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Intimate Partner Homicide and suicide: in general and among Immigrants in particular

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- * Love and hate are not two poles, but are very closed to each other on a circle.
- * Love and hate are both full of emotions
- * There is always “a reason” to murder an intimate partner
- * Men who murdered their intimate partner turn to re-framing the “whole story” in order to neutralize their shame and responsibility.

*** Why do men kill their
lovers?**



- * The theoretical and empirical literature found more than 20 risk factors for IPH.
- * In more in-depth, there are 3 main risk factors, or triggers for IPH.
 - * A. prolong conflict together with violence, including formal complaint in a police station against the man.
 - * B. sexual jealousy
 - * C. the woman will to leave the relationships.

* Risk factors for intimate partner homicide



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*The empirical studies all over the world show that immigrant's women from patriarchal cultures to modern ones, are murdered by their intimate partner, much more than any other women in the population of the absorb country.

* **IPH among immigrants**



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- * It was only natural to put the blame of this phenomenon on culture conflict, reversal of roles and status between men and women.
- * **Social-Cultural Explanations**
- * These explanations were popular for many years, because they seem “so right and logic”.
- * It is only natural that a man who lost is traditional roles and status, will try to regain them by violence against the “one” who took them from him- his intimate partner.



- * One question bothered scholars who search this topic among immigrants: If the social-cultural explanation is so good, why most of the immigrants from Patriarchal cultures does not murder their intimate partner?
- * Are they not experience the same role reversals, or status reversals?
- * Are does immigrants who murdered their intimate partner, have some personality problems?

* Psychological Explanations to IPH



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- * These questions arouse many questions, who left the social-cultural explanations aside.
- * Many psychological explanations appeared, which tried to understand the motives of each murderer for himself.
- * These kind of studies suffered two main problems:
 - * A. their ability to incorporation is very poor



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- * B. The murderer tell “his” story after re-framing the reality, in order to look human, suffers and so on.
- * So again, we found ourselves with out a satisfying explanations to the phenomenon.
- * Worse than that, every discipline argued that its explanation is the right one.



- * Arguments between disciplines tend to break off the reality of a phenomenon.
- * We can find these tendencies in many areas including medical care, when each of the physicians see the problems by his own expertise glasses or lens.
- * The conclusion is that we need to look for an inter discipline, more holistic explanation, that will regard the whole reality that wrapping a phenomenon.

* Inter disciplinary Explanations



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- * Back to IPH in general, and among immigrants, in particular.
- * We accept the social-cultural explanations
- * We accept the three main risk factors for IPH
- * We accept that most men does not murder their intimate partners.



- * In order to find special personality traits who are unique to murder of intimate partner, two kinds of personalities emerged:
- * The Tyrant: A man who's self identity is identify by his ability to control and rule his intimate partner. Those men murder their intimate partner, when she, the wife, rebels and go against her man or she is unfaithful.

*** Two kinds of
murderers**



- * These behaviors threaten the self-esteem, the identity and the self-definition of the Tyrone as such.
- * In order to punish the “enemy” who “forgot her place” in the hierarchy, the Tyrone will use violence and even murder his wife with rage
- * (60% of all men who murdered their intimate partners).



- *The Subject: This kind of man is the opposite of the Tyron. He is depended on his intimate partner, he can not make decisions without her and he suffers from abandonment anxiety.
- *This man does not violent to his partner because he is afraid that she will abandon him.
- *In other words, hid self esteem, self definition



- * Self definition, exist thanks to his intimate partner.
- * When a wife of this kind of a man, wants to leave the relationships, or when he thinks that she is unfaithful to him, his nightmare become a reality. His all being is under a massive threat.
- * In order to save his self, he murder his intimate partner, “out of the blue”.



- * 40% of IPH were done without any former violence against the woman.
- * But, these men can not live without their intimate partners, so the committee suicide in order to “freeze” the relationships as they were before the trigger aroused.
- * So both personalities, opposite as they are, murder for the same reason: to protect the self.



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- * More than 7000 verdicts in Israeli's courts were coded in order to understand and to explain the risk factors to IPH among Ethiopian immigrants.
- * The results show that the combination of personality type together with role and status reversal explain all the cases of IPH among this population.



- * The conclusion is that the role and status reversal are a common phenomenon among all immigrants men. We can regard them as pre-disposition.
- * The three triggers we have mentioned: violence and conflict, sexual jealousy and the woman will to leave the intimate relationships
will activate a murderous acts against the intimate partner, only when these triggers
- * Are falling on a special kind of personality: a Tyron or a Subject.

* Conclusions

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