

Domestic Violence

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Participatory Action Research: Addressing Domestic Violence using a Constructivist Framework

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Learner Objectives:

Understand the relationship violence framework

Outcomes that can result from the framework

Provoke thoughts on implementation in local communities



OUTLINE

- **Define RV**
- **Define PAR**
- **How NEVR operates as PAR**
- **The relationship violence framework**
 - **Description of membership**
 - **Foundational concepts of framework**
- **PAR Cycle outcomes**
 - **Perspectives of various NEVR participants**
 - **Seven key recommendations**
 - **NEVR's work from 2011-present**
 - **Conclusions**
Where thought meets action



Relationship Violence and Intervention

Relationship Violence (RV):

- **“any form of abuse, mistreatment, or neglect that a child or adult experiences from a family member, or from someone with whom they have an intimate relationship.”** (Government of Canada Department of Justice, 2017)
- **Declared an international health issue in 2013 by the World Health organization**
- **Disproportionately affects women, people with disabilities, and sexual minority groups**
- **Harm from RV goes beyond just the physical; it also “undermines the social, economic, psychological, spiritual, and emotional well-being of the victim, the perpetrator, and the society as a whole.”** (Kaur & Garg, 2008, p. 74).



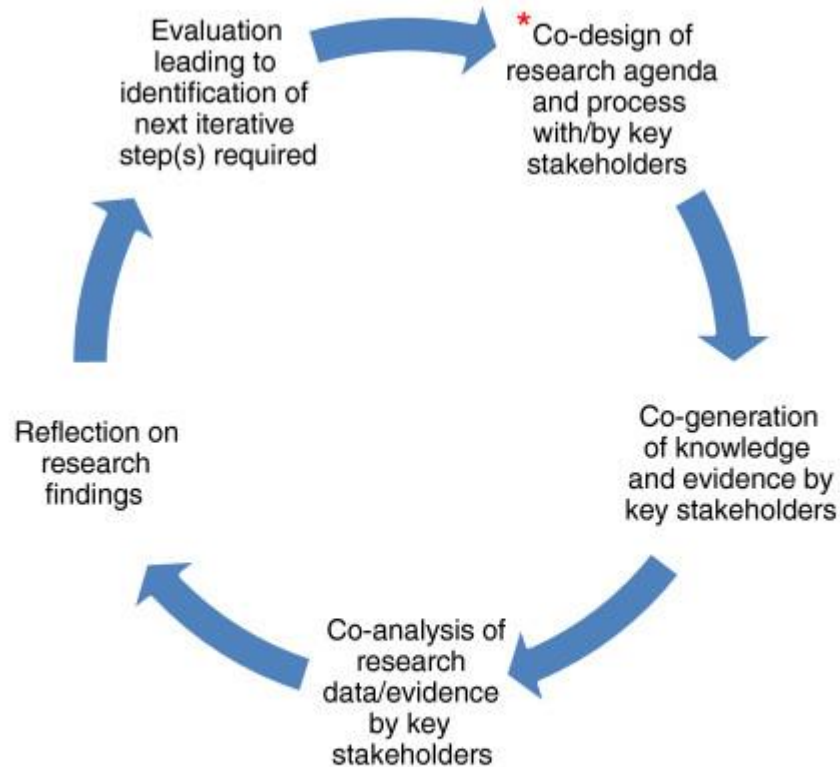
Relationship Violence

- **Relationship Violence (RV) human rights issue**
- **1 in 3 women will be violated in her lifetime**
- **1/3 of all call to Surrey RCMP detachment are RV**
- **Direct and indirect costs are \$151.9 Billion annually in Canada**
- **1 woman is killed every 6 days in Canada by her partner**
- **Silos exist**
- **http://www.buzzfeed.com/copyranter/the-most-disturbing-domestic-violence-psa-youll-ever-see?sub=2099971_1001889**



