

\$1 Billion in Federal Money = One Million False Allegations

Curb Wasteful Spending for Harmful Domestic Violence Programs

Each year the federal government spends over \$1 billion for domestic violence and sexual assault programs such as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). And thanks to Obama's recent Economic Stimulus Package, the domestic violence industry just got another \$325 million shot in the arm.

But government officials openly acknowledge these programs are ineffective:

"We have no evidence to date that VAWA has led to a decrease in the overall levels of violence against women." — Angela Moore Parmley, PhD,
Department of Justice

Restraining Orders Gone Wild

The federal Violence Against Women Act authorizes \$75 million each year to enforce restraining orders. But restraining orders don't require any evidence or proof.

All you have to do is go in front of a judge for a 5-minute hearing to claim you were "abused." That gets you the house, the kids, free legal help, and more!

"Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply." --
Elaine Epstein, former president of the
Massachusetts Bar Association

Over One Million False Allegations Each Year

Each year 2-3 million restraining orders are issued. The Massachusetts Trial Court reports half of restraining orders don't involve even an *allegation* of violence. And according to one analysis, 7 out of 10 of these orders are trivial or false.ⁱ

Which means at least one million false or unnecessary claims of domestic violence are filed each year.

False claims of sexual assault are widespread, as well. One survey of all forcible rape reports filed at two Midwestern state universities found 50% of the accusations were false.ⁱⁱ



Crystal Snider of Lookout Mountain, Ga., arrested and charged with falsely claiming she was sexually assaulted by two men.ⁱⁱⁱ

Time to Rein Federal Spending

The domestic violence industry gets away with promoting false allegations by claiming it is stopping partner abuse. But domestic violence programs are ineffective and harmful.

Worse, they are taking taxpayer money and using it as an excuse to evict persons from their homes and ruin the lives of the falsely accused.



Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting

A coalition of 80 organizations around the country has come together to educate the public about the epidemic of false allegations of domestic violence:
www.mediadarar.org/docs/VAWA-Resolution.pdf

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