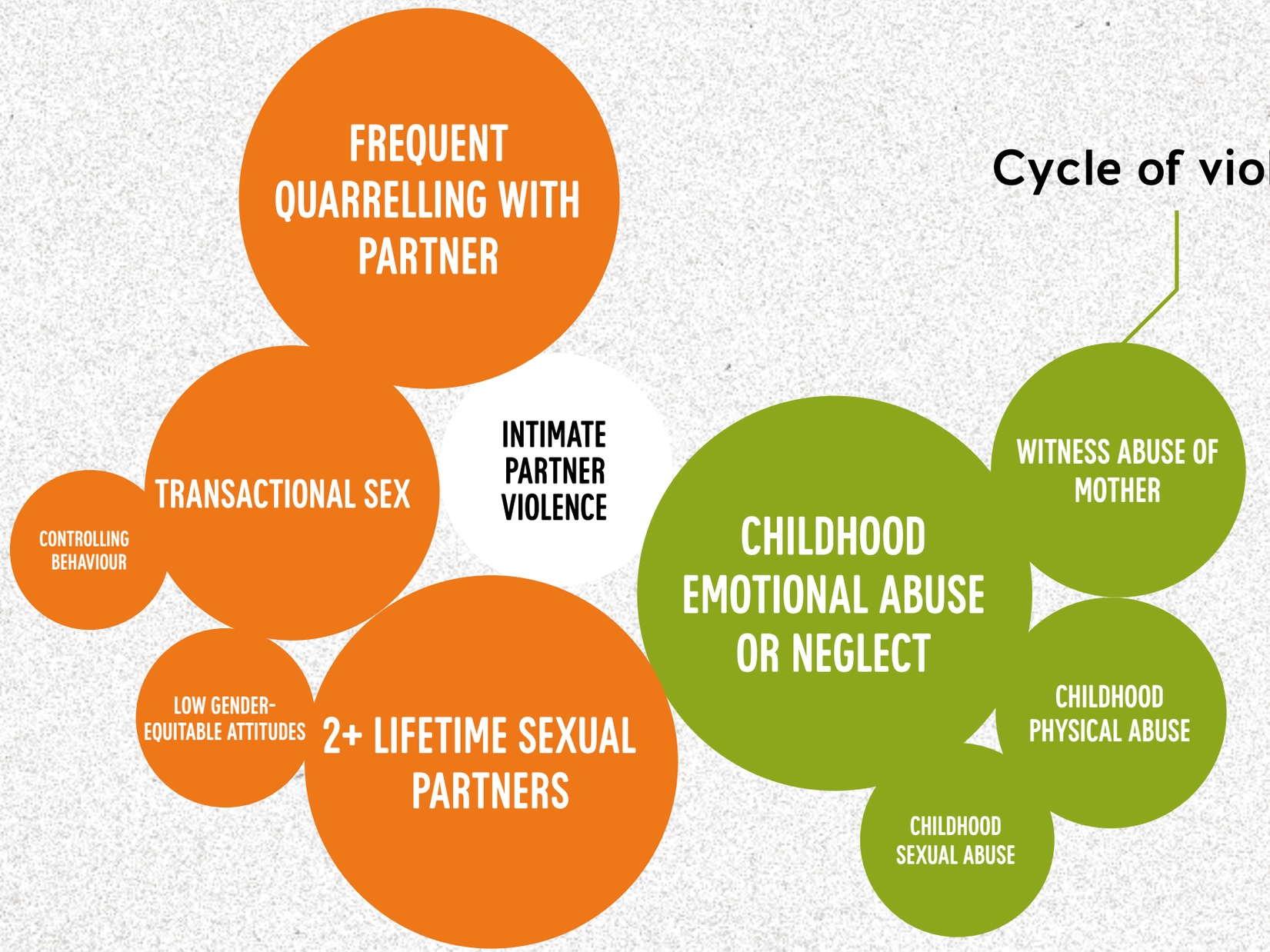

