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Executive Director's Desk Women of the Alt-Right Are Choosing Their Poison and Their Choice is Alt-Right Men

Anyone who says that domestic violence is not a political issue is not paying attention. The mother of the man suspected of having driven into a crowd in Charlottesville during a protest repeatedly called emergency services saying her son beat her.

Alt-right is a term for people who believe in white nationalism, who do not like political correctness, who do not like feminists, who do not like Jewish people, and who generally think that liberalism and diversity have led to the decline of Western civilization.

The group is the offspring of various extremist ideologies espoused by the KKK, the European New Right and Nazism, to name a few. Different terms, same idea: traditional gender roles, civil society along religious lines, limited government and white supremacy.

In her most recent <u>Harper's Magazine</u> article, Seyward Darby interviewed Lana Lokteff, a self-described leader of women in the alt-right movement. Lokteff describes the alt-right as "a refuge where white women can embrace their femininity and their racial heritage without shame."

Richard Spencer is an American white supremacist who opposes the take down of Confederate monuments and who claims credit for the term "alt-right." Spencer advocates for a white homeland for a "dispossessed white race" and calls for "peaceful ethnic cleansing" to halt the "deconstruction" of European culture.

Spencer has been quoted in Mother Jones as saying that women shouldn't make foreign policy because their "vindictiveness knows no bounds."

Wolfie James, Altright.com, proposes that alt-right men "celebrate women for the most vital biological gift of all: the ability to birth and raise white children." She ridiculed modern women who kowtow to the "slavery" of a career, imposed by feminists. In other words, women are on earth to protect the white race, which involves making sure women have children. Andrew Anglin, who runs a neo-Nazi website called the Daily Stormer, once wrote, "It's OUR WOMB." "It belongs to the males in her society."

Every credible source of information about domestic violence states that a primary source of dv is sexism, the belief that one sex or gender is intrinsically superior to another. "Extreme sexism fosters sexual harassment, rape, and other forms of sexual violence." (Wikipedia). In the alt-right, we see a group of men who are convinced that they are superior to women, women who are convinced that they are on earth to breed white people and a culture that would like to enforce, through lots of religion, rigid gender roles

If ever there was a set-up for domestic violence, the alt-right is the poster child. Women, the choices we make today define our tomorrow. Choose wisely.

-Sara Wade, Executive Director

DVRC Counseling Attends Teen Health Expo Sponsored by the Neighborhood Health Clinic on August 8th

Mayra Paez, Clinical Advocate for Counseling, and Gayle Sheller, Counseling Services Director, tabled the event on behalf of DVRC's Counseling Services. The Neighborhood Health Clinic treated market-goers to free pizza and cold beverages, great for a hot night, as they hosted a dozen agencies who provide medical and behavioral health services to teens.

Flyers and information about DVRC's Teen Healthy Relationship Group were given to visitors, as well as an "Is your relationship healthy?" quiz. DVRC Counseling also offers individual counseling to teens who have witnessed family violence, or who are victims of teen dating violence. DVRC counselors and counseling interns provide in-class

presentations to high school students around Washington County on healthy relationships and the issues of teen dating violence. For more information about services for teens, call DVRC's Counseling Office at **503-521-7997**.



Reproductive Health Equity Act Governor Expands Reproductive Health Care for Oregonians

This month, Governor Kate Brown signed a bill into law that expanded reproductive health care services to Oregonians who previously had no access to them. The bill ensures that Oregonians, regardless of income, citizenship status, gender identity or type of insurance, have access to preventive reproductive health services (reprohealthequity.org). This bill comes on the heels of the current administration's work to limit access of these services to Americans.



Intimate partner sexual assault and rape are used to intimidate, control, and demean victims/survivors of domestic violence (NCADV). The Reproductive Health Equity Act allows Oregon survivors access to the appropriate aftercare in a situation of sexual violence.

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DVRC is working towards becoming more active in the world of social media. Like us on <u>Facebook</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> to receive daily information regarding domestic violence, events in the community, and to learn more about what our organization has to offer.



Volunteer Search! DVRC is on the Hunt for Admin. Volunteers

Looking to make a difference? Volunteers are needed to staff our front desk. Responsibilities include answering phones, greeting clients, and light clerical work. Get involved by <u>visiting our website!</u>



Community Events

August 25 - September 16

August 25, 2017: Flicks by the Fountain: School of Rock

September 1-4, 2017: The Bite of Oregon

September 9, 2017: <u>Beaverton Celebration Parade</u>

8th Annual Crush Party

September 10, 2017: Bike Beaverton 2017



September 16, 2017: El Grito Community Festival

2017 Sidewalk Chalk Festival

53rd Annual Corn Roast

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