



Do you have the courage to stand up for your convictions—even if your friends shake their heads at your involvement?

Do you truly care about the women and girls in your life?

If so, you're ready to find out what's wrong with violence against women and girls — from a man's perspective.

“Men and women have to work together as allies if we're ever going to end gender violence and discrimination.”

— Quentin Walcott and K.C. Wagner
Men and Women As Allies Initiative



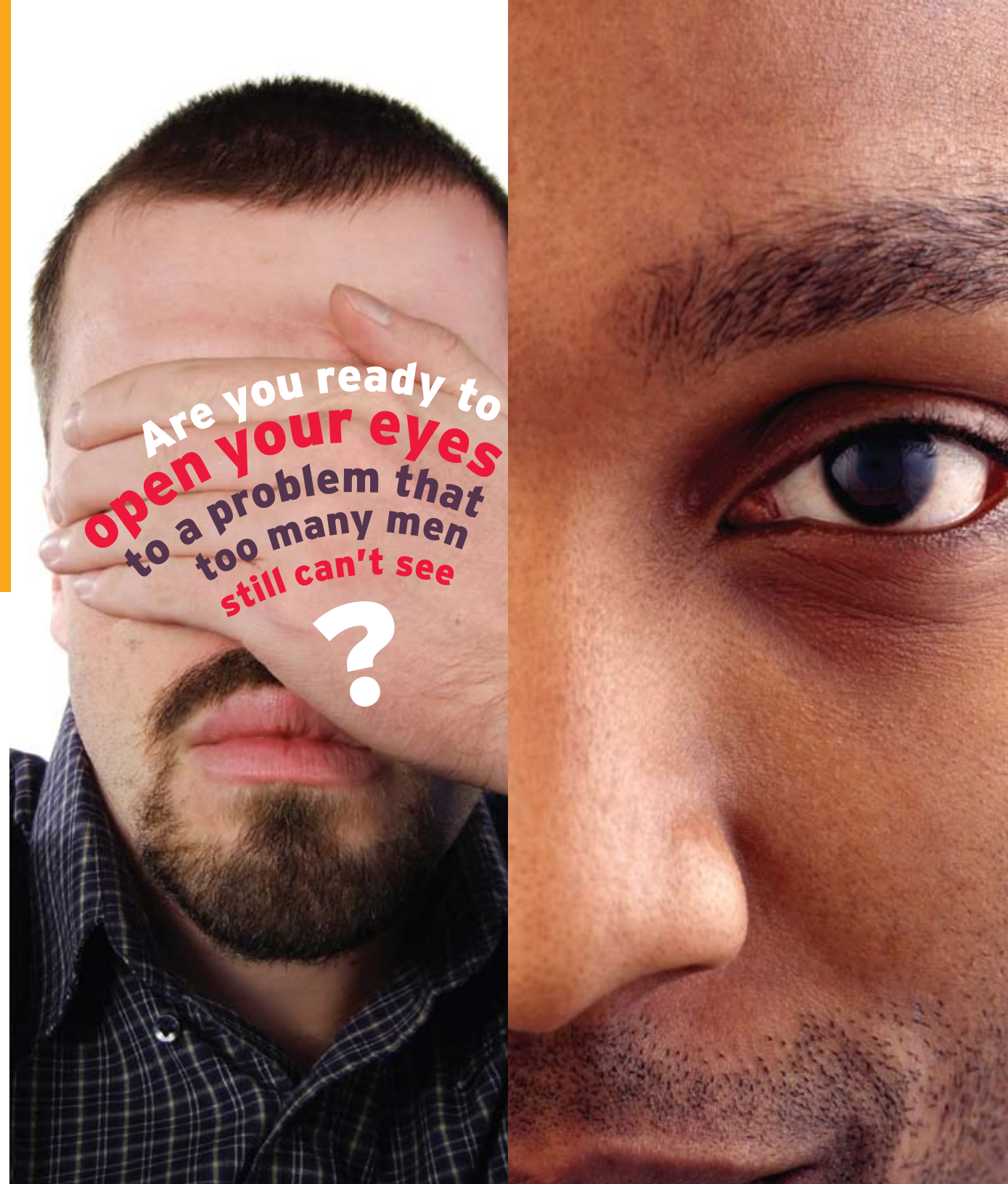
For more information, visit www.menandwomeanasallies.org or contact the organization in your area dedicated to fighting men's violence against women and girls.

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Are you ready to open your eyes to a problem that too many men still can't see



Here's What's Wrong With Violence Against Women.

THE STUNNING STATISTICS.

Check this out. According to U.S. government research:

- 1 in 6 American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.
- 1 in 5 will be physically assaulted by a partner or boyfriend.
- 1 in 5 female college students will face a sexual assault.

When you add in the crimes of stalking and sexual harassment and the shocking number of pregnant women who are abused or killed, you get this sorry statistic: **Millions of American women and girls are hurt by men's violence and abuse every year. In the workplace... the home... and every place else.**

Want proof? Read the results of the U.S. Department of Justice's eye-opening Violence Against Women survey at www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/183781.pdf



THE UNTOLD TRUTH.

In the vast majority of cases, women and girls aren't victimized by strangers. They're hurt by men and boys they know and often trust.

That disturbing underside of the story is often overlooked.

THE MISSING POINT.

Gender violence doesn't target nameless, faceless women on the other side of town or across the country. It's an epidemic that can strike our wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and friends at any time.

When you think about it THAT WAY, the terrible statistics mentioned here hit much closer to home.

THE "NOT MY PROBLEM" PROBLEM.

Despite the very real threat it poses to the women and girls in our lives, this crime wave isn't on the radar for most men today.

But if you're strong-minded enough to face the facts—and think for yourself—you can set a great example for other men by working to make the world safer and fairer for women and girls.

**Are you ready to stand up
for the women and girls
YOU care about ?**



Eight Simple Ways You Can Make A Difference.

- 1) **Talk to the women and girls in your life.** Ask them if they've ever been hurt or felt threatened by men or boys. These conversations will open your eyes.
- 2) **Get up to speed on the problem.** Search the Internet for "violence against women" news and statistics. What you'll find is sickening... and motivating.
- 3) **Have the courage to speak out.** Men have been silent for too long when they see other men hurt women or use sexist language. Racism is wrong. So is sexism.
- 4) **Support your local battered women's shelter and rape crisis center.** These organizations need help—financial and otherwise. Give them a hand.
- 5) **Team up with other men.** The number of men who care about this cause is growing every day. Look for them locally and on the Internet. Then DO SOMETHING together to make a difference. You can find links to men's groups around the world at www.xyonline.net/links.shtml
- 6) **Work together with women.** To speed up progress, men and women need to fight this problem together. That's the goal of the Men and Women As Allies Initiative which sponsored this brochure. (For more info, see back panel.)
- 7) **Be a role model.** The way you treat and talk about women and girls can set a powerful example for other men and boys. It's one of the most important things you can do if you're truly committed to gender equality.
- 8) **Fill in the _____.** Be creative. Come up with new ways to contribute to the cause. And don't forget to share your big ideas with us at ADDRESS@menandwomenasallies.org.



“Violence against women and girls is violence against our wives, daughters, sisters, mothers & friends.”