

SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT A MAN MAY BECOME CONTROLLING AND ABUSIVE WITH YOU

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF WARNING SIGNS THAT MAY INDICATE THAT A MAN IS “AT RISK” TO BECOME CONTROLLING AND ABUSIVE WITH HIS FEMALE PARTNER. THEY WILL GENERALLY NOT ALL BE PRESENT AND THESE SIGNS ARE NOT, IN AND OF THEMSELVES, A GUARANTEE THAT A MAN WILL BECOME ABUSIVE. BUT THEY ARE, IN FACT, “RED FLAGS” THAT A WOMAN SHOULD NOT MINIMIZE EARLY IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A POTENTIAL PARTNER. THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO “HIGH RISK MARKERS” AND “OTHER WARNING SIGNS.”

SOME “HIGH-RISK MARKERS”

- 1) **HE BREAKS, THROWS, OR HITS OBJECTS WHEN HE IS ANGRY AND/OR HAS A HISTORY OF DOING THIS IN THE PAST**
 - **E.G. THROWING A TOOL WHEN HE IS WORKING ON A HOME PROJECT, POUNDING THE TABLE WITH HIS FIST, SLAMMING A DOOR, OR HITTING A WALL WHEN HE IS FRUSTRATED OR ANGRY**
- 2) **HE HAS A HISTORY OF VANDALISM, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION, AND VIOLENCE WITH ANIMALS WHEN HE WAS YOUNG**
- 3) **HE HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY VIOLENT WITH OTHER MEN IN THE PAST OR PRESENT**
 - **FOCUSING ON HOW THEY “PUSHED HIM OVER THE EDGE” AND NOT TAKING ANY CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIMSELF AND HIS BEHAVIOR OR ACTUALLY TAKING PRIDE IN BEING ABLE TO “HANDLE/TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF” IN “DIFFICULT” SITUATIONS**
- 4) **HE HAS A HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE POLICE AND/OR ARRESTS FOR OFFENSES LIKE DISTURBING THE PEACE, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, AND ASSAULT OR HAS HAD ORDERS FOR PROTECTION (OFP’S) SERVED AGAINST HIM**
- 5) **HE HAS BEEN OR ADMITS BEING EXPLOSIVE, ABUSIVE, AND/OR VIOLENT IN PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN BUT HE EXCUSES THIS BEHAVIOR:**
 - **BY TALKING ABOUT HOW BADLY HIS FORMER PARTNER TREATED HIM, WHAT A “BITCH” SHE IS (OR WAS), OR HOW “CRAZY” OR “OUT OF CONTROL” SHE WAS WHEN THEY WERE TOGETHER**
 - **BY EXPLAINING IT AWAY THROUGH SAYING THAT STRESS OR LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES BROUGHT ON HIS “BAD BEHAVIOR”**
 - **THIS MAY ALSO INVOLVE GOING OUT OF HIS WAY AT THE TIME TO LET YOU KNOW OR TO SAY HOW DIFFERENT YOU ARE FROM “HER” OR WOMEN IN GENERAL ...IF HE HAS HAD A NUMBER OF “BAD” RELATIONSHIPS**

