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Hi,

I wanted to write and speak of my experience as a victim survivor of domestic violence and assaults- both physical and sexual.

Character references against a male perpetrator who commits acts of violence and rape are absolutely irrelevant.

A good abuser wears a mask and they wear it well.

When you deal with someone who has a personality disorder such as narcissism and psychopathic behaviours they need supply, it is illogical to think people outside of the abuse have any idea of who they really are.

That is the whole point.

My ex partner manipulates everyone in his life into believing he's a lovely charming humble guy whilst I had to experience the opposite.

I see him manipulate and coerce women/girls to use at high volumes and as mentioned I was horribly abused. In fact he managed to calculate systems abuse playing victim which was very easy given how pathological he is.

A character reference holds no relevance for many reasons.

Why would any abuser/rapist showcase who they really are. It would not benefit them in anyway.

To have someone else's opinion minimise a victims experience is disgusting.

It is hard enough to even have charges placed little alone a conviction.

This system needs serious change and I believe this is a good start. External opinions are not relevant to the acts committed unless it is further proof of said behaviours and character. (Other negative experiences)

Regards,

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