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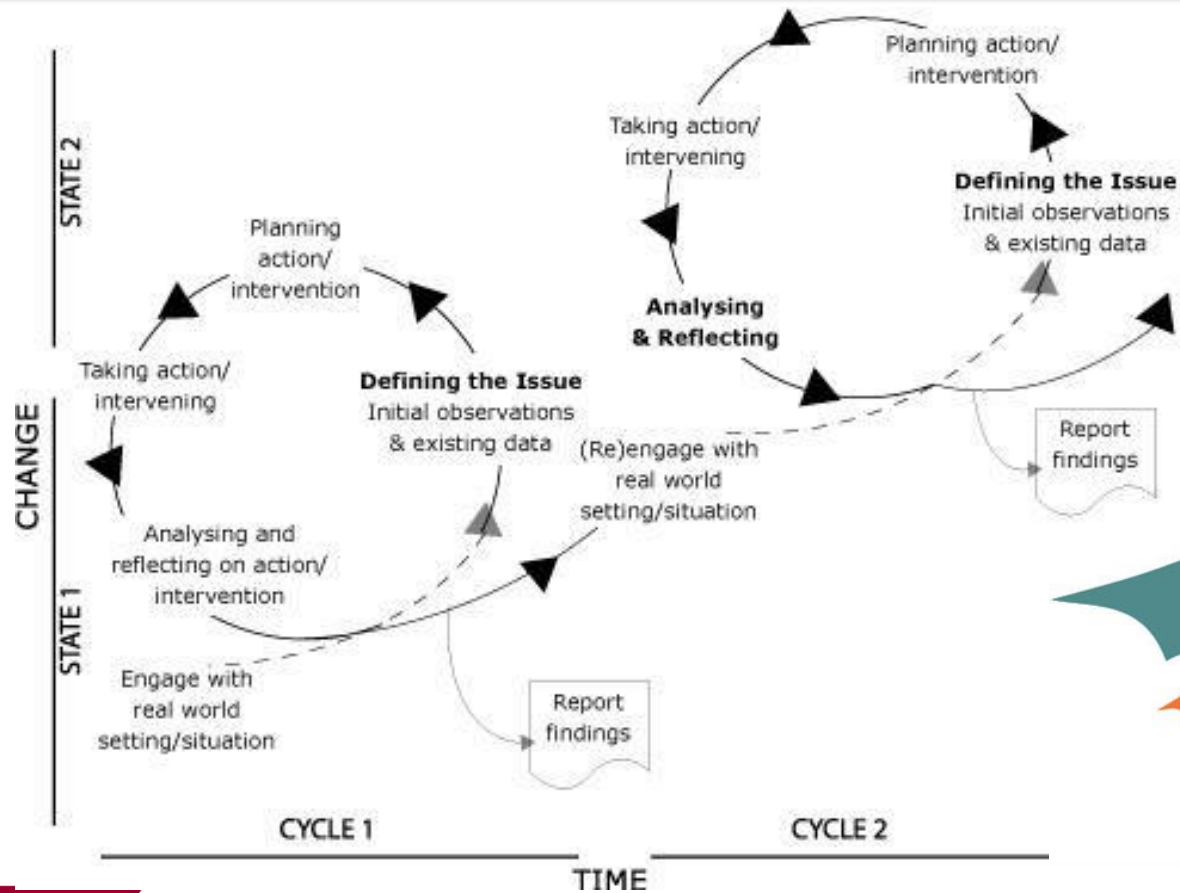
How NEVR Operates as PAR



* = initial starting point, which stakeholders may re-visit and continue on from in iterative cycles of research, analysis, reflection and evaluation.



PAR Cycle



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Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships

<http://www.kpu.ca/nevr>

NEVR is a committee based on community participatory action research aiming to end relationship violence (RV), and is both a research project and a community clinical placement for nursing students.

The continued process of creating and keeping this network are based in a broad framework encompassing a social-ecological understanding of RV, intersectionality, appreciative inquiry, cultural safety, and multiple ways of knowing



NEVR Action Framework

Social-ecological understanding

Health is a positive state defined by connectedness to one's family/friends/community, being in control, having the ability to do things that are important or have meaning, as well as community and societal structures that support positive human development

Relationship violence

Can be defined in terms of psychosocial risk factors and socio-environmental risk conditions.

