

To the Editor:

Your nine-part series of editorials, "[The Home Front](#)," is important journalism on current domestic violence issues facing us nationally. An important question that the series implicitly asks is, "Do we have the resolve to seriously reduce domestic violence?" Thus far, the answer is no.

The biggest challenge facing our domestic violence response is the continual blaming of domestic violence victims. "Why does she stay?" is the seminal question considered by all who intersect with the survivors of violence, including judges, the police, prosecutors, probation, defense attorneys, legislators and others. It is truly the elephant in the room.

It is this bias that places victims in harm's way, allowing them and their children to potentially become the victims of gun and other violence. If we truly want to advance all domestic violence prevention strategies, including gun violence prevention, implicit bias training is critical for all who are involved in this process. This training will allow all of us to place the blame for domestic violence where it justly belongs — on the batterer.

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