

## Truth and Consequences: Election 2006

### Campaign Accomplishments

#### Campaign Highlights:

The Truth and Consequences campaign involved a high-intensity, coordinated nationwide effort involving 62 organizations over a 21-week period. The campaign ran from June 19 to November 17, 2006. The theme of the campaign, Truth and Consequences, reflected the need of the American public to understand the truth about domestic violence, and to appreciate the harmful consequences of biased domestic violence laws on American families and children.

The campaign was designed to reach political candidates, the media, professionals who work in the DV field, the public at large, and other groups. The campaign also included a “mini-campaign” regarding the United Nations’ Study on Violence Against Women.

Particularly strong efforts were mounted in California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, and North Carolina. *It is conservatively estimated that over 2 million persons were reached during the course of the campaign.* Campaign activities included the following:

- Media communications:
  - RADAR Special Reports: 3
  - Press releases: 8 (each sent to 17,000 media contacts)
  - Editorials: 18 (estimated readership for each editorial: 25,000)
  - Letters to the editor: 9
  - Newspaper articles: 10
  - Radio shows: 7
  - TV shows: 9
  - Weekly Alerts
- Conference presentations
- Distribution of materials at conferences and meetings
- Exhibits at conferences
- Meetings and discussions with candidates and staff members at the local, state, and national levels
- Communications to UN delegations
- Meetings with clergy
- Letters of complaint
- Rallies
- Anti-discrimination lawsuit
- Participation on domestic violence coordinating councils
- Revision of police DV manuals

The activities of selected participating organizations are described beginning on the next page.

## **RADAR:**

### *VAWA Reform Coalition*

- Identified 61 other organizations around the country that signed the Resolution Regarding the Violence Against Women Act: [www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf](http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf) .

### *Researched and published three Special Reports:*

1. Sept. 6: [Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence, Vanishing Rule of Law](#)
2. Sept. 13: [Perverse Incentives, False Allegations, and Forgotten Children](#)
3. Sept. 20: [An Epidemic of Civil Rights Abuses: Ranking of States' Domestic Violence Laws](#)

### *Issued weekly Alerts on the following general topics:*

1. How to become engaged in the election process
2. United Nations Violence Against Women Study
3. Other topics

### *Issued 8 Press Releases:*

1. July 17: [Victims of Violence Shortchanged by Widespread Waste, Fraud, and Abuse](#)
2. Sept. 6: [Almost Anything Can be Called Domestic "Violence," Report Finds](#)
3. Sept. 13: [Children the Victim of False Allegations, Report Finds](#)
4. Sept. 20: [Report Reveals Seven Worst States for False Allegations of Violence](#)
5. Oct. 2: [Irresponsible Newsweek Article Incites Gender Conflict, Harms Kids](#)
6. Oct. 9: [Presidential Proclamation Recognizes Male Victims of Domestic Violence](#)
7. Oct. 23: [UN Violence Report Criticized as Deliberately Biased](#)
8. Oct. 30: [UN Report Called Harmful to Families and Children](#)

### *Gave newspaper interviews:*

1. September 28: [On the RADAR](#), Anchorage Press, AK
2. October 3: [Study Eyes Violence Laws](#), Delaware State News, Dover, DE
3. October 13, 2006: [N.H. rates poorly on its abuse laws](#), Portsmouth Herald, NH

### *Gave radio interviews:*

1. Oct. 4: Jared Morris show, Rehoboth, DE
2. Nov. 14: Ron Smith show on WBAL, Baltimore

### *Published letters to the editor:*

1. Oct. 5: Mark Rosenthal, [Stick to facts on domestic violence](#), Anchorage Press
2. Oct. 8: Gordon Finley, Good Programs Deserve Tax Dollars. Delaware State News
3. Oct. 10: David Usher, The Washington Times

*September 16: Gave presentation at ACFC Family Law Reform Conference on VAWA*

*September 22: Distributed flyers on VAWA at the Values Voter Summit, Washington, DC*

July 10: Coordinated with RightMarch.com to distribute Alert that was distributed to 1,000,000 persons: <http://capwiz.com/sicminc/issues/alert/?alertid=8899031&type=CO>

*Did frequent lobbying visits on Capitol Hill*

*Editorials:*

1. June 15: There is Legal Inequality in One Woman's Word. Gordon Finley. Houston Chronicle
2. Sept. 16: Why the Dating Violence Double Standard? Richard Davis – various websites.
3. Sept. 18: The Granting of Domestic Violence Orders: Erring on the Side of Harm. David Heleniak – various websites.