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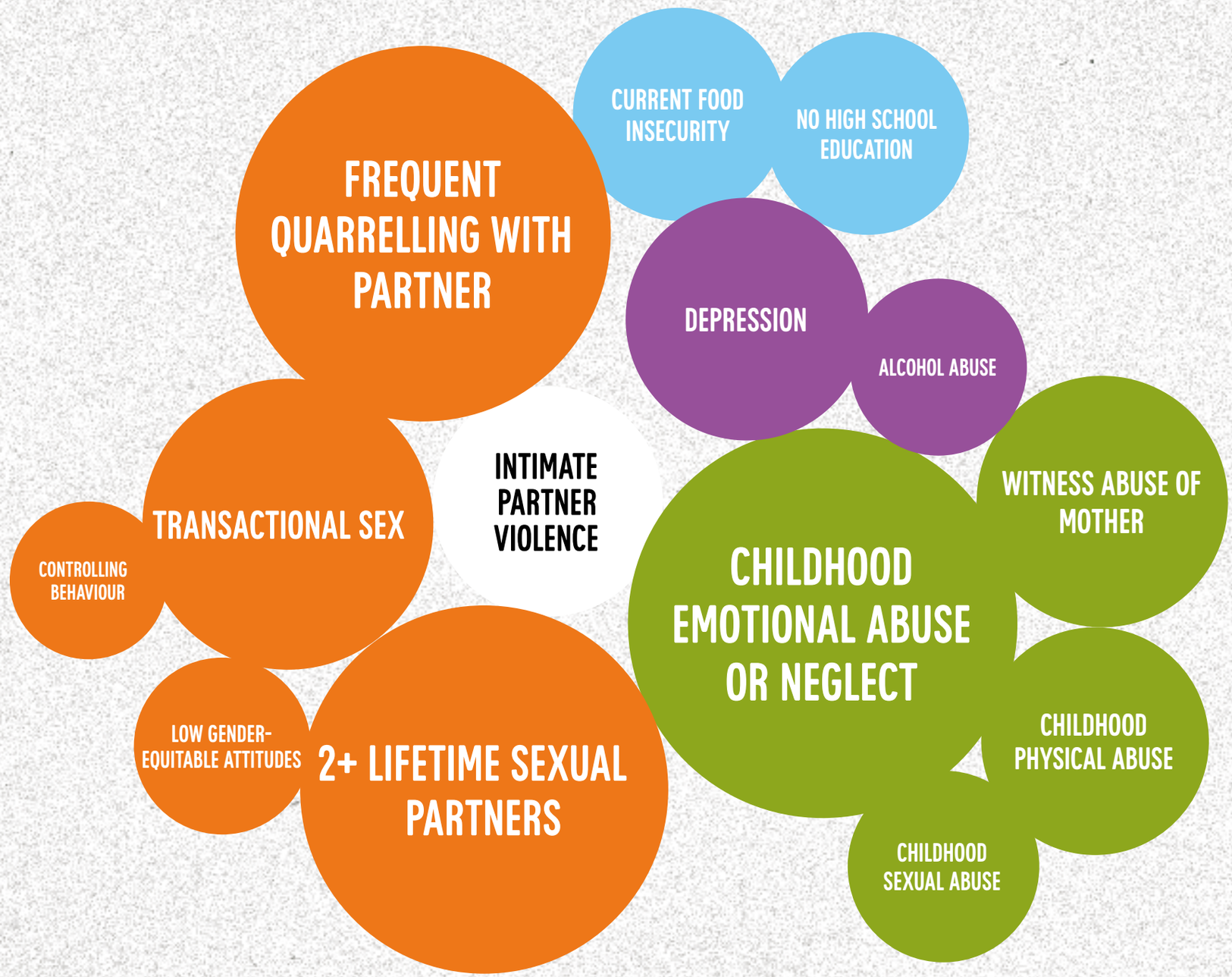

