

WHEN MEN MURDER WOMEN

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contexts and circumstances**

**Perpetrators - lifecourse,
orientations and cognitions**

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OVERVIEW

WHEN MEN MURDER WOMEN

Explanations

Murder Study

When Men Murder Women – 3 types

- ▶ **1. Intimate Partner Murder (IPM)**
- ▶ **2. Sexual Murder (SexM)**
- ▶ **3. Murder of Older Women (OWoM)**

Compared with Male-Male Murders:

Relationships, Murder Event,

Lifecourse of perpetrators – childhood/adulthood

Conclusions & Implications



EXPLANATIONS

History –violence against women/wives

Socio-demographic -age, employment, disadvantage

Socio-cultural -beliefs, male entitlement, media

Contexts and Situations -conflict, relationships

Cognition -thinking, emotions & action

Psychological attributes -personality & life course

Feminist -gender, power, control, jealousy, possessiveness

Murder Study

(funded by ESRC)



Objectives

- all types of murder
- pathways to murder
- contexts, situations, circumstances & murder event
- relationships between perpetrators & victims
- perpetrators life-course - child to adulthood to murder

3 Sources of Data: (quantitative & qualitative)

1. Homicide Index [official database for UK]

2. 866 Casefiles of offenders: (786 men, 80 women)

- Sample - all murderers currently serving life in prison:
- England/Wales (n=3,000 men, 115 women)
- Scotland (n=500 men, 10 women)

3. 200 Interviews with offenders: (Men=180, Women=20)

