
What definition of "gender violence" is David Martin using?

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Mr. Daly,

I wanted to follow up on my voicemail to you Tuesday May 4. I am still in a domestic violence homicide trial and unable to discuss your email but wanted to send a written response. Gender Based Violence is an umbrella term. I use it to refer to crimes involving domestic violence (intimate partner and familial), sexual assault, crimes against children, and human trafficking. My use of the term is drawn from both local, national, and international sources. The [Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence](#), which represents dozens of agencies and individuals in King County, explains the definition as "any form of violence that is rooted in rigid gender roles that reinforce the power imbalance between men and women." [Duke University](#) also has a helpful definition, which explains that gender violence "reflects the idea that violence often serves to maintain structural gender inequalities, and includes all types of violence against men, women, children, adolescents, gay, transgender people and gender non-conforming." U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland also used this term in his address to lawmakers. Internationally, UN Women note gender-based violence refers to harmful acts directed at an individual or a group of individuals based on their gender. It is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms. The term is primarily used to underscore the fact that structural, gender-based power differentials place women and girls at risk for multiple forms of violence. While women and girls suffer greatly and disproportionately from GBV, men and boys can also be targeted.

For further questions, the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence may be able to help. [Here is their contact info.](#)

Sincerely,

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Hello King County Prosecutor's Office,

I am seeking information about [gender violence](#), a term that attorney David Martin uses frequently. I would like to learn whether a male can be a victim of gender violence. In cases of female-on-male domestic violence, is that gender violence? Or, when there is female-on-female domestic violence in same-sex couples, is that gender violence?

Please reach me by email or phone. Thanks very much.

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