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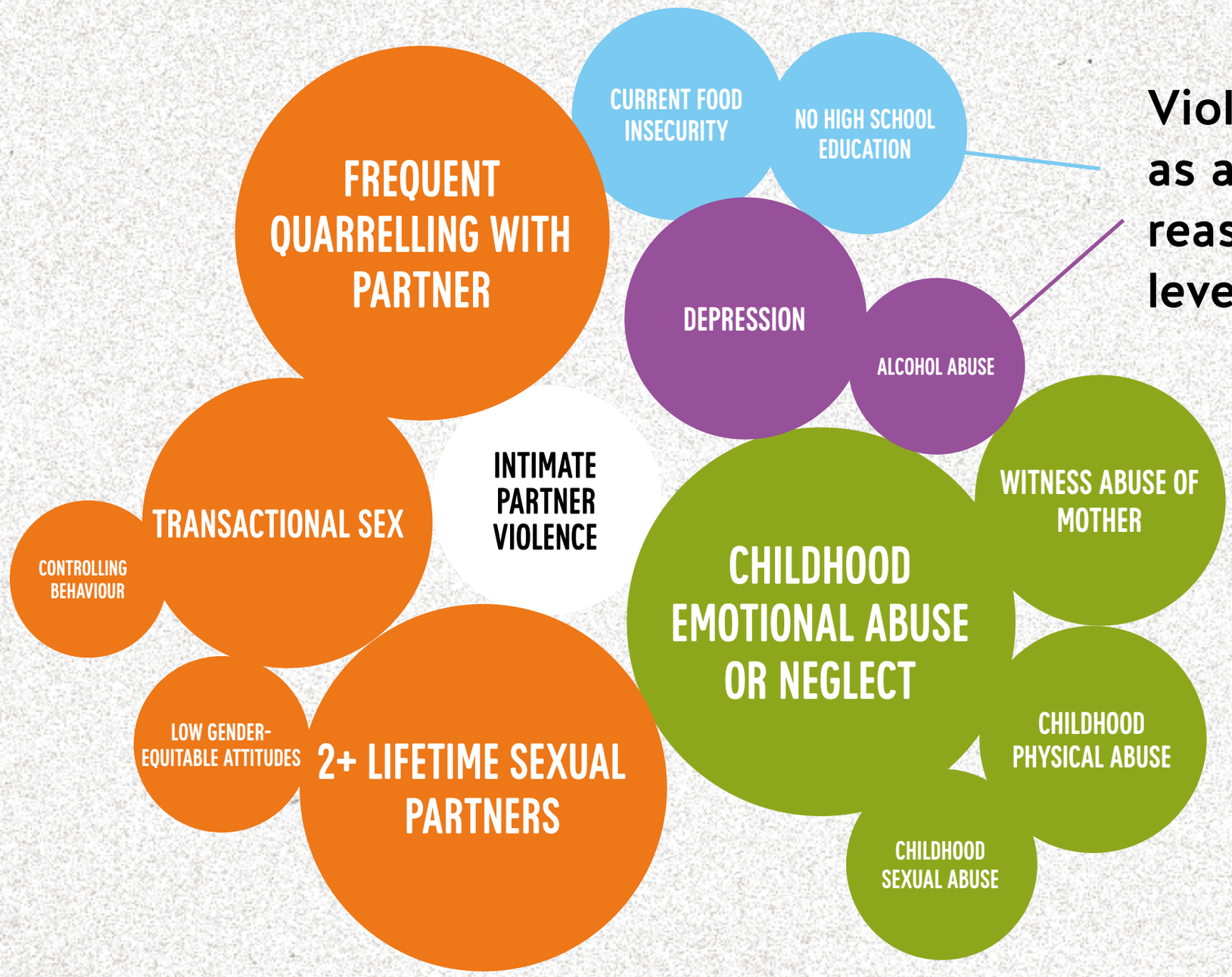