- 6) **HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS THINK OF HIM OR TALK ABOUT HIM AS A “HOT-HEAD” OR HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR “HAVING A SHORT FUSE” OR “REALLY GOING OFF” ON OTHER PEOPLE**
- 7) **HE BECOMES EXPLOSIVE AND VERBALLY ABUSIVE WHEN HE IS AROUND YOU EVEN THOUGH THIS MIGHT NOT BE DIRECTED AT YOU PERSONALLY**
 - **“PANTING AND RAVING” OR SWEARING OR CURSING AT OR ABOUT OTHER DRIVERS, CO-WORKERS, SUPERVISORS, ACQUAINTANCES, NEIGHBORS, WHEN SOMETHING GOES “WRONG,” OR WHEN HE DOESN’T LIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HIS LIFE**
- 8) **HE PRESSURES YOU FOR SEX AND EXPECTS THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE HIM WITH SEX WHENEVER HE WANTS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE HIS PARTNER AND IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM (NO MATTER HOW YOU ARE FEELING ABOUT BEING SEXUAL AT THE TIME)**
- 9) **HE MAY “PLAYFULLY” USE PHYSICAL FORCE OR COERCION DURING SEX**
 - **HE MAY THROW YOU DOWN OR HOLD YOU DOWN DURING SEX**
 - **HE MAY HURT YOU DURING SEX (E.G. SCRATCH YOU, GRIP YOU TOO TIGHTLY, OR PULL YOUR HAIR) AND IGNORE YOUR REQUESTS FOR HIM TO STOP DOING THIS**
 - **HE MAY SAY THAT HE FINDS THE IDEA OF “ROUGH SEX” OR ACTUALLY RAPING A WOMAN “EXCITING” AND “STIMULATING”**
- 10) **HIS PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE FOR THE WORSE WHEN HE USES ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**
 - **HE BECOMES SARCASTIC, CRUEL, NEGATIVE, CYNICAL, OR HOSTILE**
 - **HE EXPERIENCES “MEMORY LOSS” AND SAYS HE CAN’T REMEMBER SAYING OR DOING THE THINGS YOU TALK ABOUT WITH HIM THE NEXT DAY**
- 11) **HE EXPERIENCED OR WITNESSED VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AS A CHILD IN HIS FAMILY OF ORIGIN OR WAS BULLIED BY OTHER CHILDREN**
- 12) **HE IS OR HAS BEEN CRUEL TO ANIMALS**
 - **HE MAY PUNISH PETS BRUTALLY FOR THEIR “MISBEHAVIOR”**
 - **HE MAY HAVE A HISTORY OF HURTING, TORTURING, OR KILLING ANIMALS
...E.G. TYING FIRECRACKERS ON A CAT’S TAIL; PULLING THE LEGS OFF FROGS**
- 13) **HE HAS UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF AND HARSHLY “DISCIPLINES” OR IS IMPATIENT, SHAMING, AND CRUEL TOWARD CHILDREN**
 - **HE OFTEN SEES CHILDREN'S MISBEHAVIOR AS A “PERSONAL AFFRONT” AND MAY BELIEVE THE CHILD “IS OUT TO GET HIM”**
 - **HE MAY EXPECT CHILDREN TO DO THINGS THAT ARE FAR BEYOND THEIR CAPABILITY AND THEN PUNISHES THEM FOR FAILING TO MEET THESE EXPECTATIONS
...E.G. SPANKING AN INFANT FOR SOILING A DIAPER**

- HE MAY TICKLE OR TEASE A CHILD UNMERCIFULLY UNTIL THEY CRY OR RETREAT TO GET AWAY AND THEN TALK ABOUT HOW THE CHILD IS “TOO SENSITIVE” AND “DOESN’T LIKE TO HAVE FUN”

SOME OTHER IMPORTANT “WARNING SIGNS” TO LOOK FOR AND BE AWARE OF IN A POTENTIAL PARTNER

1) HE HAS AN INTENSE DESIRE FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RELATIONSHIP; HE PRESSURES YOU FOR AN “INSTANT” CONNECTION, ACCELERATING THE PACE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND PREMATURELY PLACING ON HIS AGENDA THINGS LIKE THE “NEED” FOR YOU TO MAKE AN EXCLUSIVE COMMITMENT TO HIM (E.G. DATING ONLY HIM, LIVING TOGETHER, AND GETTING MARRIED)

- HE MAY SAY THINGS EARLY ON LIKE:

...“I’VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE YOU IN MY LIFE”

...“I’VE NEVER FELT LOVED BY ANYONE LIKE THIS”

...“NO ONE HAS EVER LOVED ME THE WAY THAT YOU DO”

...“YOU ARE THE PERFECT PERSON FOR ME”

...“I’VE NEVER LOVED SOMEONE SO MUCH SO SOON”