CASEFILE & INTERVIEW DATA

Murder Event

**Relationships of victims and offenders
Violence, Circumstances, & Situations**

Childhood

Family - School - Social & Legal Services

Adult Life and Circumstances

Employment, Relationships, Problems/alcohol, Social Services

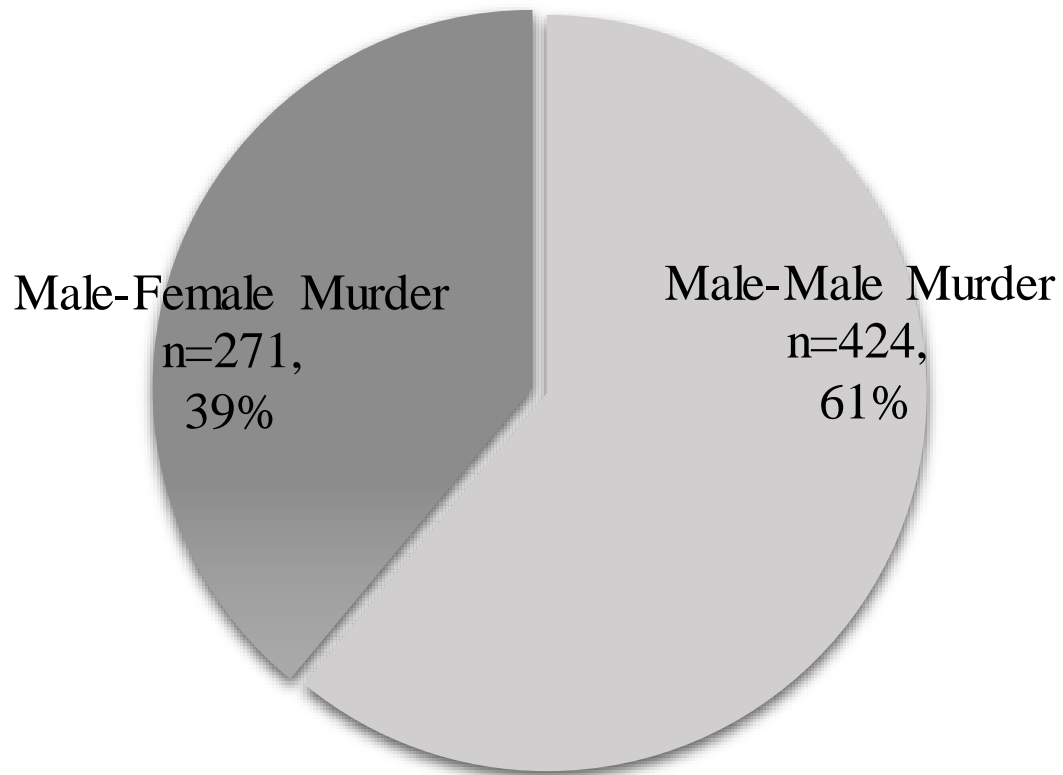
Previous Violence & Offending

Previous Violence Against Women & Convictions

Prison

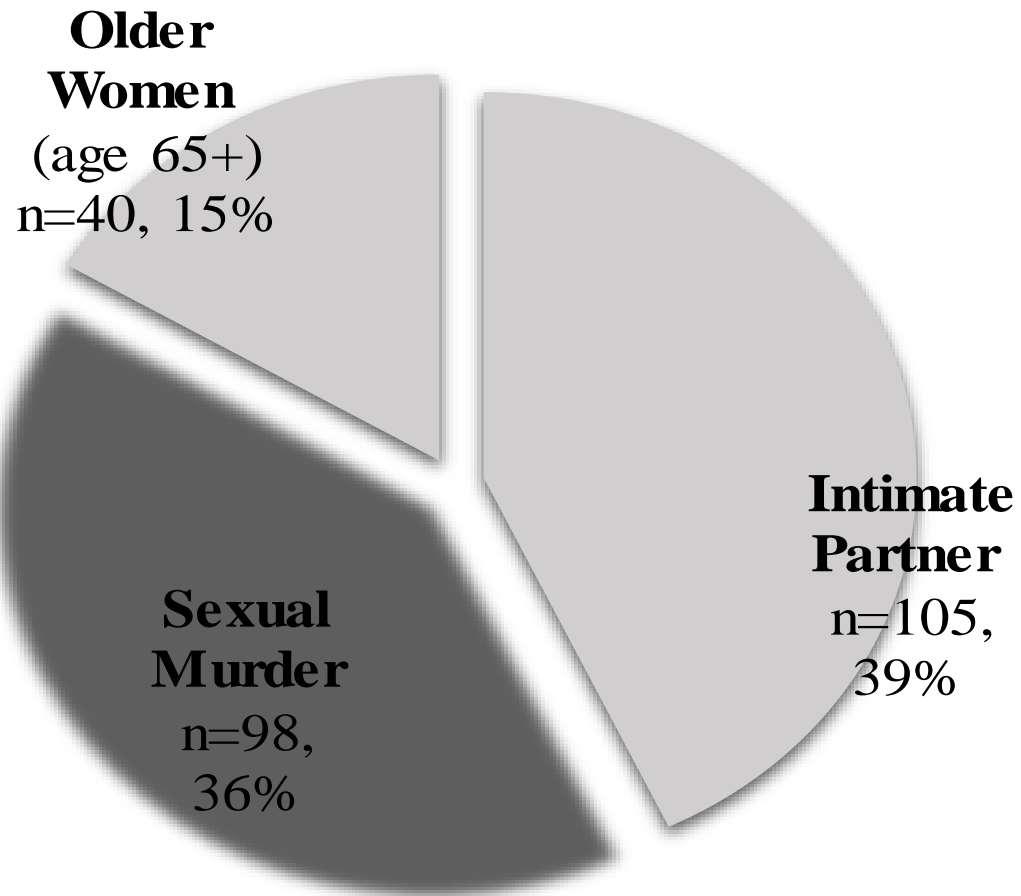
Adjustment, Empathy, Remorse & Future Danger

All murders by Men of Adult Men & Women, n=695

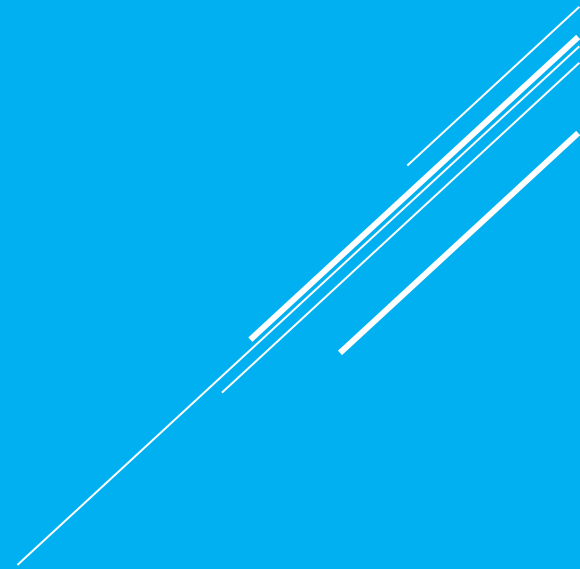
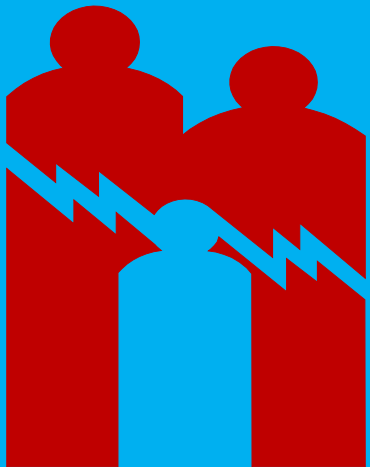


