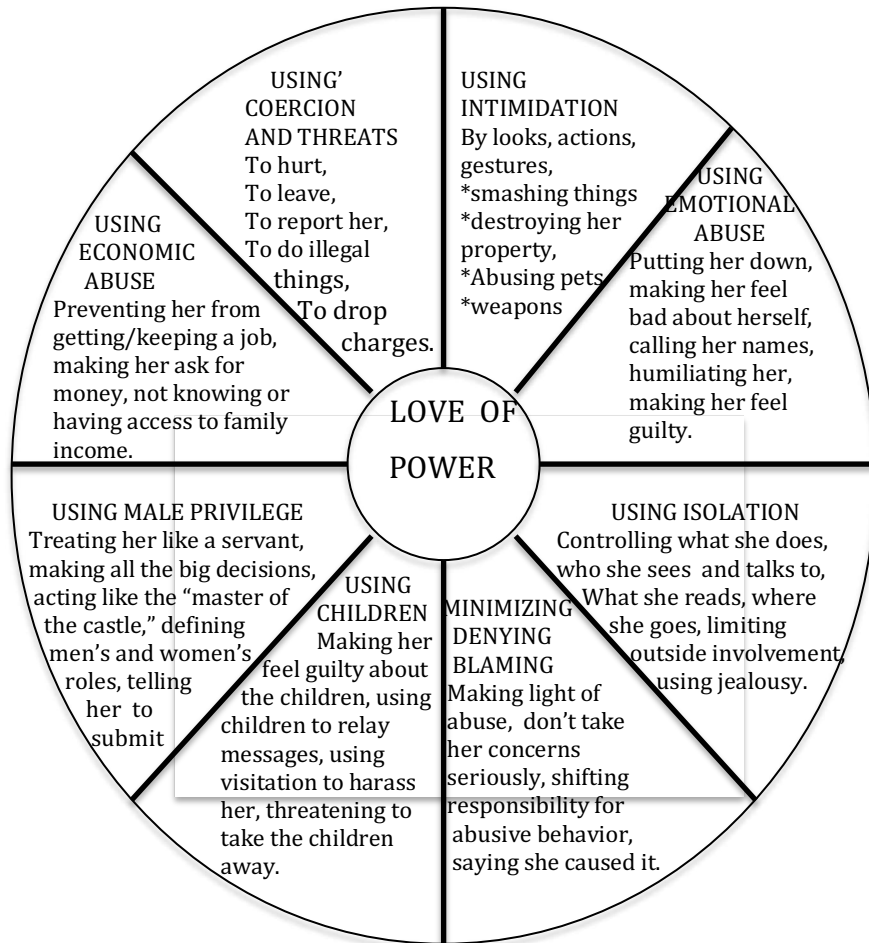


LOVE OF POWER WHEEL

Abusive relationships are based on the false belief that one Person has the right to control the actions of another. When actions described within the spokes of this wheel prove insufficient, the person in power moves on to actual physical and sexual violence. The relationship is based on the exercise of power to gain/maintain control. The dignity of both is stripped away.



POWER OF LOVE WHEEL

Healthy relationships are based on the belief that two people in a relationship are partners with equal rights to the have their needs met and equal responsibility for the success of the partnership. Given this belief system, violence is not an option because it so thoroughly violates the rights of one partner and jeopardizes the success of the partnership. In a relationship based on equality, the dignity of both partners is enhanced.

