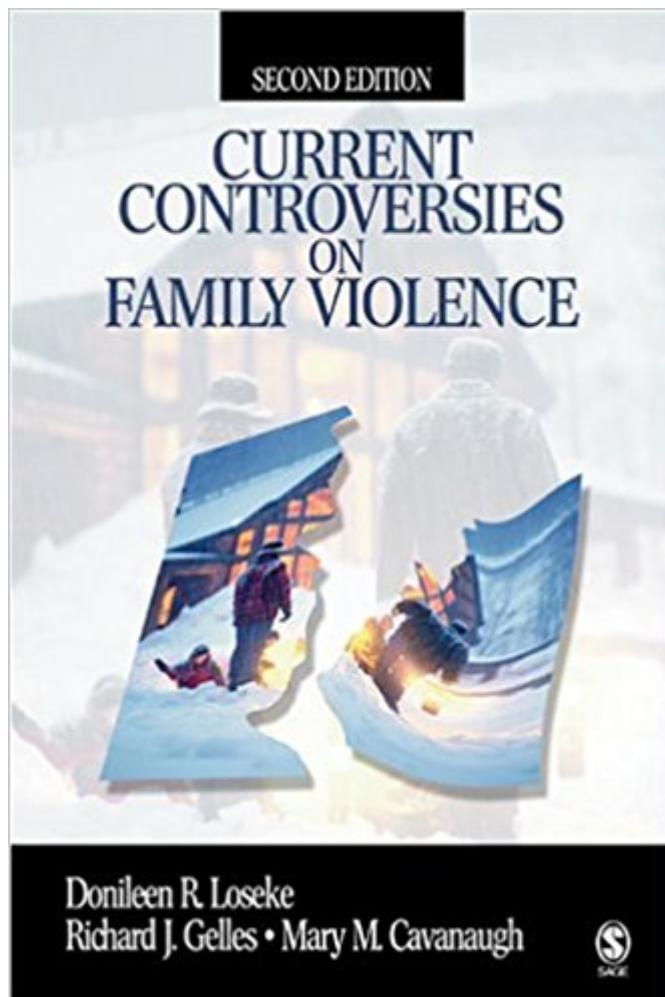


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# Current Controversies On Family Violence



## **Synopsis**

Now in its Second Edition, Current Controversies on Family Violence contains thoughtful--often heated--discussions that highlight the most current controversies, research, and policy directions in the family violence area. This volume includes chapters by academic and public policy researchers, therapists, lawyers, victim advocates and educators. Some of the controversies in the First Edition have been deleted while new ones have been added. Chapters in this Second Edition also are shorter and more accessible to readers who are not already experts in family violence.

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...turns out they WILL give a doctorate to just about anyone! Tearing these articles apart for their complete lack of scientific integrity and validity was enjoyable at first, but eventually just turned into tearing out my hair. The entire book is "academics" arguing about a variety of issues surrounding family violence, but in no way are these arguments provocative of any actual critical thought, constructive, or even interesting. Point by Academic A: "Rape happens to all women because every rape victim I interviewed had been raped!" Counterpoint by Academic B: "You're lying, rape happens to no women and you only say so because you're a hairy lesbian feminist!" Really riveting, guys. I'd love to sell this book back for even the change found in an average couch or half a

bologna sandwich, but I doubt anyone would buy it now with all the scathingly condescending and lividly profane notes littering its margins.

As the title suggests, this book hits exclusively on controversial topics of domestic violence, such as female batterers and spanking. As a textbook it leaves a lot to be desired because it does not convey regular theory very well. I appreciate that the editors tried to include essays supporting both sides of each issue, however in many chapters there was a significant imbalance of quality, length, and passion between the opposing arguments. The editors perhaps did not dig too deeply to find strong advocates for the arguments they dismiss.

Bought this for a college course I was taking ... this is a great place to purchase textbooks, I saved so much money! Books arrived very quickly and exactly as described. No complaints here!

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