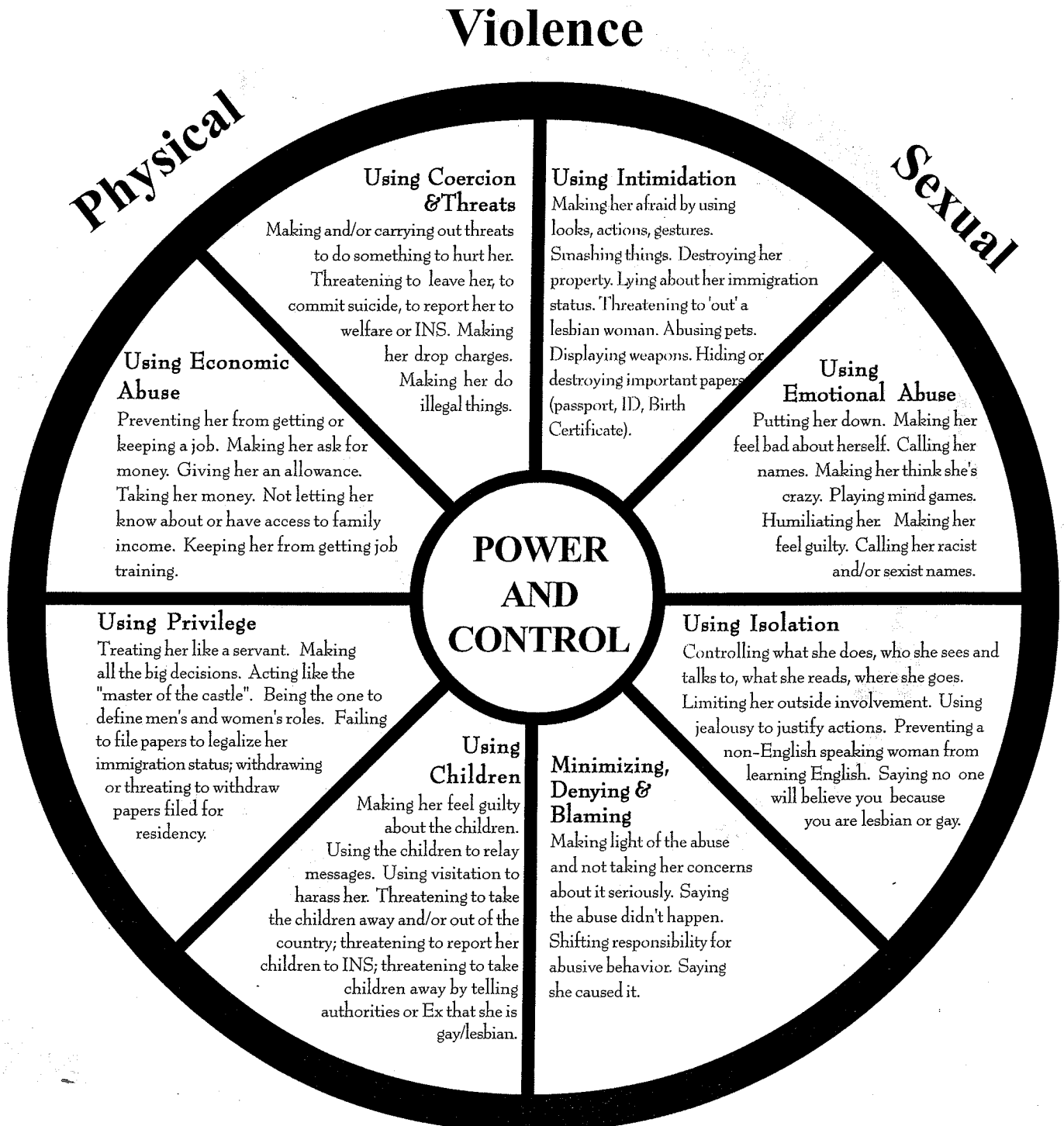


Section One: What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is not consensual. It is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to establish and maintain coercive control over his intimate partner. Domestic violence consists of physical, sexual, psychological, and/or emotional abuse. Over time, the abusive behavior may become more frequent and severe. Acts of domestic violence are committed by both adults and adolescents.



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