*Distributed flyers at the Department of Justice:*

1. June 23 re: Baylor University Sex Discrimination
2. July 14 re: VAWA Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

*RADAR Website:*

Number of page requests increased 10-fold over the course of the Campaign.

*UN Violence Report*

1. Drafted the Resolution Regarding the UN Study on Violence Against Women, which was signed by 117 organizations in 14 countries:  
[www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf](http://www.mediaradar.org/docs/UN-ViolenceReport-Resolution.pdf)
2. Distributed Alerts and press releases
3. Oct. 15: Gordon Finley, GENDER ALERT: Is the U.N. a Worldwide Threat to the Health and Wellbeing of Men? Men's News Daily.  
<http://mensnewsdaily.com/2006/10/15/is-the-un-a-worldwide-threat-to-the-health-and-wellbeing-of-men/>

**American Coalition for Fathers and Children (Michael McCormick):**

1. Mike McCormick co-authored several articles on DV with Glenn Sacks:
  - a) Aug. 2: Brett Myers Case Obscures an Important Truth about DV Arrests. Published in the Delaware County Daily Times, PA, and Fredericksburg Free Lance Star, VA
  - b) Sept. 20: Schwarznegger Should Veto AB2051. Published in the Orange County Register, CA
  - c) Oct. 25: October DV Awareness Month Ignores Many Victims. Published in the Omaha World Herald, NE, Daytona Beach News Courier, FL, and Louisville Courier Journal, KY
2. ACFC members generated at least 100 letters to the United Nations regarding the Violence Against Women study.

**ACFC – Missouri (David Usher):**

1. Radio interviews:

Oct. 17: Mississippi Public Radio (statewide) 5 mins.

Nov. 14: Ron Smith Show, WBAL Baltimore, 40 mins.

2. Articles written:

1. Why VAWA Hurts Families: <http://www.newswithviews.com/Usher/david15.htm>
2. VAWA: America's Most Anti-Family States: <http://www.intellectualconservative.com/2006/vawa-america%e2%80%99s-most-anti-family-states/>
3. VAWA: U.S. Senate Reauthorizes Organized Robbery and Child Abuse: <http://www.mensnewsdaily.com/archive/u-v/usher/2005/usher101105.htm>
4. Radical Feminists Get Corporate Support: <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=15309>
5. Baylor Comes Under Attack for VAWA Sex Discrimination Provisions: <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=15687>
6. Domestic Violence Rumor Mill Runs the United Nations: <http://mensnewsdaily.com/2006/11/12/domestic-violence-rumor-mill-runs-the-united-nations/>

**American Union for Men (Tom Smith):**

Tried (unsuccessfully) to meet with Rep. Lois Capps (CA).

**California Men's Center – San Diego (Harry Crouch):**

1. In conjunction with the National Coalition of Free Men (NCFM), the CMC San Diego staged a five-day exhibit at the 11th annual International Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Abuse Conference in San Diego with 1,500 attendees from around the world.
2. Center Director spoke to three groups about VAWA and domestic violence, the largest being 100 people at San Diego East County Drug Court.
3. Met with Lori Saldona, D-CA Assembly, and discussed VAWA and related issues.
4. Invited the supervising judge of San Diego Family Court and the soon-to-be-supervising judge as guest speakers for one of our regular Men's Center meetings, during which time we were able to share with them information about VAWA.
5. In late October ago our guest speaker was a candidate for the San Diego Superior Court bench, he should great interest in our efforts and as a divorced Dad has experienced some of the problems that we are all concerned with. He was elected and is now a judge.
6. Contacted the offices of about 10 offices of area state and federal elected officials. None of them were willing to schedule an appointment, but they all requested that we send letters.
7. The Men's Center Director was interviewed and will appear in the upcoming full length documentary "System Down" in which he speaks about domestic violence, restraining orders, VAWA, and the Family Court System.

