



“The search for characteristics of women that contribute to their own victimization is futile. There is no consistent evidence, after 15 years of research, that any behavior, attitudes, demographic characteristics, or personality traits can predict what types of women will become victimized by husband or male partner violence. Characteristics of men with whom she is involved in intimate relationships may be a better predictor of a woman’s odds of being victimized by violence.”

Hotaling & Sugarman, 1990