

France to try and end violence against women

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French President Emmanuel Macron has started a new project to try and bring an end to violence against women. The project aims to educate the public and schoolchildren about sexism and violence against women. It will also improve police support for victims of

domestic violence. President Macron spoke about the project on Saturday, which was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The new project has many aims. One aim is to teach school children about pornography. A second goal is to make it easier for rape and assault victims to go to the police. Another plan is to introduce stronger laws against harassing people in the street.

President Macron has made reducing violence against women one of his main projects. During his speech, he observed a minute's silence for the 123 women killed by their husband or ex-husband in 2016. One woman is killed in France every three days. Mr Macron said: "France should no longer be one of those countries where women live in fear." Fewer than one woman in five goes to the police to report violence against them. Macron said: "Criminals who harass, insult, touch, or attack women must be identified and brought to justice." Macron's speech comes at a time when a growing number of powerful men in Hollywood, business, politics and the media face charges of sexual assault.

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Writing

What three things can your country do to reduce domestic violence? Would they work?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

project / violence / educate / victims / aims / pornography / assault / police / laws / speech / a minute's silence / living in fear / criminals / harass / justice / powerful men

True / False

- The project will educate schoolchildren about violence against women. T / F
- The French president said he would increase police support. T / F
- President Macron wants to educate schoolchildren about pornography. T / F
- The president does not want to change harassment laws. T / F
- In 2016, 123 women were killed by husbands or ex-husbands in France. T / F
- A woman is killed in France every day in France. T / F
- The French president said women in France should live in fear. T / F
- The article said no men in Hollywood are facing sexual assault charges. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. started | a. upgrade |
| 2. educate | b. allegations |
| 3. improve | c. strategy |
| 4. aims | d. decreasing |
| 5. plan | e. teach |
| 6. reducing | f. bother |
| 7. main | g. began / begun |
| 8. harass | h. most important |
| 9. identified | i. goals |
| 10. charges | j. recognized |

Discussion – Student A

- How much domestic violence is there in your country?
- How can we stop domestic violence?
- Why is there so much domestic violence?
- How does domestic violence harm society?
- What should we teach children about violence against women?
- Why don't women go to the police?
- What should happen to people who are violent?
- Will Emmanuel Macron's plans work?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. bring an end to violence | a. or ex-husband |
| 2. improve police | b. teach school children |
| 3. victims of domestic | c. justice |
| 4. One aim is to | d. against women |
| 5. introduce stronger laws against | e. women live in fear |
| 6. he observed a minute's | f. violence |
| 7. killed by their husband | g. of powerful men |
| 8. one of those countries where | h. harassing people |
| 9. brought to | i. silence |
| 10. a growing number | j. support |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What does your country do to reduce violence against women?
- Are laws strong enough to protect women?
- Is society becoming safer for women?
- What can women do to keep safe?
- What do you know about recent harassment stories?
- Do television and movies encourage violence against women?
- What questions would you like to ask Emmanuel Macron?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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| 6. d | 7. h | 8. f | 9. j | 10. b |

Role Play

Role A – Educate Schoolchildren

You think educating schoolchildren is the best way to reduce domestic violence. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): public information, better police support or having more laws.

Role B – Public Information

You think public information is the best way to reduce domestic violence. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): educating schoolchildren, better police support or having more laws.

Role C – Better Police Support

You think better police support is the best way to reduce domestic violence. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): public information, educating schoolchildren or having more laws.

Role D – More Laws

You think having more laws is the best way to reduce domestic violence. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): public information, better police support or educating schoolchildren.

Speaking – Solutions

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to end domestic violence at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • counseling | • educate schoolchildren |
| • Internet campaigns | • improve police support |
| • more laws | • longer prison sentences |
| • family support | • public information |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.