WOMEN MURDERED BY MEN – 3 Types

Intimate partner, Sexual Murder, Older Women, (n=243) [*other=28]



INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER (IPM) & MALE-MALE MURDER (MM)



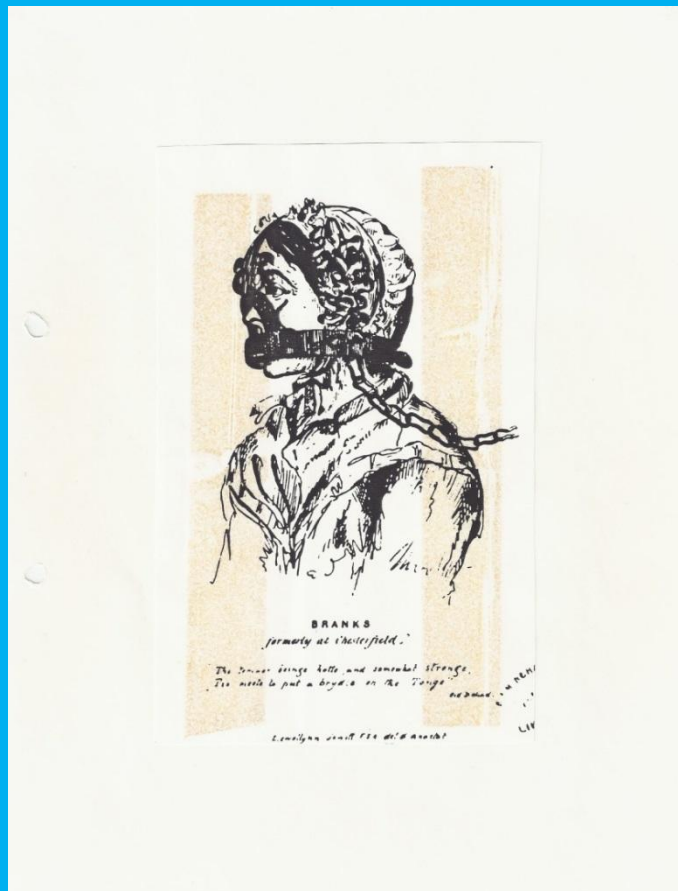
CONTEXT - WOMEN/WIVES CONTROL, PUNISHMENT & VIOLENCE

