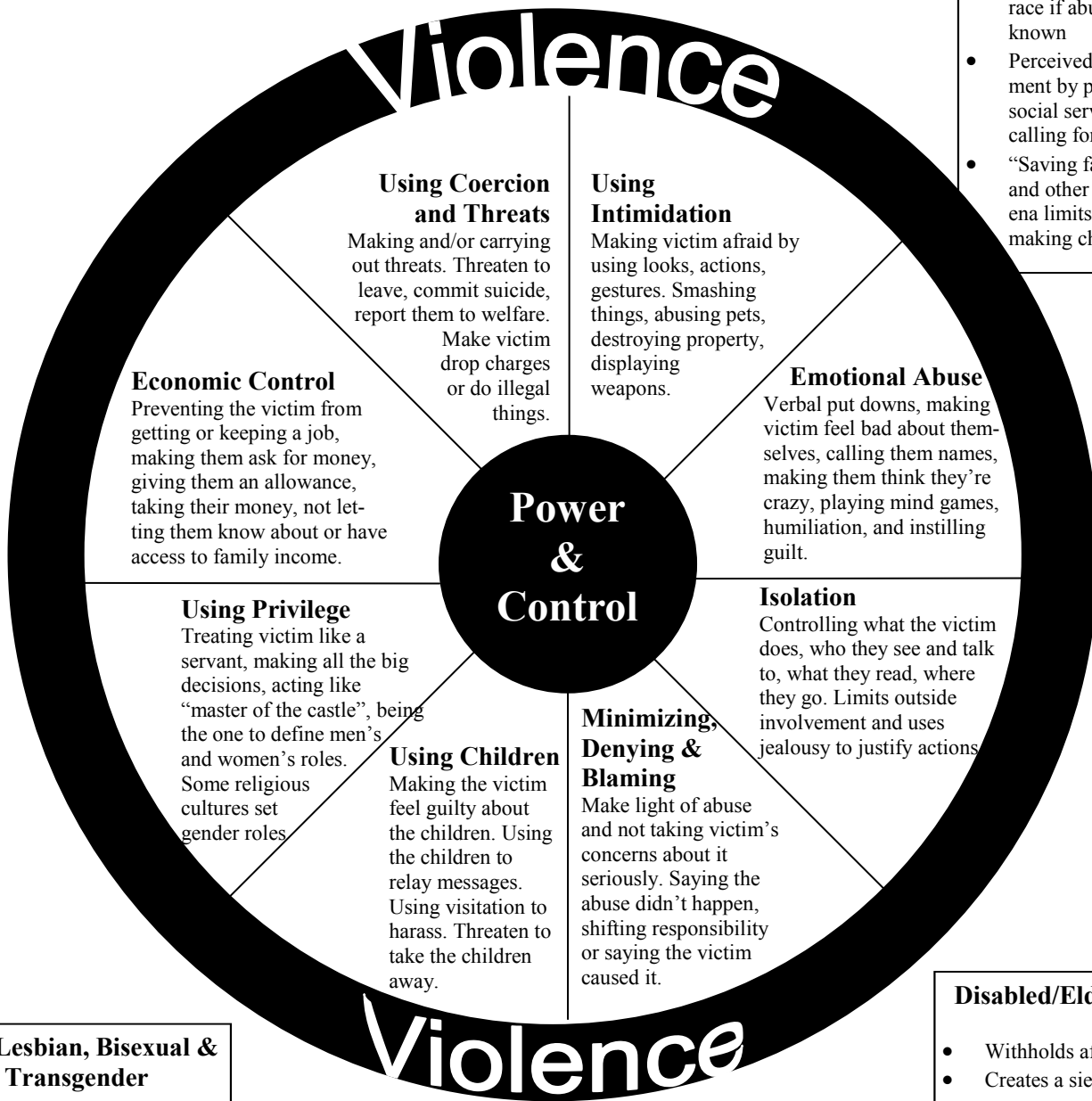


Power & Control

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Minorities

- Victim will not call police out of fear of what will happen to abuser.
- Abuser uses guilt of betraying family, culture, race if abuse is made known
- Perceived/actual mistreatment by police/courts or social services inhibits calling for help again.
- "Saving face" "Machismo" and other cultural phenomena limits support for making changes.



Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender

- Threaten to "out" you to family or employer
- Questions if you are a "real" lesbian/gay.
- Reinforces internalized homophobia.
- Sexual Abuse includes derogatory statements, criticizes your body, refuses to practice safer sex, rape. Manipulates sexual situations so you are afraid to say no or can't say no.
- Threatens to ruin future relationships.
- Uses guilt of betraying the GLBT community if abuse is reported.

Immigrants

- Threatens to turn into authorities
- Threatens deportation
- Instills/maintains fear of law enforcement and authorities
- Lies about rights and laws
- Does not allow learning/speaking/reading English
- Threatens abandonment
- Withhold medical attention
- Uses culture of origin to justify abuse

Disabled/Elderly Adults

- Withholds affection
- Creates a siege mentality
- Instills guilt for inconveniencing the abuser
- Takes money/property, misuse of power of attorney, spends assists
- Cuts off contact with family & friends
- Denies spiritual/religious practices
- Takes mail, denies phone use
- Denies food, personal care, medications, abandonment
- Exploits vulnerabilities by taking walker/wheel chair/cane, glasses, teeth, hearing aid.
- Threaten to place in a facility/institution.