

Restore Legal Safeguards

Today's legal system has no safeguards against false claims of domestic violence or abuse. "*Zero-tolerance*" policies toward domestic violence or child abuse make for good public relations but lousy law.

False allegations of "*domestic violence*" or "*child abuse*" are now a political wedge driven between men and women by groups seeking to benefit from gender warfare. It is now serving as a primary vehicle to obtain child custody and lucrative divorce settlements while we punish the innocent and free the guilty.

The law gives police few options when investigating 911 family violence calls and clogs county jails and courts with minor cases. "*Police should be given a certain amount of discretion,*" Brighton Police Chief Clint Blackhurst was quoted as saying during a meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Violent Crime: "*I don't know of another law like it,*" that makes arrest mandatory.

Former Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant, and past head of the Colorado District Attorneys Council, as well as other officials have stated that the law needs to be re-examined. Grant is quoted as saying: "*It's trivialized it to some degree when, with minimal acts, we're swatting a butterfly with a sledgehammer. Marginal cases have the potential to become serious cases later and need to be dealt with, but not necessarily with mandatory arrest.*"

Men are errantly labeled as primary aggressors because police and courts treat them that way. As a result, abusive women who need treatment often view society as condoning their violent behavior, creating further risk for men and children. EJF advocates practices that truly reduce incidents of domestic violence and child abuse.

Vote Fraud and Election Issues

The EJF works to preserve the principle of one man, one vote, as well as the secret ballot. Our efforts also aim at ensuring open, fair, and honest elections by helping develop national standards for voting equipment and reviewing and critiquing local and state voting processes and procedures.

Dr. Corry also testifies as an expert witness on voting issues before the Colorado legislature, commissions, and courts with regard to election databases, security and election fraud, and electronic voting equipment.

What We Do

The Equal Justice Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization promoting equal justice and civil liberties for all citizens.

We know that our civil liberties and civil rights have been virtually destroyed under false banners and quick-fix political solutions to a corrupt ideology.

By means of media and legislator visits; articles, reports and advertising; forums, lectures and meetings, EJF seeks more equitable, enlightened, and effective methods of dealing with family issues. The government's place is not in our bedrooms or taking our children.

The Equal Justice Foundation's approach to family violence and abuse is unique. We don't rely on ideology, hyperbole or hypocrisy. **We seek to fix the problem, not the blame.**

We work to:

- Restore civil liberties and due process for all citizens.
- Provide help, advice, advocacy, information, peer support, and referrals for men and women impacted by family violence, abuse, or the justice system.
- Provide that whenever possible children are raised by their biological parents, not the state in a foster home.
- Counteract political pressure by radical ideologues that encourages gender profiling of both victims and perpetrators of family violence.



Your help and support are badly needed. We do not receive the generous funding that corporations, the United Way, and government agencies provide unrestricted to mainstream groups that promote outdated, biased and often destructive family practices.

You can join the EJF online. Dues are \$25 per year and additional contributions are most welcome. If you have time and talent to contribute, that is also needed.

Federal employees can contribute through the Combined Federal Campaign. The EJF is listed in every CFC region in Colorado and Utah.

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Creating American Refugees

"You have 30 minutes to pack everything you own. If you can't carry it on your back, it will have to stay behind. Look around one last time because you may never return home again." (from a fund raising letter for relief of Kosovo refugees)

But a very similar scenario now plays out for two to three million men a year under current domestic violence and child abuse laws.

Today, the American Dream all too often ends with the American Nightmare of divorce and false allegations of domestic violence and child abuse. Anyone can be forced from their home and children based on an unsubstantiated and often anonymous accusation.

• No notice! No trial! No hearing! No jury!

The police come knocking and you must leave.

• No excuses! No looking back! Now!

And that is just the beginning of the nightmare.

Unless you've been living on the Space Station it is a virtual certainty someone you know or love has been caught in the nightmares of:

- Being presumed guilty until they can prove their innocence.
- Mandatory arrests and arrests made without warrants.
- Court orders that are issued without the accused present (ex parte).
- False allegations of abuse and false imprisonment.
- Being denied the right to confront their accuser and obtain witnesses on their behalf.
- Imprisoned for debt, a practice outlawed centuries ago.

There is no greater shock than to find that even with both law and facts in your favor, your constitutional rights are worthless because you can't get the courts or government to enforce them.

Throughout history such actions have been the cause of violence, not the cure.

Open and Honest Discussion

The statistics that tell us women are being violently abused in great numbers in secret are coming from places closed to public overview, such as shelters, crisis centers and hotlines.

David Brown, senior editor for the Ottawa Citizen in Ontario, Canada, has noted that hospital workers and emergency personnel cannot verify the publicized number of battered women.

