

Abuse Deniers:

Verizon Foundation Ignores Half The Abuse Problem

The Verizon Foundation has a program designed to stop domestic violence – *that’s very good.*

But Verizon is ignoring half the cycle of abuse – *that’s bad.* Here’s why...

Female Aggressors

Remember these recent high-profile abuse cases?:

- In April, Duke lacrosse accuser Crystal Mangum fatally stabbed her boyfriend.
- In July, Katherine Becker of California drugged, bound, and mutilated her husband.
- Last month, TV starlet Kim Kardashian slugged her husband Kris.

Hundreds of research studies show women are as likely as men to abuse.¹

But pay a visit to the Verizon domestic violence website – the problem of domestic violence against men is downplayed or ignored altogether.²

Green Cheese?

Verizon doesn’t stop there, it actually makes up belly-laughter claims like this:

“Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44.”

The leading causes of injury to women in this age group are overwhelmingly car accidents and falls. Domestic violence isn’t even on the list.

So Verizon might as well be shouting to the house-tops, “The moon is made of Green Cheese!”

Verizon Video: Hateful

Verizon also made a video about domestic violence called Monsters.³

Many people said the video was inflammatory and biased. And columnist Barbara Kay even wrote an editorial charging the “*Verizon Foundation’s ad encourages hatred of men.*”

Only then did Verizon take down the hurtful video – but still hasn’t promised to stop distributing the video.

If Verizon wants to take its profits and use them for domestic violence programs, that’s fine. But the Verizon Foundation should at least tell the truth and stop being Abuse Deniers.

Can you hear us now?



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¹ <http://csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm>

² <http://foundation.verizon.com/core/domestic.shtml>

³ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1Iawx1sRrw>