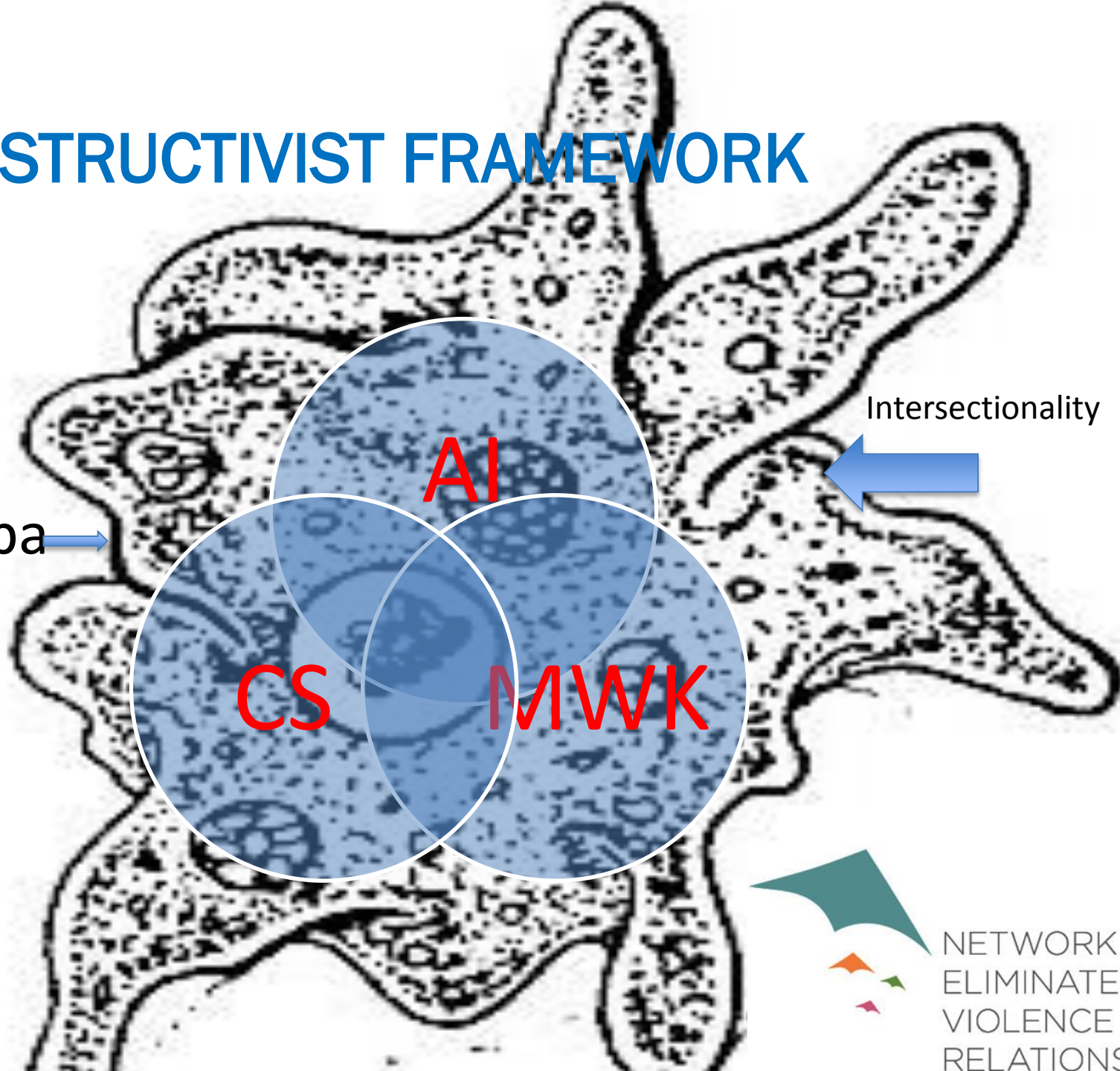
Actions in Practice

- Desire to create authentic partnerships
- All are valued
- All play role of leader/follower
- Practice cultural humility
- Open & inclusive
- www.kpu.ca/NEVR/resources