...“I’M SURE WE’VE BEEN TOGETHER (I’VE KNOWN YOU) IN A PREVIOUS LIFE”

...“THERE’S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT WE’RE SOULMATES”

2) HE MAKES IT CLEAR, EARLY ON, THAT HE EXPECTS YOU TO ALWAYS BE WITH HIM AND THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER WILL GO ON FOREVER, SAYING THINGS LIKE:

- *“WE’RE TOGETHER FOREVER”*
- *“WE WERE JUST MEANT FOR EACH OTHER”*
- *“WE’LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS”*
- *“I COULD NEVER STAND TO SEE YOU BE WITH ANOTHER GUY”*
- *“WE COULD NEVER GO ON WITHOUT EACH OTHER”*
- *“I COULD NEVER GO ON WITHOUT YOU”*

IF THESE KINDS OF STATEMENTS FEEL AND SOUND OMINOUS AND THREATENING TO YOU, THAT’S BECAUSE THEY PROBABLY ARE.

3) HE BECOMES JEALOUS OF ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT TAKES YOUR TIME AWAY FROM THE RELATIONSHIP AND BECOMES VERY POSSESSIVE AND TRIES TO MAKE YOU FEEL GUILTY OR “BAD” IF YOU DON’T WANT TO BE WITH HIM AS MUCH AS AND WHENEVER HE SAYS HE WANTS TO BE WITH YOU

- HE MAY SAY THAT HIS DESIRE TO BE WITH YOU ALL THE TIME JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH HE REALLY LOVES YOU AND THAT THIS IS THE “MARK” OF A REALLY GOOD RELATIONSHIP
- HE TRIES TO TALK YOU OUT OF SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PERHAPS SAYING THAT THEY DON’T REALLY LIKE HIM OR THAT THEY DON’T REALLY “CONNECT” WELL WITH HIM

- HE BECOMES JEALOUS OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH MALE FRIENDS AND PAST BOYFRIENDS
 - HE SULKS OR BECOMES SULLEN AND PUNISHING IF YOU ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM ON A PARTICULAR OCCASION WHEN HE WANTS OR EXPECTS YOU TO DO THIS
 - HE MAY CALL YOU CONSTANTLY OR VISIT YOU UNEXPECTEDLY
 - HE MAY TEXT OR CALL YOU AND EXPECT YOU TO “GET RIGHT BACK TO HIM” NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE DOING OR WHAT IS GOING ON FOR YOU AT THAT MOMENT
 - HE MAY DRIVE BY YOUR HOME “JUST TO SEE IF YOU’RE THERE”
...THIS MAY BE TO CHECK ON WHETHER SOMEONE ELSE IS “VISITING” YOU OR IS AT YOUR RESIDENCE
 - HE MAY FOLLOW YOU OR “*JUST HAPPEN TO RUN INTO YOU*” WHEN YOU ARE OUT WITH OTHERS OR DOING ACTIVITIES YOU ENJOY THAT DO NOT INVOLVE HIM
 - HE DOESN’T SEEM TO HAVE FRIENDS, INTERESTS, OR HOBBIES THAT HE ENJOYS AND WANTS TO PURSUE ON HIS OWN OR HE EXPECTS YOU TO BECOME A PART OF THESE AND DROP THE FRIENDS, INTERESTS, AND HOBBIES THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE FOR WHAT HE PREFERENCES TO DO
 - HE MAY THINK AND SAY TO YOU THAT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY DON'T REALLY LIKE HIM AND HE MAY ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEND LESS TIME WITH THEM
- 4) HE BECOMES VERY CONTROLLING, OFTEN IN THE GUISE OF BEING “CARING,” “HELPFUL,” AND “INTERESTED” ABOUT WHERE YOU GO, WHO YOU SEE, WHAT YOU SAY, HOW YOU THINK, WHAT YOU WEAR, AND THE LIKE
- HE ASKS YOU A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE, WHO YOU WERE WITH, AND WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT OR DID WITH THEM:
...WHEN YOU ARE NOT WHERE YOU “ARE SUPPOSED TO BE” OR SAY YOU ARE GOING
...WHEN YOU ARE LATER THAN YOU HAD PLANNED TO BE
...HE OFTEN EXCUSES THIS BEHAVIOR BY SAYING HE IS “ONLY WORRIED” ABOUT YOUR SAFETY AND IS JUST EXPRESSING HIS LOVE AND CONCERN FOR YOU
 - HE INSISTS ON PAYING FOR YOU EVEN IF YOU WANT TO PAY FOR YOURSELF IN YOUR ACTIVITIES TOGETHER
 - HE EXPECTS YOU TO DRESS IN A WAY THAT IS PLEASING TO HIM, E.G.
...DRESSING “PRIM AND PROPER” IF HE DOESN'T WANT YOU ATTRACTING ATTENTION FROM OTHER MEN
...DRESSING “SEXY” (E.G. WEARING LOW-CUT/REVEALING OUTFITS) IF HE WANTS TO “SHOW YOU OFF” TO OTHER MEN
 - HE HAS UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS ABOUT WHO YOU SHOULD BE AS A WOMAN AND A PARTNER
...E.G. EXPECTING YOU TO BE A “MOTHER FIGURE” WHO TAKES WONDERFUL CARE OF HIM AND ATTENDS TO HIS NEEDS AT ALL TIMES AND ALSO A WOMAN WHO ALSO LIKES “HOT SEX” A LOT
 - HE OFTEN DISCOUNTS YOUR FEELINGS BY NOT LISTENING AND TALKING OVER YOU AND BY SAYING THINGS LIKE “*YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL THAT WAY (OR THINK LIKE THAT)*”