"How is it that where the front-line workers' are open to approach, there's not a whiff of the great numbers emanating from shelters? How is it that, with the lines of communication I have developed into the community after 35 years of writing a city column, not one of them signals a secret epidemic of violence?"

Special-interest social groups promote an ever-expanding definition of domestic violence and child abuse in order to obtain ever-more government funding. However, demographic data definitively show that criminal domestic violence occurs in only about 0.4% of households, clearly not an epidemic.

Though Erin Pizzey founded the first women's shelter, today, she no longer associates herself with the domestic violence industry. *"What I saw happening were groups of left-leaning, white, middle-class women gathering together to hate men. Their slogan was: 'Make the personal political.' What I could see happening was that the most vociferous and violent of the women took their own personal damage, their anger against their fathers and lovers and expanded their rage to include all men."*

Dr. Charles Corry, EJF president and founder, said government agencies and private charities are funding a radical political agenda rather than rational solutions for family violence and abuse prevention and treatment programs.

"This denial of civil rights and the police-state tactics used today in the name of quelling domestic violence are more dangerous than the problem. Most of society, for the sake of civilization, wants to preserve families, not tear them apart, but this is completely at odds with the agenda of taxpayer-funded radical feminist groups whose ideology is anti-male and anti-family."

Common Sense

Proponents of common-sense domestic violence laws say dialogue is long overdue. They want an objective examination of the issue, one that avoids closed-door legislative and judicial maneuvering.

But domestic violence is now big business, providing immense revenue for attorneys and law enforcement, social services and judicial agencies. The system hides behind a stereotype of heinous abusers, but the reality is myriad injustices.

Some examples from hundreds we have documented:

- Former Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter charged two brothers with felony child abuse after one of the brother's girlfriend stabbed his brother's 3-year-old daughter during an altercation. The father was charged even though he was asleep at the time of the woman's attack. Ritter proudly called this approach to justice *"novel."*
- In Colorado Springs, a 70-year-old man suffering from Alzheimers became agitated when he went to his garage looking for his car, forgetting they had sold it. Attempting to calm him, his 74-year-old wife grabbed his arms. Seeing the struggle, a neighbor called police, who charged him with felony DV assault. The legal system is uncaring of the accused DV offender and he spent four days in jail without his medications.
- In 1998 a man's 2-year-old daughter was left by her mother with an 11-year-old while she went out to party. Two days later the 11-year-old called the father one night and told him they were alone and frightened. The children did not know where their mother was and had no food. She had taken out restraining orders against the father, who had been convicted of DV after she claimed he had hit a wall in her presence. But he took food to them and helped as best he could. When the children later told their mother that he had been there, she had him arrested and jailed for violating the restraining orders.

The hit movie *"A Beautiful Mind"* clearly shows the husband committing what is now termed domestic violence and child endangerment. Personality disorders are at the base of many incidents of domestic violence, as they were in John Nash's case. Because his wife believed in him and stayed through his illness, he went on to win the Nobel Prize. Today Nash would be arrested and his child taken from him. We can't cure mental problems through arrests.

Domestic violence laws are passed to fit the ideology of a *"cycle of violence"* wherein men are always the *"batterer"* and women are always the *"victim."* The reality is that today's laws are so wide ranging as to classify even finger wagging or a pillow fight as abuse while actual *"battering"* occurs in less than 0.1% of households.

People with real-world family violence experience, such as Erin Pizzey (founder of the first shelter for battered women) have warned that: *"Any country that has tried to create a political solution to human problems has ended up with concentration camps and gulags."*

Stealing America's Children

Colorado family law attorney Maria Sinel has seen parents living with *"perhaps the worst thing any parent can suffer, seeing his or her child being damaged or abused at the hands of a system that is supposed to protect those children."* At a press conference in Colorado Springs in autumn 2001, she said, *"After reviewing information that these parents have given me, I am nothing less than horrified."*

"The complaints of these parents are of the most egregious nature. The 'system' is destroying their children and their families, and we are powerless to correct even the most obvious infractions... Nearly all of the parents with whom I have spoken are petrified of having their names made public because they fear the retribution of the court system because they are still working hard to protect their children," she said.

In at least one case, desperate to reverse a court order that placed her son in immediate danger, a mother went public. In response, the court issued a gag order to prevent her from trying to get help outside of the system. She was told that she would be found in contempt and jailed if she didn't silence herself. Men, in similar circumstances, have been jailed.

And the federal government **pays** child *"protective"* services from \$4,000 to \$25,000 for each child these agents of family destruction place in foster care, all too often on the basis of anonymous allegations. The EJF has helped stop these abuses in El Paso County and is working to reduce them elsewhere.