

# Say 'No' to *Hateful Gender Stereotypes* Vote 'NO' on H. Res. 1397

For years, Americans have worked to overcome the sting of harmful gender and racial stereotypes. But the domestic violence industry has a habit of spreading one-sided statistics and slandering racial minorities.

This disturbing ad was recently displayed on city buses in Dallas, Texas:



The ad was placed by the Family Place, which receives federal domestic violence funds.

## **What's Wrong with H. Res. 1397?**

Partner abuse *is* a problem in our society and we should do whatever we can to curb the problem. House Resolution 1397 highlights the activities of the Denver-based National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).

But if we're going to stop domestic violence, we can't cherry-pick statistics or pretend half the problem doesn't exist. That's where the NCADV has gone wrong.

## **NCADV Won't Help Anna Anka**

Paul Anka of Thousand Oaks, Calif. was a teen idol in the early '60s. Two weeks ago Anna Anka hurled a block of ice at the singer, requiring him to go to the emergency room and get staples in his head. The next day the police arrested Mrs. Anka and booked her for felony domestic battery.

Anna Anka needs our help. But NCADV won't help her, *because NCADV does not recognize the problem of female abuse.*

## **NCADV Shamefully Portrays Hispanic Men as Batterers**

The NCADV sells a poster that states in Spanish, "He beat her 150 times." ("El la golpeo 150 veces.")

The NCADV poster is deplorable for 3 reasons:

1. Ignores the fact that women are just as likely to engage in partner violence.
2. Plays on women's deepest fears.
3. Stereotypes Hispanic men as violent.

*"Domestic violence cuts across all races, all income brackets, all levels of education – and both sexes."* -- Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell

## **We Should Not Applaud Groups that Promote Hurtful Stereotypes**

We need to stop domestic violence. But the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence willfully *misrepresents the truth, stereotypes men as abusers, and betrays women like Anna Anka* who need to be helped, not ignored.

## **Vote 'No' on H. Res. 1397.**



### **Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting**

A coalition of over 70 organizations around the country has come together to reform domestic violence laws: [www.mediadarar.org/docs/VAWA-Reform-Coalition-Declaration.pdf](http://www.mediadarar.org/docs/VAWA-Reform-Coalition-Declaration.pdf)

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