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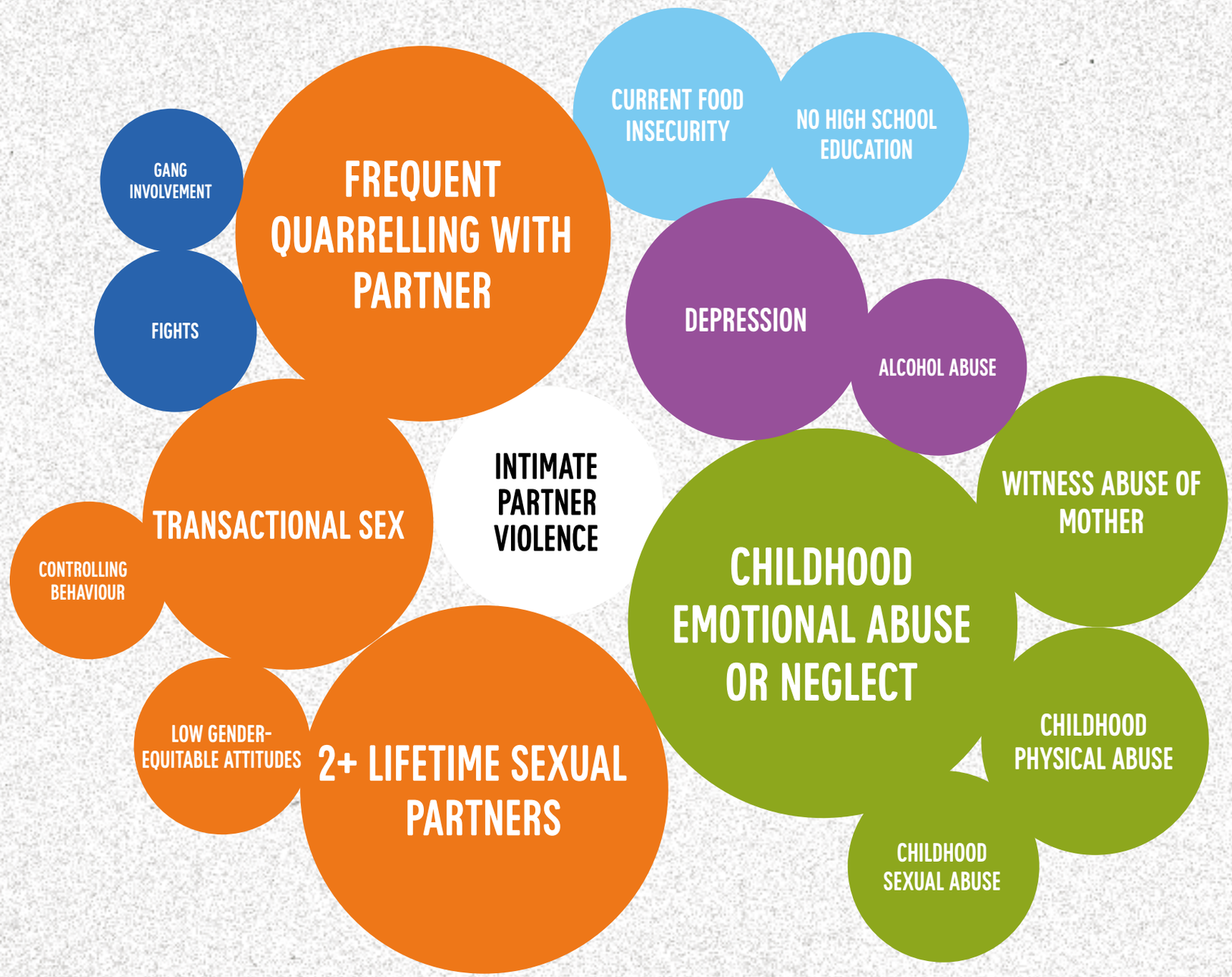