8. San Diego FOX New 6 posted two archived featured news segments and as time permits. The archived stories were posted so they could be linked to CRC San Diego's new website: <http://californiamenscenters.org/videos.html>. One of the posted videos, "Rape Reversal", is about men raped by women. Three of the pending episodes to be posted directly concern VAWA, discriminatory funding practices, domestic violence shelters refusing to accept male victims, and specific information about male victims of domestic violence.
9. Continued to participate with the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, distributing brochures, handouts, and articles, including many RADAR publications.
10. October 14: Made a presentation on DV at the annual International Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups.
11. Mr. Crouch is a trainer for the non-denominational Safe Faith Place Community's domestic violence education, information, and referral program, and during the course of the Truth and Consequences campaign helped train two congregational groups. The program serves roughly 40,000 families in San Diego County and was just launched in Oklahoma. See: <http://www.californiamenscenters.org/brochures.html> , then [SAFE Faith Place Community - Domestic Violence Education, Information, and Referral program.](#)

**Children's Justice (Sally Jacobs):**

1. Contacted several of the candidates' offices
2. Worked at local voting station.

**Colorado (Mike Spaniola):**

1. Contacted a local staff member (Dan Gibbs) for my district U.S. Rep. Mark Udall of Boulder. Gibbs also ran for the office of state representative, and won. U.S. Rep. Udall won re-election in a landslide. Both persons are known to be supportive of the continuation of VAWA.
2. Also tried to meet with Dist. 3 U.S. Representative, but was told by staff that VAWA reform was not a priority. Because I was not in his district, they declined to meet with me.
3. Discussed VAWA reform with 3 local party members and gave the GOP county chairman a copy of two RADAR press releases. He was very supportive and interested, having known men who were DV victims.

**Domestic Rights Coalition (George Gilliland, Sr.):**

1. Worked with the St. Paul Police Department and the White Bear Lake Police Department to revise their Domestic Abuse Response Policy and Training Protocol Manuals.
2. October 26: Sent letter to St. Paul mayor Chris Coleman criticizing his recent biased comments about domestic violence.

**Eagle Forum (Phyllis Schlafly):**

September 11: Published editorial, Feminists Responsible for Boom in Unnecessary Temporary Restraining Orders that highlighted RADAR's first Special Report: [www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=16960](http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=16960)

**Family Rights Coalition (Michael Ross):**

1. Have spoken with key SE Michigan Congressman 4 or 5 times at various functions. Also worked twice on his son's final successful bid for state rep.
2. Opposed a state DV bill initiative, but was unsuccessful in that effort.
3. Wrote two letters to the US ambassador to the UN re: the UN DV proposal.

**F.A.T.H.E.R.S. (Mike East):**

1. Met with Supreme Court Candidates Judge Cunningham and Johnson. Both have spoke at FATHERS meetings. Our group impressed Judge Cunningham so much that he included a Fatherhood initiative in his campaign. He won a decisive victory.
2. FATHERS submitted a candidate questionnaire that was aired to both candidates during a radio debate.
3. Met with Appellate Court candidates Nichols and Askew twice. Send them a candidate questionnaire.
4. Met with state senate candidates incumbent Bob Leeper and Carroll Hubbard to request them to include marriage promotion, slowing divorce (stop false restraining orders), and protecting our children from mental and emotional child abuse (PAS). I even offered to run a paid ad myself if Carroll Hubbard would back the issues I suggested. He declined. It would have won him the election!
5. Met with clergy to pressure the candidates with the Christian vote. Senator Leeper defeated Carroll Hubbard by less than 100 votes – just one congregation would have swung the election!
6. FATHERS walked the Labor Day Parade in Paducah, KY handing out flyers. We walked directly behind Appellate candidate Askew and in front of Appellate candidate Nichols. I spoke with the Co. Attorney twice regarding false restraining orders.
7. FATHERS spoke with several political party officials and faxed state and federal campaign headquarters regarding the local Senatorial race.
8. In January Mike East, President of FATHERS, expects to announce his bid for the senate seat of Kentucky's First district in the 2008 election.