BRANKS FOR –

‘NAGGING’ WOMEN 16-18C

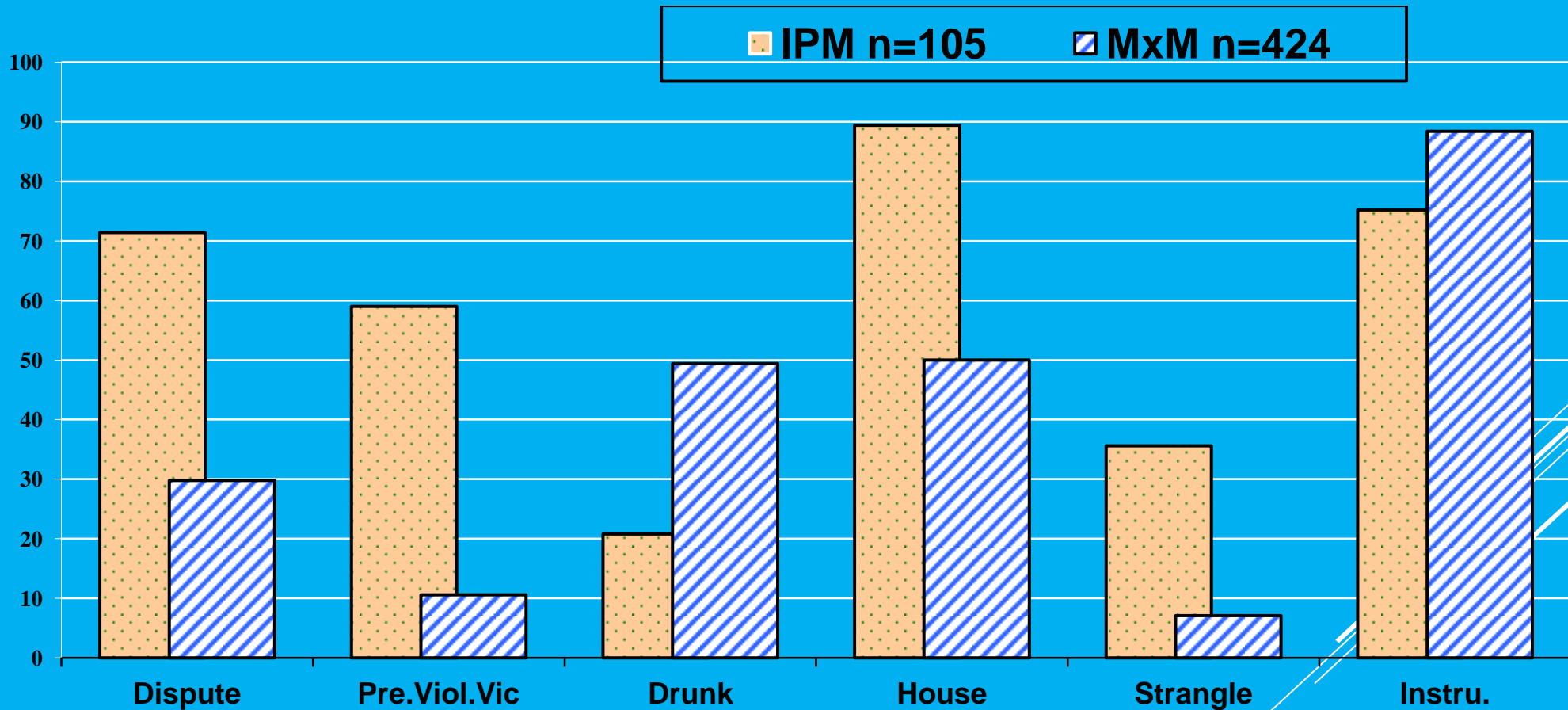
FOOT ON HER NECK.

