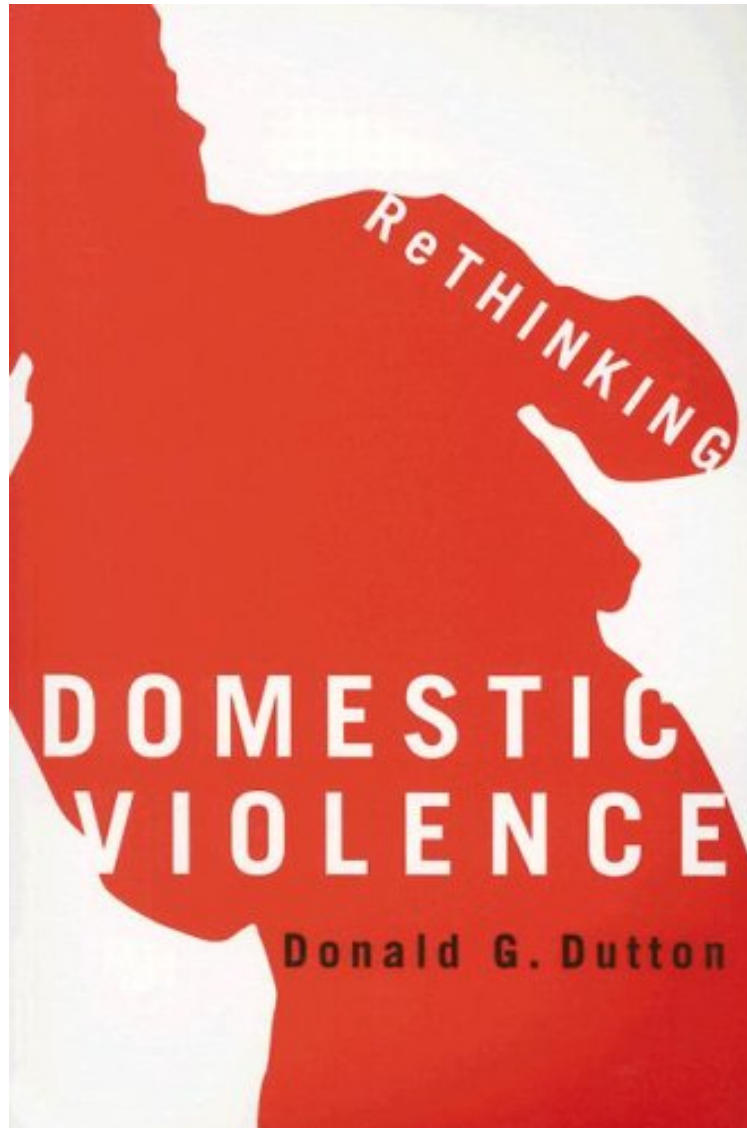


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**Donald G. Dutton : Rethinking Domestic Violence** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rethinking Domestic Violence:

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. the antithesudBy Sharon Westthe other side0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. University of British Columbia psychology professor Don Dutton is acknowledged ...By NahashUniversity of British Columbia psychology professor Don Dutton is acknowledged by his peers as a world expert on IPV. He has proven, over and over again - this book being an example - that the tendency toward violence in

intimate relationships is bilateral and rooted in individual dysfunction. Men and women with personality disorders and/or family histories of violence are equally likely to be violent themselves, or seek violent partners. Dutton's scientific credentials and extensive 25-year archive of peer-reviewed research opens one's eyes to the truth of the matter broached in this book. 17 of 27 people found the following review helpful. The tip of the iceberg.

By CustomerFrom Chap. 7, *The Domestic Assault of Men*. "Proportion of female victims who feared for life in intimate terrorism relationships - 83 percent Proportion of male victims who feared for life in intimate terrorism relationships - 77 percent - Canadian General Social Survey

The last chapter reviewed data that have been troubling for feminists since the first US National Survey of 1975: women are as violent as males. Because this finding contradicts feminist theory, it has been suppressed, unreported, reinterpreted, or denied. The female violence rates have been portrayed as self-defensive violence, less serious violence, or a result of reporting differences. In fact they equal or exceed males rates, they include female violence against non-violent males, and they have serious consequences for males." Interesting, that such a powerless group could so successfully suppress, unreport, reinterpret or deny such relevant information. If the above is true - and every major study, excepting those based on police reports, supports it - then how is that we don't know that women are as violent as men? Whose interest would that be in? What else are feminists telling us that bears closer scrutiny? What amazes me is, how politically powerful women are, based on the notion that they have far less power than men. And that's why feminists suppress, unreport, reinterpret or deny any evidence of discrimination against men - it would erode their power base, if it turned out that men have it just about as bad as women. Why would we be supporting people (mostly women) in colleges and universities in producing studies only about discrimination against women, if it turned out that 98% of the soldiers dying in Iraq are male, or that female soldiers have a choice about combat, while men don't? Why would we be passing laws about violence against women, if it turned out that women are just about as violent as men? Why would we be putting so much more public money into breast cancer research, if it turned out that the incidence of prostate cancer were almost as high? Why would we allow women to kill their unwanted children, yet still demand that men spend 20 years of their lives, using their own bodies (our bodies, our lives) to support their own unwanted children? Women, most of you don't have much interest in finding out more about this. Guys, we're screwed if we don't start finding out, and publishing, more of the truth.

*Rethinking Domestic Violence* reviews research in the area of intimate partner violence. The research crosses disciplinary lines, including social and clinical psychology, sociology, psychiatry, criminology, and criminal justice research. Since the area of intimate partner violence is so heavily politicized, Don Dutton tries to steer through conflicting claims by assessing the best research methodology. As a result, he comes to some very new conclusions about intimate partner violence. After twenty years of viewing intimate partner violence as generated by gender and focusing on a punitive law and order approach, Dutton now argues that this approach must be more varied and flexible. Treatment providers, criminal justice system personnel, lawyers, and researchers have indicated the need for a new view of the problem one less invested in gender politics and more open to collaborative views and interdisciplinary insights. *Rethinking Domestic Violence* will be of interest to psychologists, policymakers, and those dealing with the sociology of social science, the relationship of psychology to law, and explanations of adverse behaviour.

"This comprehensive book does an extraordinary job of reviewing the literature regarding all aspects of domestic violence. Everyone interested in domestic violence issues or treating domestic violence problems should read this book. Highly recommended." Choice This book is a must for every psychologist and other social scientists investigating the nature of violence. Advocates and social policy workers in the field should read this book; in fact, they ignore it at their peril. (Ehor Boyanowski, Criminology, Simon Fraser University)

Dutton's analysis of domestic violence research and discourse is comprehensive, refreshing, and enlightened. He has gathered the latest work from multiple disciplines to create a volume that will surely be a cornerstone of a radical, distinctly feminist, rethinking of domestic violence practice. (Linda G. Mills, NYU professor of social work, law and public policy, and author of *Insult to Injury: Rethinking Our Responses to Intimate Abuse*)

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