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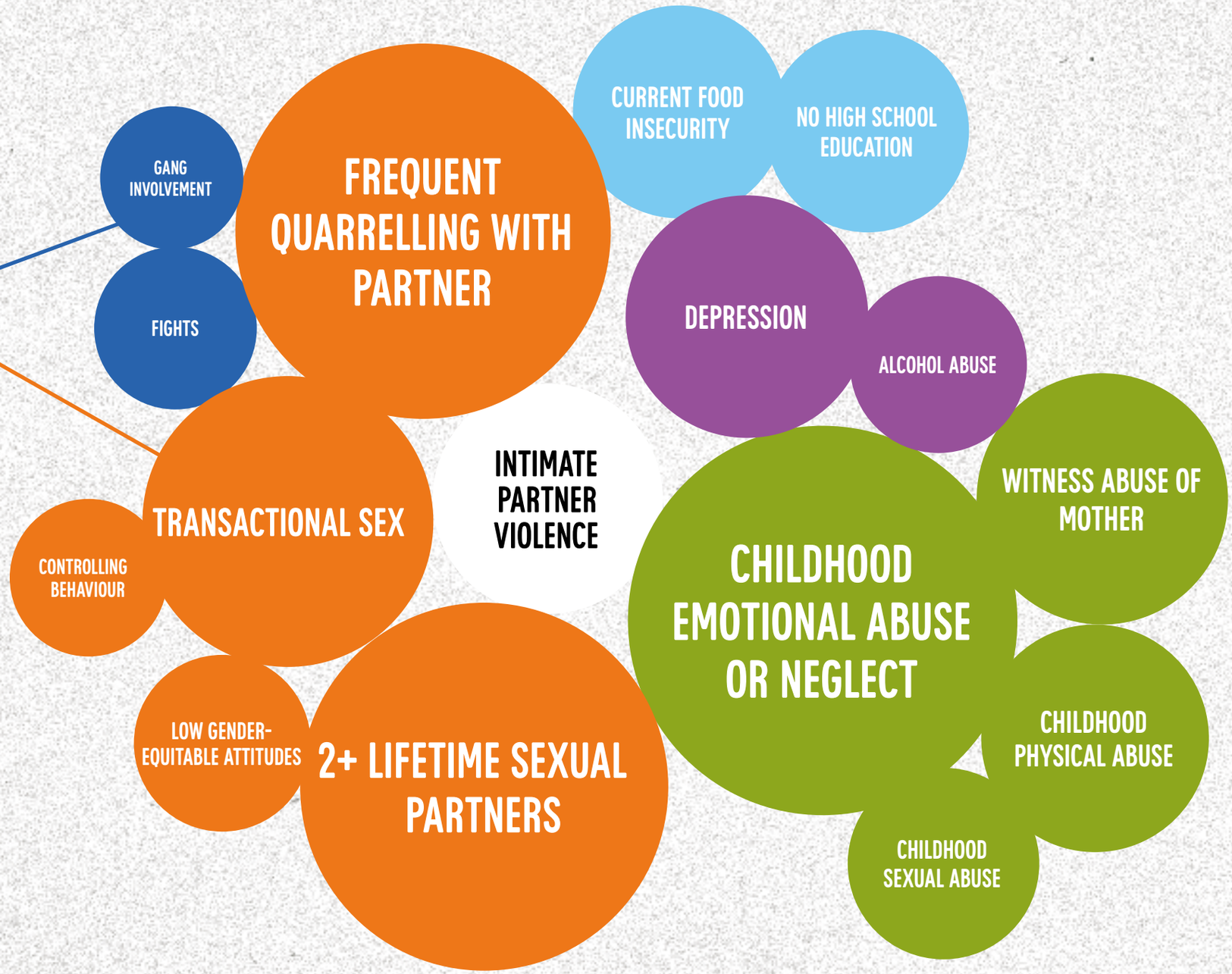
Ideals of manhood that justify and celebrate toughness, male sexual performance & dominance over women



