

Argument: Unlike the media attention that came from Muhammed and Malvo's attacks, a fallout from military training that the media is not publicizing is domestic violence.

<p>P1: The media focuses on events that occur in the open and are easier to publicize and do not focus on issues that concealed and deemed as private and personal topics.</p>	<p>R1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The D.C. Sniper attacks are one of these events. It was aired on televisions everywhere and the fear gripped many individual's attention.2. School shootings have been broadcasted over many major media platforms. Columbine was one of the first school shootings that happened in 1999. It was broadcasted over many media platforms minutes after the tragedy occurred. This also brought media fame to the school shootings that resulted in the shooters taking their own lives. (Keierleber)3. Things that are often done behind closed doors of an individual's home are often never brought to the attention of the media. This is because it can be very difficult for these individuals that are being abused to come forward and ask for help.
<p>P2: Attention to the news, due to the 24-hour news cycle, has increased. The availability of devices to access the media has increased, and therefore increasing the individual's access to said media.</p>	<p>R2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Columbine shooting was broadcast on a 24-hour news cycle. (Keierleber)2. Technology is everywhere in society and cannot be avoided. Technology can be found in waiting rooms, in cars, even on billboards.
<p>P3: Media usually covers new topics heavily and the rapidity of the media cycle tends to overload the viewer.</p>	<p>R3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When the D.C. Sniper attacks first took place people paid attention because of fear and because it was new and intriguing. This was the first major attack on U.S. soil after 9/11 and was drawn out over a large span of time.

<p>P4: Pervasive private individual victimization caused by the government is not readily displayed in the media as the individuals involved do not report the victimization either to government agencies involved or the media.</p>	<p>R4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kate Ranta was an Air Force spouse who was living in military housing with her son and her husband. Her husband threatened her and her son with a gun. She reported this and the Airforce reviewed the case where they decided to let him retire with minimal consequences. A year later he broke into her house and shot her and her father leaving the son unharmed. He was sentenced to 60 years in prison. She later said in an interview that if she knew the outcome of her reporting the crime she never would have reported it (Shane III).2. Many victims say that they felt embarrassed, felt that it was no big deal for anyone else or knew that they could not report the abuse over the fear of their spouse's job and their own. This was the answer for over 87% of military spouses that were interviewed in the past year. (Akin)
<p>P5: Domestic violence is a private conflict since it usually occurs behind closed doors and due to fear, isn't made public unless something like murder is involved. The other instance that brings media attention is if the individuals involved are of higher rank.</p>	<p>R5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. While the D.C. sniper attacks took place out in the open and gained media attention it is harder for domestic violence to gain the same kind of media attention since it is a private issue.2. After being let off the hook for domestic violence Sergeant M. Kearney murdered his wife in their own home four months later while their 6-month child was sleeping in the next room. Unfortunately, this case gained media attention because of her murder but none when she reported him for domestic violence four months prior (District of Maryland).

Conclusion: Even though domestic violence is not gaining media attention in today's society it is still a major issue that many military spouses are encountering.

In October of 2002, two men began committing horrible crimes along Interstate 95 in the states of Va Maryland and the District of Columbia. These attacks were random and no one in the area was safe since a majority of the shootings took place, in open areas, at gas stations and parking lots. The two behind this major criminal event were John Allen Muhammed (41) and Lee Boyd Malvo (17). They attacked in stealth from a blue 1990 Chevrolet Caprice sedan that would conceal their identities while they killed 10 people and wounded 3 others. Many vehicles that resembled this were pulled over and searched during this ongoing crime. Muhammed was very good at killing people from long distances due to his 17 years of military training. This puzzled detectives that these sniper attacks took were conducted by a pair of offenders and not just a single shooter.

Why?

This event is important because it was one of the longest drawn out sniping events in the US. It was also one of the first of many acts of terrorism where ex-military individuals decided to cause this type of havoc.

TRANSITION

This is just one example of the collateral damage caused by military training because of the dehumanization and other training tactics that can cause soldiers to become dominant. and there are many others that go along with this but my new focus is Domestic Violence. In relation to military training, the abuser in domestic violence situations shares some of the same similarities such as being dominant and dehumanization due to intense training.

Domestic Violence is much bigger than one would imagine, on average it roughly kills 3 women daily in the US alone. They are afraid to leave the offender for various reasons and feel trapped. The victims are also afraid to report for other reasons such as fearing repercussions from their spouse's job and family.

Why?

The news is not paying attention to this collateral fallout from military training and is focused on events such as shootings.

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