- HE EXPECTS OR DEMANDS SEX FROM YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE TIRED OR ILL OR JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE BEING SEXUAL AT THAT POINT
 - HE SUBTLY OR OVERTLY CRITICIZES OR DISMISSES YOUR INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, FRIENDS, OPINIONS, FEELINGS, WANTS, AND NEEDS
 ...E.G. SAYING: *"WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?"*
 SAYING: *"THAT'S A DUMB IDEA" OR "HOW COULD YOU EVER THINK SOMETHING LIKE THAT?"*
 - HE REFUSES TO ACCEPT "NO'S" FROM YOU, LIMITS THAT YOU HAVE SET WITH HIM, OR ANYTHING THAT HE PERCEIVES AS A "REJECTION" OR AN "ABANDONMENT" BY YOU TOWARD HIM
 - HE INTRUDES ON YOUR PRIVACY AND EXPECTS YOU TO BE "COMPLETELY OPEN AND HONEST" WITH HIM ABOUT EVERYTHING GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE
 ...E.G. READING YOUR DIARY OR OTHER PRIVATE PAPERS; GOING INTO YOUR PURSE DESPITE YOUR ASKING HIM NOT TO DO THIS; WANTING TO CHECK YOUR CELL PHONE, TEXTING, INTERNET BROWSING, OR E-MAIL RECORDS
 - HE PUNISHES YOU BY SULKING AND WITHDRAWING ATTENTION AND AFFECTION FROM YOU WHEN YOU WON'T SAY OR DO WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO SAY OR DO
 ...BUT THEN HE ALSO OFTEN BECOMES ANGRY IF HE DOESN'T LIKE OR AGREE WITH WHAT YOU ARE TELLING HIM
- 5) HE SEEMS OVERLY SENSITIVE AND EASILY IRRITATED BY FRUSTRATIONS AND INCONVENIENCES THAT ARE SIMPLY A PART OF EVERYDAY LIVING
- HE TENDS TO "RANT AND RAVE" ABOUT THE MINOR ANNOYANCES AND UNFAIRNESSES OF LIFE AND IS EASILY INSULTED AND BELIEVES THAT OTHERS ARE "OUT TO GET HIM" AND DISRESPECT HIM, E.G.
 ...WHEN HE IS CRITICIZED
 ...WHEN HE IS ASKED TO WORK OVERTIME
 ...WHEN HE IS ASKED TO "GO OUT OF HIS WAY" FOR YOU OR OTHERS
 - HE MAY SEEM "PARANOID" AT TIMES DUE TO HIS TENDENCY TO PERSONALIZE SO MUCH OF WHAT GOES ON AROUND HIM
- 6) HE SEEMS LIKE A "DR. JEKYLL/MR. HYDE" AND HIS MOODS CHANGE ABRUPTLY, OFTEN FOR NO APPARENT REASON, AND HE BECOMES SULLEN, NEGATIVE, DEPRESSED, CYNICAL, AND WITHDRAWN ON A REGULAR BASIS
- HE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THESE CHANGES TO YOU AND ACTS EVEN MORE IRRITATED IF YOU WANT TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT HIS MOODS
- 7) HE MINIMIZES AND GETS DEFENSIVE WHEN YOU OR OTHERS EXPRESS CONCERNS OR FEELINGS ABOUT HOW HE HANDLES HIS ANGER AND HOW HE TREATS OTHER PEOPLE
- *"THEY'RE WIMPS"*
 - *"YOU'RE JUST TOO SENSITIVE"*
 - *"YOU/THEY JUST DON'T GET IT"*

