

interfaith partnership against domestic violence

Asserting Authority

Misusing Scripture, traditions, or cultural norms to impose gender roles that are abusive or coercive, to assert abusive authority, to reinforce privilege, to encourage you to submit to abuse, to give commands, or to punish

Prolonging Abusive Relationships

Misusing Scripture, traditions, or cultural norms to encourage you to forgive abuse, to prolong an abusive relationship, to excuse or minimize the abuse, to remain silent, or to accept suffering and by naticing abuse.

Isolation

by not allowing you to
participate in services or events,
by silencing you when you are there,
by moving the family from congregation to
congregation, or by forcing you to attend services
in a different faith community.

Reproduction

Misusing Scripture, traditions, or cultural norms to force you to have sex or unprotected sex, to deny or force family planning, to participate in polygamous marriage or genital mutilation, to have sex or be married at a young age, to be in a coerced or forced marriage.

Controlling

Sexuality and

and Religious Abuse

Misusing Scripture, Traditions, and Cultural Norms to Assert Power and Control

Blaming

Spiritual

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Using Community Coercion

Working through clergy or lay leader, or friends or family from your faith community, to put pressure on you to stay in the relationship or to put up with abuse. Coercion may include letters or phone calls on the abuser's behalf, comments in social settings and on social media.

Using Children

Misusing Scripture, traditions, or cultural norms to coerce or force marriage for teens, to value male over female children, to use girls as commodities for bride price or dowry, to sell young girls as commodities, to force you to raise children Misu in another faith traditions, or to force you to

Access to or Use of Health Care
Misusing Scripture,
traditions, or cultural norms
to force you to forego regular check ups and medical care, family planning, medications, emergency medical care, or to neglect medical care for your children.

the Victim
Misusing Scripture,
traditions, or cultural
norms to blame you and
justify abuse because you are
sinful, estranged from God, not
created in God's image, created to be
a servant or slave, unclean, polluted,
or defiled.