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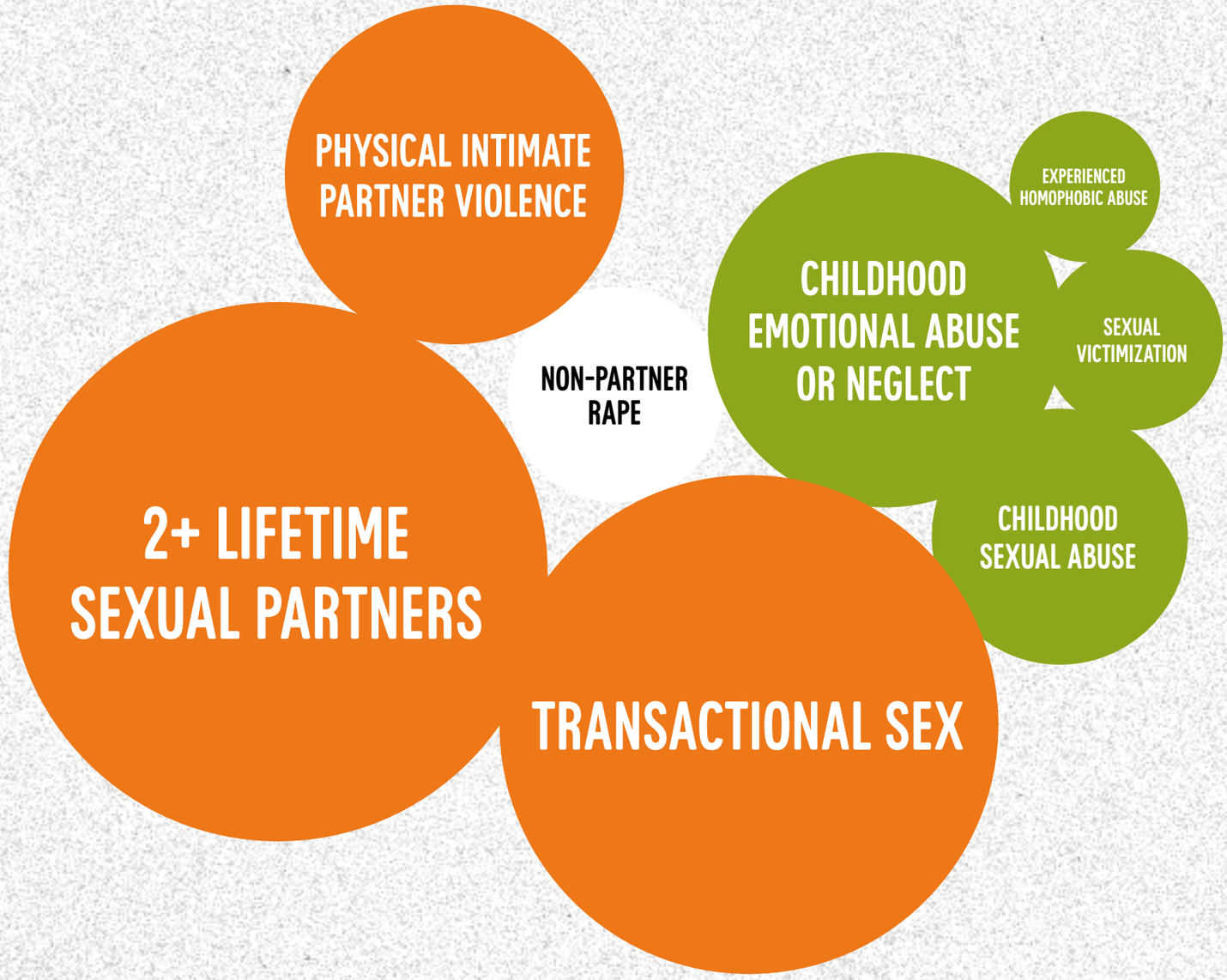