**Fathers and Families (Dan Hogan):**

1. Sent out several RADAR e-mails requesting that our members take action
2. Contributed funds for the Campaign.

**Fix the FOC (Douglas Richardson):**

Took action to address case involving paternity fraud and false allegations of domestic violence:

1. Held dozens of meetings with state Senators in Lansing
2. Held 6 interviews on NBC, ABC, and CBS:
  - a. [www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4559706](http://www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4559706)
  - b. [www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4085572](http://www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4085572)
  - c. [www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4069926](http://www.wnem.com/Global/story.asp?s=4069926)
  - d. <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=local&id=4019070>
  - e. <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=local&id=4181556>

- f. <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=local&id=4032997>
- 3. Received newspaper coverage:
  - a. [www.mlive.com/columns/bctimes/crystal\\_harmon/index.ssf?/base/news-0/115592850460420.xml&coll=4](http://www.mlive.com/columns/bctimes/crystal_harmon/index.ssf?/base/news-0/115592850460420.xml&coll=4)
  - b. [www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006603200361](http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006603200361)

**Fourteen Percenter Newsletter (Don Sherman):**

Published letter to the editor in the Texas Herald Democrat Online titled, “Domestic Violence Not Just Men’s Problem”:

<http://www.heralddemocrat.com/articles/2006/11/11/letters/letter01.txt>

**Men’s Custody Shelter Network (Jeffrey Dick):**

Teamed up with Fathers 4 Justice to stage rallies in Pittsburgh (Oct. 24) and Morrow County, Ohio (Oct. 31). The events emphasized due process in domestic violence and punishment of false allegations, as well as reform of child custody and child support laws. The Pittsburgh event received radio coverage (KDKA and KQV), and the Morrow County event was featured in an article in the Mansfield News Journal (“Protest Targets Morrow Judge,” November 1).

**National Coalition for Free Men – Los Angeles (Marc Angelucci):**

1. Sept. 16-19: Helped staff a booth at the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego ([www.ivatcenters.org/conference.htm](http://www.ivatcenters.org/conference.htm)) on male victims of domestic violence.
2. Sept. 30: Submitted the opening brief in the lawsuit against the State of California challenging, on equal protection grounds, the gender classifications in the Health and Safety Code (re domestic violence) and the Penal Code regarding domestic violence victims.
3. Obtained extensive media publicity (see [www.ncfmla.org/media\\_coverage.html](http://www.ncfmla.org/media_coverage.html)):
  - June 8: Mountain Valley News prints NCFM-LA's submission refuting the domestic violence myths cited in a previous article
  - June 15: Mountain Valley News covered NCFM-LA's work positively in its Fathers' Day issue. In a prefacing note, the editor admitted the newspaper previously cited inaccurate domestic violence statistics
  - July 9: Pasadena City College Instructor Edgar Pacas defends NCFM-LA in letter printed in Pasadena Star News regarding Star News editor Larry Wilson's attack on NCFM-LA regarding battered men
  - Aug. 7: UCLA Daily Bruin prints NCFM-LA op ed responding to article on boys crisis in education.
  - Aug. 25: Cincinnati radio WLW700's McConnell Show interviewed NCFM-LA’s president about domestic violence and other issues.
  - Aug. 29: Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals print NCFM-LA submission exposing the sexist double standards in California's jails and prisons, such as how the law creates pediatric services, visitation programs, alternative

sentencing and other benefits for incarcerated mothers, but not incarcerated fathers, with children under 6 years of age.