- 8) HE BLAMES OTHERS OR YOU FOR MOST OR ALL OF HIS FEELINGS, PROBLEMS, ISSUES, OR DIFFICULTIES AND SEES HIMSELF AS A “VICTIM” IN HIS LIFE**
- **HE IS GENERALLY EXTERNALLY FOCUSED AND SOMEONE ELSE IS ALWAYS TO BLAME AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ”BAD THINGS” THAT HE EXPERIENCES IN HIS LIFE**
...E.G. HIS UNEMPLOYMENT; HIS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES; A TRAFFIC TICKET; PROBLEMS WITH A BOSS, CO-WORKERS, FRIENDS, OR RELATIVES; HIS DRINKING OR DRUG USE
 - **LESS OBVIOUS BUT EQUALLY PROBLEMATIC ARE HIS CLAIMS THAT:**
...”YOU MAKE ME HAPPY ALL THE TIME”
...”YOU MAKE MY LIFE COMPLETE”
...”YOU MAKE ME FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT MYSELF”
...”YOU MAKE ME FEEL WHOLE”
 - **WHERE HE IS AGAIN FOCUSED ON YOU AND YOUR IMPACT ON HIS LIFE AND SEES YOU AS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS HAPPINESS AND FEELINGS OF WELL-BEING**
- 9) HE EXCUSES HIS HOSTILE OR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR WITH HIS ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE, E.G.**
- **“THAT WAS JUST THE BOOZE TALKING. IT WASN’T REALLY ME”**
 - **“I ONLY GOT CRAZY BECAUSE I WAS SO DRUNK/HIGH”**
 - **“WHEN I DRINK THAT MUCH, I DON’T KNOW WHAT I’M DOING”**
- 10) HE BECOMES ANGRY, VOLATILE, AGGRESSIVE, AND HOSTILE WITH OTHERS WHEN HE IS IN THE CAR (I.E. DEMONSTRATING “ROAD RAGE”)**
- 11) HE GREW UP IN A VERY TRADITIONAL FAMILY WHERE MALE AND FEMALE ROLES WERE STEREOTYPED AND PRESCRIBED. AND STRONGLY SUBSCRIBES TO RIGID GENDER ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**
- **HE VIEWS MEN AS SUPERIOR TO, SMARTER THAN, AND GENERALLY MORE COMPETENT AND CAPABLE THAN WOMEN AND HE FEELS ENTITLED TO BE “IN CHARGE” OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND TO MAKE THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE**
- 12) HE WAS INDULGED AND CATERED TO BY HIS PARENTS AND TREATED AS A “GOLDEN BOY” OR A “LITTLE PRINCE”**
- **AS SOMEONE WHO COULD “DO NO WRONG” AND HAD NO ACCOUNTABILITY TO OTHERS AROUND HIM (I.E. HE WAS SHIELDED FROM TAKING ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIMSELF)**
- 13) HE “PLAYFULLY” USES PHYSICAL FORCE DURING OTHER LIFE ACTIVITIES**
- **HE MAY TICKLE YOU OR PLAY “ROUGH GAMES” LIKE STEPPING ON YOUR TOES OR PUSHING OR RESTRAINING YOU EVEN IF IT BECOMES PAINFUL AND/OR UNCOMFORTABLE AND YOU ASK HIM TO STOP DOING THIS**