MEN’S SHOE ADVERT, 2013

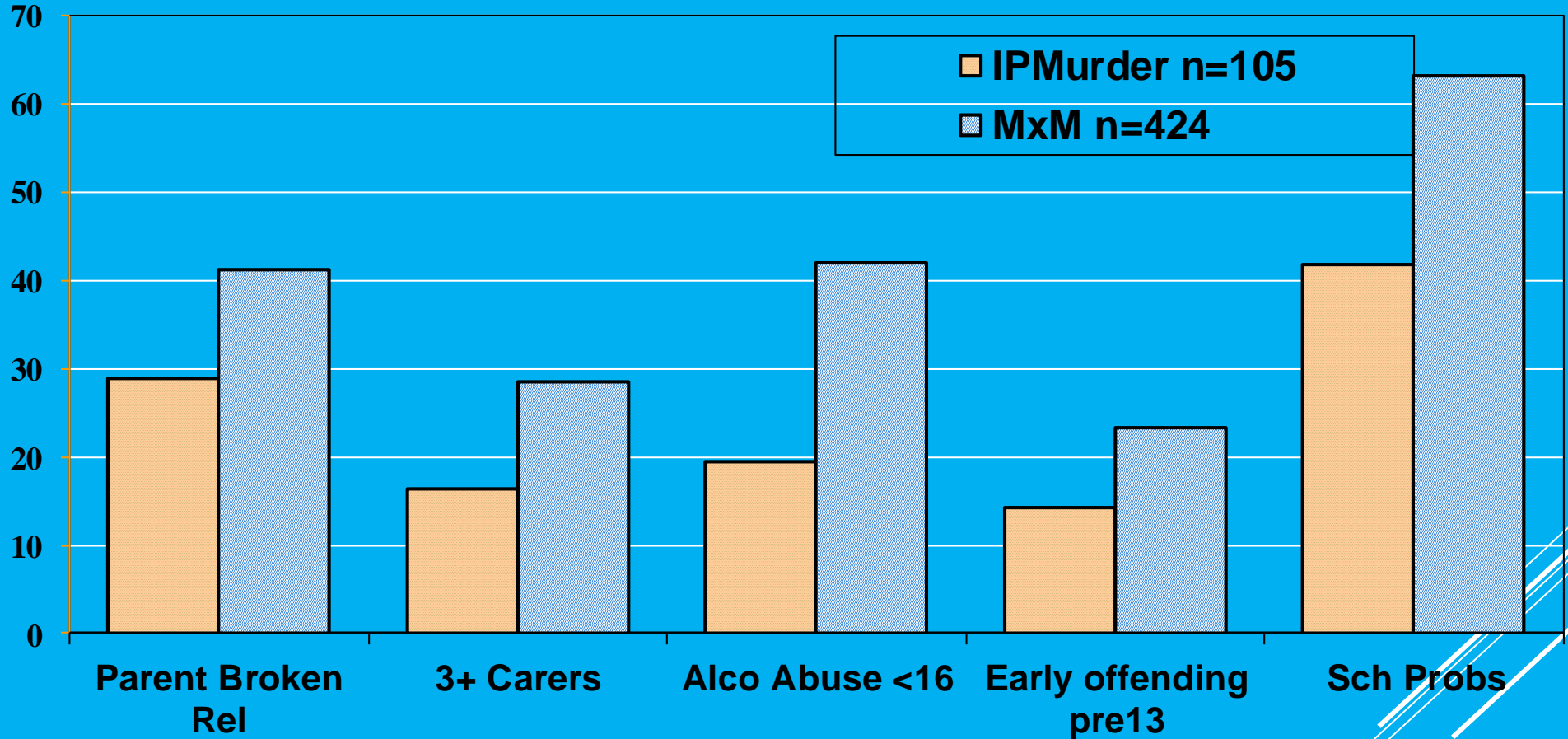


MURDER EVENT

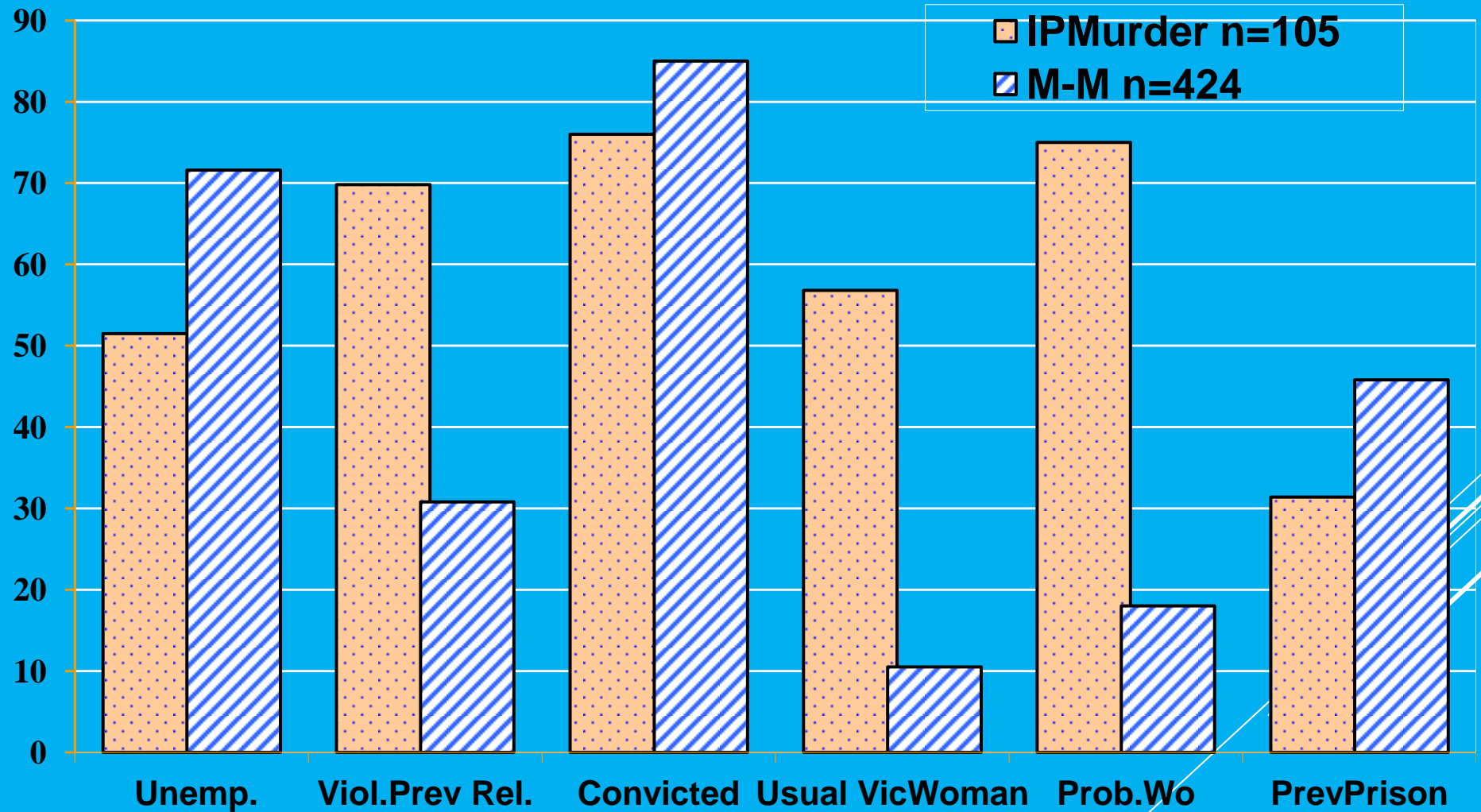
INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER & MALE-MALE MURDER