- Sept. 5: Union Democrat quotes NCFM-LA in a story about battered men in Calaveras County, California
- Oct. 4: Michigan Tech University Lode prints NCFM-LA submission correcting misleading statements by a Professor about NCFM-LA's lawsuits to expand state-funded domestic violence services to include all victims.
- June 29: Mountain Valley News editor Steve Tobia responds to Pasadena Star News editor Larry Wilson's criticism regarding coverage of NCFM-LA and battered men. This editorial, "Has The Star News Editor Crossed The Line?" confronts Larry Wilson's editorial bias and failure to research facts. (See page 14)
- Oct. 20: Northeast Sun prints NCFM-LA submission responding to article quoting politicians making gender-biased statements about domestic violence during domestic violence awareness month.
- Nov. 4: Lake County Record-Bee prints NCFM-LA submission thanking them for their article on battered men in Lake County and for acknowledging the need for gender-inclusive language in their coverage of domestic violence.

4. October 12: Parked a pick-up truck across from the entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department garage at the Van Nuys station (see photograph below). Three uniformed officers drove by. The officer in front smiled and gave us a "thumbs up."



**Shared Parenting Works (Teri Stoddard):**

1. Sent letters to several DV organizations that are biased against men, asking them to correct their websites.

2. Wrote editorials:  
Nov. 2: North Dakota Bureaucrats Desperate To Defeat Children's Bill, Why?  
Nov. 6: Is Misandry Protecting Mothers Who Murder And Maim?

**Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) and SAFE-New Hampshire (Lee Newman):**

1. Media:
  - a. Conducted many newspapers interviews.
  - b. Appeared on a regional, viewer-interactive TV program titled, "Are Women More Abusive?" The program received extensive attention throughout New England.
2. Dr. Straus did a presentation to the NH Commission on the Status of Men. This presentation was sparked by Dr. Straus's research that included data from 32 countries.
3. Distributed the RADAR Special Reports and other appropriate materials to:
  - a. NH Commission on the Status of Men
  - b. NH representatives in DC, followed up with phone calls to confirm their receipt and to answer questions.
  - c. 11 displays rotating throughout the state during October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
  - d. Booths at two DV-related conferences
4. SAFE-NH put out several Alerts announcing the RADAR Special Reports.
5. Attended many political "meet and greets" in NH in order to get our information in front of potentially new representatives.
6. Submitted comments to the National Advisory Committee on VAWA, along with copies of the RADAR Special Reports.
7. In June I became the Co-Chair of a regional Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. In October, I became the sole Chair of that DV Council.

**True Equality Network (Terri Lynn Tersak):**

1. Filed a complaint to the Legal Services Corporation regarding discriminatory practices: [http://true-equality.blogspot.com/2006/06/civil-rights-complaint-to-legal\\_20.html](http://true-equality.blogspot.com/2006/06/civil-rights-complaint-to-legal_20.html)
2. Did a live call in radio show in San Francisco (KSCO) with Murray Straus
3. Published two editorials:
  - a. [VAWA Fails to Protect Women Who Need Protection the Most](#)
  - b. [Violence Against Women Act: The Fast Food of Law](#)
4. Sent 3 letters to President Bush:
  - a. VAWA excludes men
  - b. VAWA fails women
  - c. UN violence report
5. Gave speech at NC State University
6. Gave speech to the North Carolina Social Worker's Association
7. Spoke with staff members of the following elected officials:
  - a. Senator Burr
  - b. Senator Dole
  - c. Rep. Bob Etheridge (my district)

- d. Dan Mansell (ran against Etheridge)
  - e. Vernon Robison (lost in his district – Greensboro, NC)
  - f. Rep. David Price (Durham and Raleigh NC - he thinks VAWA is great and we need more like it)
  - g. Rep. John McIntyre (Fort Bragg's district)
8. Worked at local polling station

## Truth and Consequences Campaign: Participating Organizations

Michael J. Geanoulis  
*RADAR: Respecting  
Accuracy in Domestic  
Abuse Reporting*