- 14) **HE MAKES THREATS TO HURT OTHERS AND FOCUSES ON “GETTING REVENGE” WHEN HE IS “CROSSED” BY SOMEONE ELSE IN HIS LIFE**
- SAYING THINGS LIKE *“I’M GOING TO GET THAT JERK,” “I COULD REALLY MESS HIM UP,”* OR *“I COULD KILL THAT ASSHOLE”*
 - HE THEN DISMISSES WHAT HE HAS SAID IF YOU EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT HE HAS SAID BY STATING THING LIKE:
...“EVERYBODY TALKS LIKE THAT”
...“LOTS OF PEOPLE THINK THAT WAY” OR
...“I DIDN’T REALLY MEAN IT. I WAS JUST ‘BLOWING OFF STEAM”
- 15) **HE ACTS AS IF HE’S “ALWAYS RIGHT” AND HE SEEMS UNWILLING AND RESISTANT TO COMPROMISE, NEGOTIATE, AND TO SEE OR ACKNOWLEDGE OTHERS’ PERSPECTIVES IF THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM HIS OWN**
- 16) **HE TENDS TO BE SELF-ABSORBED AND SELF-CENTERED**
- HE HAS DIFFICULTY SEEING AND UNDERSTANDING OTHERS’ PERSPECTIVES AND THE INHERENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE
...HE OFTEN GETS INTO POWER STRUGGLES AND FEELS “PUT DOWN” OR “DISRESPECTED” BY OTHERS DISAGREEING WITH HIM OR SEEING THINGS DIFFERENTLY FROM THE WAY THAT HE DOES
 - HE HAS LITTLE COMPASSION AND EMPATHY FOR OTHERS
...HE HAS LITTLE SENSE OF (OR CARING ABOUT) THE IMPACT OF HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS ON YOU OR OTHER PEOPLE
- 17) **HE MAY APOLOGIZE ABOUT HIS “BLOW-UPS” BUT IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED (IN REALITY, HE MAY NOT KNOW) AND BECOMES EASILY IRRITATED OR FRUSTRATED ABOUT ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT WHAT OCCURRED OR ABOUT YOUR EXPRESSING YOUR FEELINGS AND REACTIONS TO WHAT HE DID OR WHAT HAPPENED**
- HIS APOLOGY IS PRIMARILY MADE TO “GET YOU OFF HIS BACK” ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND HE MAY SAY THAT YOU ARE *“RUBBING HIS NOSE IN IT”* IF YOU WANT TO TALK FURTHER ABOUT HOW YOU FELT OR ABOUT THE SITUATION ITSELF
- 18) **HE HAS FEW OR NO CLOSE MALE FRIENDS**
- HE MAY SPEND TIME WITH OTHER MEN AROUND DRINKING, SPORTS, OR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BUT DOES NOT TRUST MEN WITH PERSONAL DISCLOSURES OF HIS OWN AND IS UNCOMFORTABLE OR NOT INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO OTHER MEN TALK ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS OR THEIR PERSONAL LIVES
 - HE IS SUSPICIOUS OR SKEPTICAL ABOUT MEN WHO HAVE CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER MEN
...HE MAY WONDER OR MAKE JOKES AND DEMEANING COMMENTS ABOUT THEIR PERHAPS “BEING GAY”