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Feminist Research

Seymour (2012), research question was to explore the relationships of both feminist identity and feminist practice and highlighting the complexities associated with the meaning of feminist in relations to domestic violence (DV). The main point's where feminism has different meanings to different people, both male and female participants/practitioners in DV each had different understandings of feminism drawn from their own understandings of gender and gender relations which this is a critical for practitioners in social work working in the realm of DV.

Katz (2010), teaches Advanced Research Methods to psychology majors at the undergraduate level and focuses the semester on reviewing literature on women's experiences of sexual victimization to form new research questions. The main points were to understand the relationships between definitions and prevalence rates, how early sexual abuse/victimization predicts later risk of adult victimization, how gender and heterosexuality affects how people view sexual victimization, students learning each steps of research methods to properly guide their research work, and students were enabled in individual academic and personal growth by reviewing the literature on women's sexual victimization learned in this course.

Blakely (2007), explored the role of emotions in researching sensitive issues within the context of feminist research and to identify issues of responsibility and representation within one's own research, research participants, and the researchers themselves. The main points are when females are researching emotionally sensitive feminist research, it fosters clarity, meaningful projects for female scholars, record your feeling when researching, trauma is experienced by researchers when researching that is similar to emotions of survivors, emotions are reconceptualized as a tool of investigation, caring in needed in this

research, there are many documented emotional effects of this research, and responsible research includes representation, language, experience, and subjectivity.

Feminist research is a scientific study using theories of a multitude of issues of feminist pedagogy that stems from gender roles and the gender embedded from of cultures in relations to psychological, sociological, and political. It looks at the influences on women's sexual victimization and experiences, which we can use this knowledge to pose further questions for research. It looks at the relationships between the definitions and the prevalence rate of sexual victimization. It examines hypotheses derived from theory, research and each owns interest with this realm. This research deepens the understanding of gender and power by the diverse sources of and shared experiences with their participants in the study and fellow researchers in this field. It researches how gender inequalities exists, women's wellbeing, and learning to be sensitive when working with female participants, by having a feminist approach. This type of research takes a closer look the array of violence against women and how it perpetrated. It uses methods, data collection, and procedures to find, understand, conclude, and lead to future discussions and further research.

For my research project of my proposed question; what factors cause a romantic relationship to decline, I feel feminist research will impact my project greatly. Since my project is not solely focusing on heterosexual couples, there are many facets into this area of research. I feel in every relationship there is a feminist side to ask questions and research further. More directed at females since this question is the impact feminist research, I will be looking at the sensitive issues and exploring adverse life events and the effects it has on romantic relationships, whether it be same-sex or heterosexual couples. I feel the female oppression at the workplace that still exists and how that stress can affect the relationship. How do non-traditional or feminist equality impact the traditional/cultural views of the masculine ego? By having two partners working fulltime with children, how is that impacting the roles inside the home? There is a large

spectrum when naming feminist research, and I will do my best to capture through my research and try to address all factors that will impact my project.