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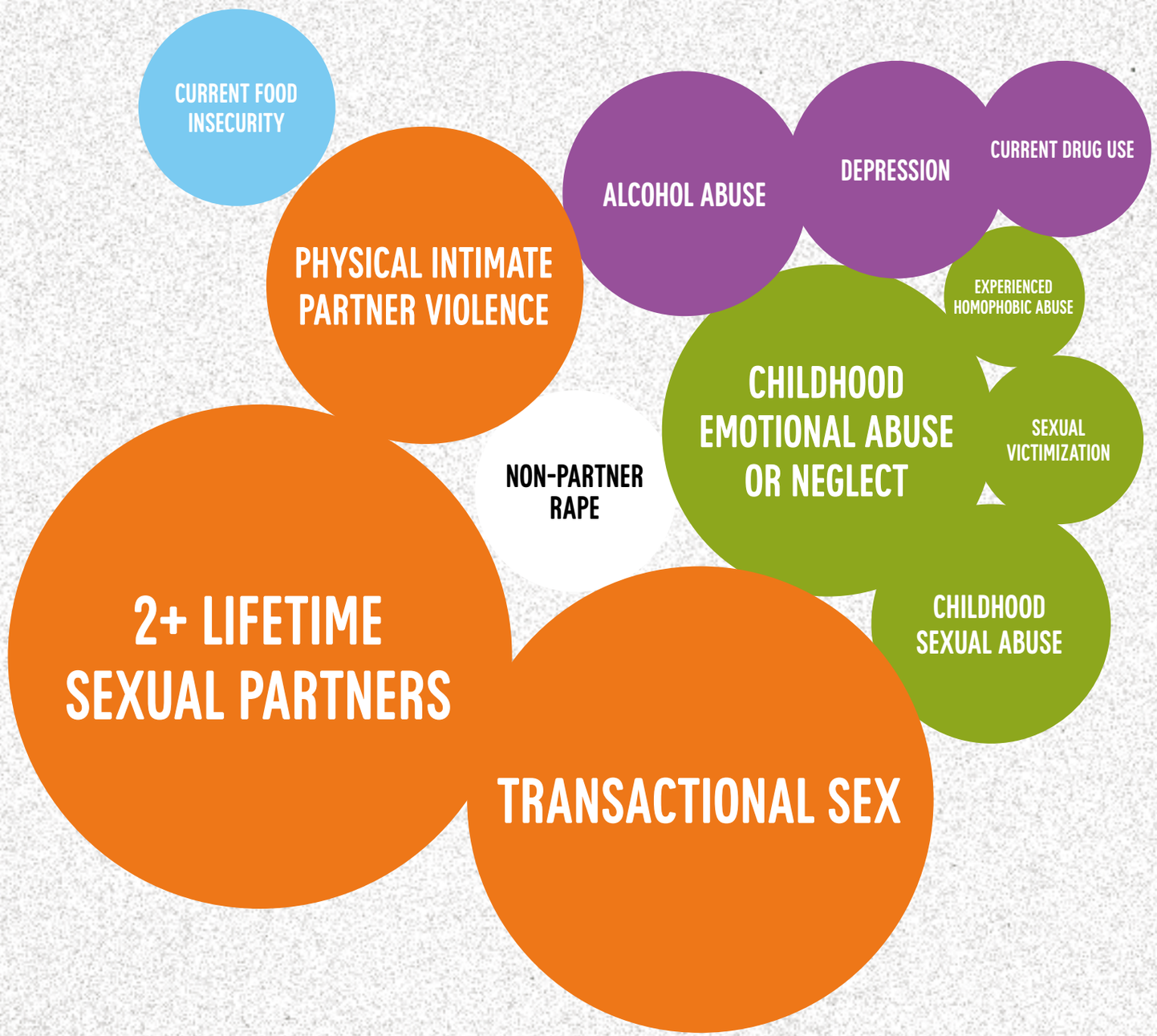

