# **Muslim Wheel of Domestic Violence**

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## **Using Coercion** and Threats

Threatening to marry another wife. Threatening "God-ordained" wife-beating (4:34). Threatening to leave her without money. Threatening to spread the word she is an adultress. Making her drop charges to preserve extended family's reputation.

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DHYSICAL

POWER AND CONTROL

Using Children

abuse.

Children told they are being beaten to prevent becoming too "American." Father threatens to get custody from Islamic court, send children overseas, marry them off young or kidnap them. Children's trauma symptoms used as excuse to batter wife. Father

encourages children to insult, disrespect mother. Husband says he has to abuse mother to stop child Intimidation Grossly dirtying her kitchen several times per day. Having the local Imam tell the wife the

Using

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