CONSTRUCTIVIST FRAMEWORK

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Intersectionality ←



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Limited Funding

- All organizations contribute in kind- time for staff to attend meetings, conferences, workshops
- Sources: KPU, City of Surrey, Ministry of Justice, Coca Cola, KSA, Corporations and unions



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NEVR Initiatives

- Academic partnerships in interdisciplinary fields
- Conferences and research projects
- Increasing public awareness through training toolkits, events and media
- Policy change through lobbying (reports, meetings, emails)

NEVR Collaborators

- Battered women's support services
- Police departments at a municipal and provincial level
- Health authorities
- Religious organizations
- Schools and post-secondary education institutions
- Immigrant societies
- Criminal Justice System

Academic Outreach

- Seven interdisciplinary conferences and three workshops from 2012-2017.
- Estimated to involve the work of 1200 people
- Conference presentations: KPU's Knowledge Translation, , Teaching, Learning, National Emergency Nurses conference , Scholarship and Research Symposium, BC Police Conference, and Universities in Thailand and Brazil
- IPV review panel, Justice Summit, Submission to BC government government's judicial review

Increasing Community Awareness

- Partnered with other organizations working to end RV in addition to creating its own campaign.
- Active in the international mass action event to end violence against women, One Billion Rising, since 2013.
- Participated in the Justice Summit on Domestic Violence in BC in 2014.
- Support labour unions annually
- Created and performed play



Increasing Community Awareness

- Social media campaign utilizing the hashtags #saysomething and #nevrkampagin, utilizing social media pages on Twitter, Facebook, and creating a YouTube channel.
- Monthly appearance on local radio station (REDFM, 93.1FM), and regular television
- Webpage complete with information, links to alToolkits, and contact information for other resources (www.kpu.ca/nevr).
- Organized student contest

Increasing Community Awareness

- Actively present Toolkits in a variety of settings.
- 130 student nurses trained in relationship violence awareness and prevention.
- Campaigning at KPU has also created awareness on RV within the university community.
- Salon and Bartender Toolkits to two salons and six professionals, and works actively with the BC police regarding the issue of RV underreporting



Policy Change

- Forum, eight provincial ministers and 90 community members, resulting in the minister's signing an agreement to have ministries collaborate and break down silos when dealing with RV.
- Advocated to the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence, Assistant Deputy Minister Public Safety, Minister of Justice and Minister of Social and Family Development, as well as policy analysts in the above ministries for the following changes to public policy:
 - Person Fleeing Abuse (Effective Dec. 2012) an alert is applied to each contact on each case.
 - The Family Law Act has increased the ability of courts to deal with family violence.
 - Dedicated crown for each case file in the Surrey, B.C. courts.
 - Change to the rental act, so that women fleeing violence are not required to provide 30 days notice to end their tenancy.



Partnership and Continued Growth with PAR

- Part of the public safety plan (city of Surrey).
- Sector more informed, and increasingly interdisciplinary
- Conferences incorporate cross-sectoral feedback into future conference planning
- Feedback informs BC Ministries' Planning

Summary

- NEVR is a committee based on community participatory action research aiming to end relationship violence, and is both a research project and a community clinical placement for nursing students.
- The continued process of creating and keeping this network are based in a broad framework encompassing a social-ecological understanding of RV, intersectionality, appreciative inquiry, cultural safety, and multiple ways of knowing.
- NEVR's initiatives thus far have included academic conferences and workshops, community outreach and awareness-raising via social media, radio, and television, development and presentation of toolkits targeting the abilities of general public, service, and health professionals to intervene in RV, as well as advocating for policy change.
- The partnership across and between community members and community services allows for dialogue and the creation of effective change based on continual feedback and assessment of initiative success.

Conclusion

Coming out of silos has provided:

- Learning opportunities for Nursing students: general nursing, psyc nursing, AE nursing, and forensic nursing
- Practicum students across member agencies: psychology (graduate students), gender studies, marketing, social work, youth justice
- Services at municipal and provincial government level
- Resources www.kpu.ca/NEVR
- Awareness raising campaigns
- Public events: radio, television, newspaper,
- Social media



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