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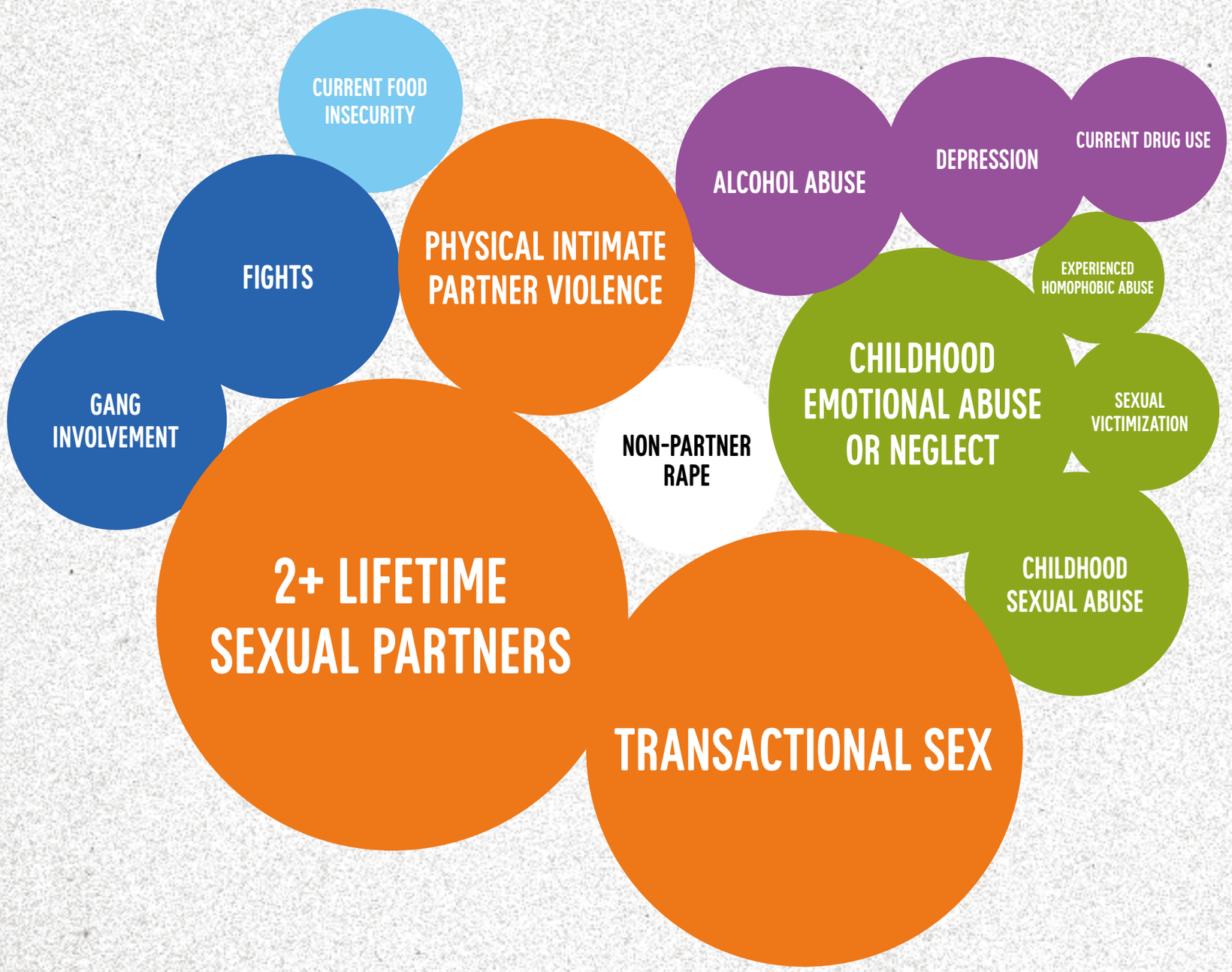
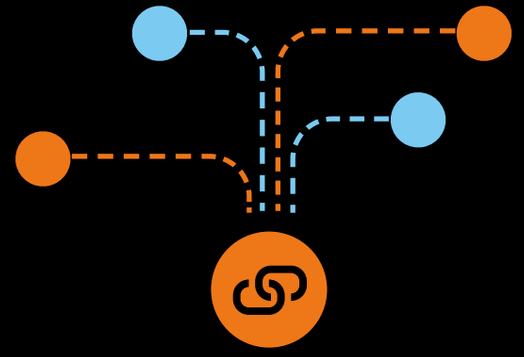


CONCLUSIONS

Violence against women is pervasive, but not all men use violence

Men's use of violence against women starts earlier than previously thought

Violence against women is fundamentally about gender inequality—most important factors are related to gender norms and relationship practices



Men's use of violence is related to ways of being a man that celebrate toughness, sexual performance and dominance over women

Men's experiences of violence, particularly as children, are strongly associated with their perpetration of violence against women

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Make violence against women unacceptable and address the subordination of women

- community mobilization and engagement with cultural influencers

Address child abuse and promote healthy families

- parenting programmes, comprehensive child protection systems

End impunity for men who use violence against women, particularly marital rape

- criminalization of all forms of violence against women, access to justice

Promote non-violent and caring ways to be a man

- sustained school-based or sports-based education programmes

Educate young people to understand consent, healthy sexuality and respectful relationships

- sexual and reproductive health information and services

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