

The Conflict between Federal Domestic Violence Policies and Traditional Family Values

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An Invitational Conference
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Co-Sponsors:
Eagle Forum
RADAR – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting

Location:
The Heritage Foundation
Lehrman Auditorium
214 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

The Need for Reform:

In 1995 author Betsy Hart wrote, “The Violence Against Women Act will do nothing to protect women from crime. It will perpetuate false information, waste money, and urge vulnerable women to mistrust all men.”

Thirteen years later, that prediction has turned out to be right on target. Worse, the Violence Against Women Act, which now costs the federal government \$1 billion a year, has spawned an industry that undermines Constitutional protections, thwarts welfare reform, weakens military readiness, fosters immigration fraud, and is harmful to families.

This conference will probe how to rein in a federal law that increasingly encroaches on the personal lives of millions of Americans.

8:45

Welcome and Introduction
Becky Norton Dunlop – Heritage Foundation

Presiding
Phyllis Schlafly – Eagle Forum

9:00

Violence Against Women Act: High Hopes, Dashed Expectations
Edward E. Bartlett, PhD – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting

9:30

Feminist Fatherphobia and Domestic Violence

Phyllis Schlafly – Eagle Forum

10:00

How Marriage Protects Against Domestic Violence

Robert Rector – Heritage

10:30

Break

10:45

How Domestic Violence Policies Weaken Families and Harm Children

*Stephen Baskerville, PhD – Patrick Henry College
Foundation*

11:15

VAWA: Victimized All Taxpayers Act?

Benjamin Foster, PhD, CPA – University of Louisville College of Business

11:45

Impact on Military Readiness

Elaine Donnelly – Center for Military Readiness

12:15

Lunch – Van Andel Center

Book Signing:

Taken into Custody – Stephen Baskerville

The Measure of a Man – Alan Karmin

1:15

Welcome

Wendy Wright – Concerned Women for America

1:30

How VAWA Legalizes Immigration Fraud

Natasha Spivack – Voices of American Immigration Fraud Victims

2:00

Restraining Orders Out of Control

Gregory Hession, JD – Constitutional law attorney, Springfield, Mass.

2:30

Intrusive DV Policies Are Harming African-American Families

Elizabeth Crawford, MS – African-Americans for VAWA Reform

3:00

Break

3:15

Building a Broad Coalition for Reform

Michael Horowitz – Hudson Institute

3:45

Agenda for Domestic Violence Law Reform

Ronald Grignol – Respecting Accuracy in Domestic Abuse Reporting

4:15

Organizing for Success

Phyllis Schlafly – Eagle Forum

4:30

Adjournment