

Trans-specific Power and Control Tactics

When confronting Transgender IPV, there are a number of tactics that might be used against the Trans-person including:

- ✚ Threats to “out” them to family, friends, or their employer.
- ✚ Threats to take the children or turn the children against the individual.
- ✚ Ridiculing or belittling their identity.
- ✚ Suggesting that by going public with the IPV they will cause harm to the LGBT community.
- ✚ Using Stereotypes and Transphobia:
 - “I thought you liked rough sex!”
 - Declaring they are not a real man/woman.
 - “Nobody will ever love you!”
 - “You don’t deserve a better partner!”
 - Controlling what the trans-individual wears.
- ✚ Threatening to commit suicide if the IPV is exposed.
- ✚ Referring to the trans-individual as “it” or using improper pronouns derisively.
- ✚ Calling them pejorative names.
- ✚ Claiming no one will believe them because they are transgender.
- ✚ Eroticizing or fetishizing their body against their will.
- ✚ Forbidding the trans-person to talk about transgender topics.
- ✚ Denying the trans-person access to medical treatment or hormones or coercing them not to pursue treatment.
- ✚ Hiding or throwing away hormones, clothes, prosthetics, or other trans-specific items.
- ✚ Controlling the individual’s finances in order to keep them from acquiring hormones, treatment, etc.

Additional Resources:

- <http://www.avp.org/about-avp/coalitions-a-collaborations/82-national-coalition-of-anti-violence-programs>
- <http://nwnetwork.org/>
- <http://www.sunserve.org/>
- <http://www.thehotline.org/is-this-abuse/lgbt-abuse/>
- <http://www.lambdalegal.org/>
- <http://www.glsen.org/>
- www.pflag.org
- <http://rainbowcc.org/standinprideblog/>

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