Michael McCormick  
*American Coalition for  
Fathers and Children*

Warren Farrell, PhD  
*Author*

David R. Usher  
*ACFC – Missouri  
Coalition*

Alan Rusmisl  
*Alabama Coalition of  
Fathers and Children*

Tom Smith  
*American Union for  
Men*

Rinaldo Del Gallo, III  
*Berkshire Fatherhood  
Coalition*

Eileen Cipnick  
*BS KIDS*

Susan N. Wolpin  
*Bucks County Fathers'  
and Children's Equality*

Sally Jacobs  
*Center for Children's  
Justice – Carolinas  
Chapter*

James Hays  
*Coalition of Fathers and  
Families NY, Inc.*

Steven Shepardson  
*Children Need Both  
Parents*

Bruce Eden  
*DADS—NJ Chapter*

James Blackstone  
*DADS—Alabama  
Chapter*

Christopher Tock  
*DADS—Ohio Chapter*

Paul Clements  
*Dads Against Divorce  
Discrimination-NH*

James Semerad  
*Dads and Moms of  
Michigan*

Michael Burns  
*Dialogue on Sustainable  
Community*

George Gilliland  
*Domestic Rights Council*

Phyllis Schlafly  
*Eagle Forum*

Bob Batterbee  
*Equal is Equal*

Charles E. Corry  
*Equal Justice  
Foundation*

Robert Pedersen  
*Father: A Child's Right*

Jamil Jabr  
*Fathers-4-Justice*  
Jeff Golden  
*Fathers' and Children's  
Equality*

Dan Hogan  
*Fathers and Families*

Mike East  
*FATHERS: Fathers  
Asking to Have Equal  
Rights*

Roy Getting  
*Fathers for Equal Rights*

D'Arcy L. McGreer  
*Fathers for Virginia*

Douglas M. Richardson  
*Fix the FOC*

Carl Steppling  
*Florida Coalition for  
Families and Children*

Tony Spalding  
*Florida Dad, Inc.*

David Burroughs  
*Forum for Equity and  
Fairness in Family  
Issues*

Don Mathis  
*Fourteen Percenter  
Newsletter*

R. Scott MacDonald  
*GiveBackMySon.org*

Richard Farr  
*Krights Radio*  
Michael J. McManus  
*Marriage Savers*

Michael G. Rother  
*National Coalition of  
Free Men*

Deborah Watkins  
*National Coalition of  
Free Men, Dallas/Ft.  
Worth Chapter*

Marc Angelucci  
*National Coalition of  
Free Men, Los Angeles  
Chapter*

Gary Gagnon  
*National Congress of  
Fathers and Children –  
New Hampshire*

Alan Millard  
*Men and Fathers for  
Justice*

Harry Crouch  
*Men's Advocacy  
Network*

Tim Fittro  
*Men Against  
Discrimination*

Jeffrey W. Dick  
*MensCustodyShelterNet  
work.com*

Tom Golden  
*Men's Equality  
Conference*

Marty Nemko  
*National Organization  
for Men*

Marc Snider  
*NHCustody.org*

Grayson Walker  
*Parents Without Rights,  
Inc.*

Judith Brumbaugh  
*Restoration of the  
Family*

Teri Stoddard  
*Shared Parenting Works*  
Pastor Kenneth Deemer  
*Shattered Men*

Lee Newman  
*Stop Abuse for Every-  
International*

Debra Roy & Joanie  
Comeau  
*Stop Abuse for  
Everyone, NH Chapter*

Lisa Scott  
*TABS: Taking Action  
Against Bias in the  
System*

Terri Lynn Tersak  
*True Equality Network*

June Marsh  
*True Equality Network –  
Alaska Chapter*

Alice Barnard  
*True Equality Network –  
Florida Chapter*

Kathy Michaels  
*True Equality Network –  
Pennsylvania Chapter*

Marsha Folley  
*True Equality Network –  
Tennessee Chapter*

Debbie Weltz  
*True Equality Network –  
Wisconsin Chapter*

Gregory Romeo  
*Tulsa Area Fathers  
Rights Association*