CHILDHOOD (pre16) – IPMURDER & M-M MURDER



ADULTHOOD – IPMURDER & M-M MURDER



INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER

Offenders:

3/4 previous convictions

1/4 no previous convictions

-specialize in violence to women

-‘change the project’ from trying to keep woman partner to decision to destroy her for leaving

-fixed intention to kill

-collateral murders - children, protectors & new partners (n=62)

Relationships, Situations & Contexts:

-Relationships:

-tenuous

-prolonged conflict

-previous violence to victim

-Possessiveness & jealousy

-Separation/ attempts to leave

- Forced sex

- Choke/strangle

- Use instruments/knives,etc.

SEXUAL MURDER (SEXM)
&
MALE-MALE MURDER (M-M)

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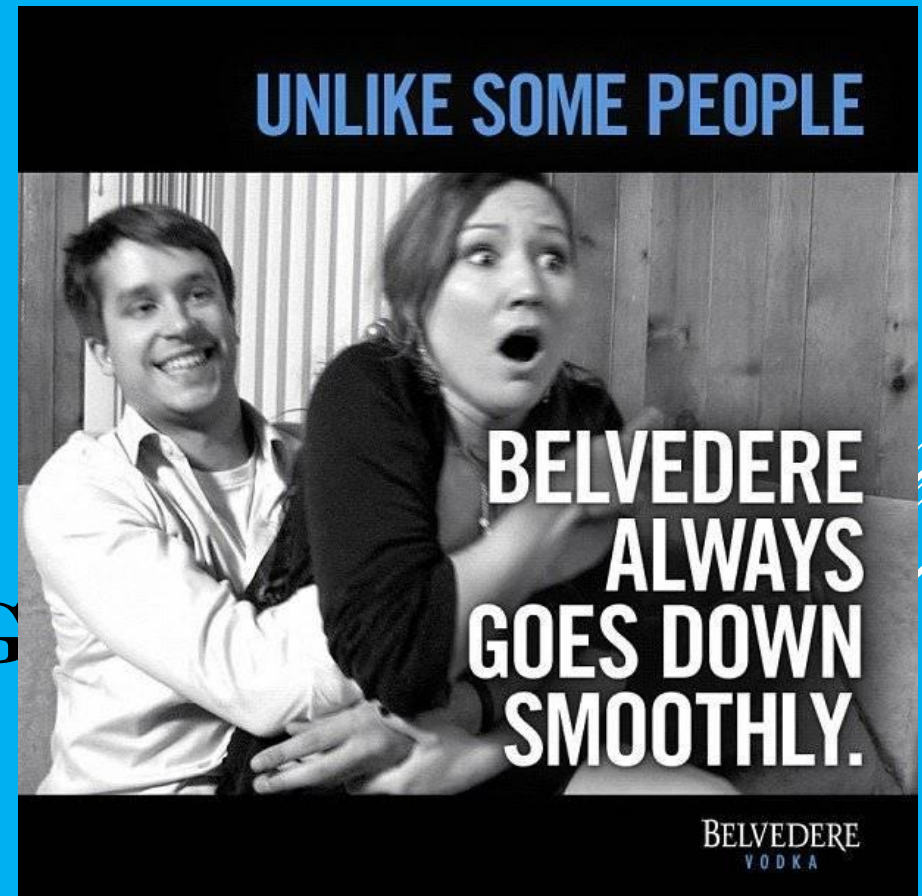
CONTEXT – SEXUAL ASSAULT & RAPE

Normalized in Adverts for Men ... 2013

DOLCE & GABBANA
GANG RAPE

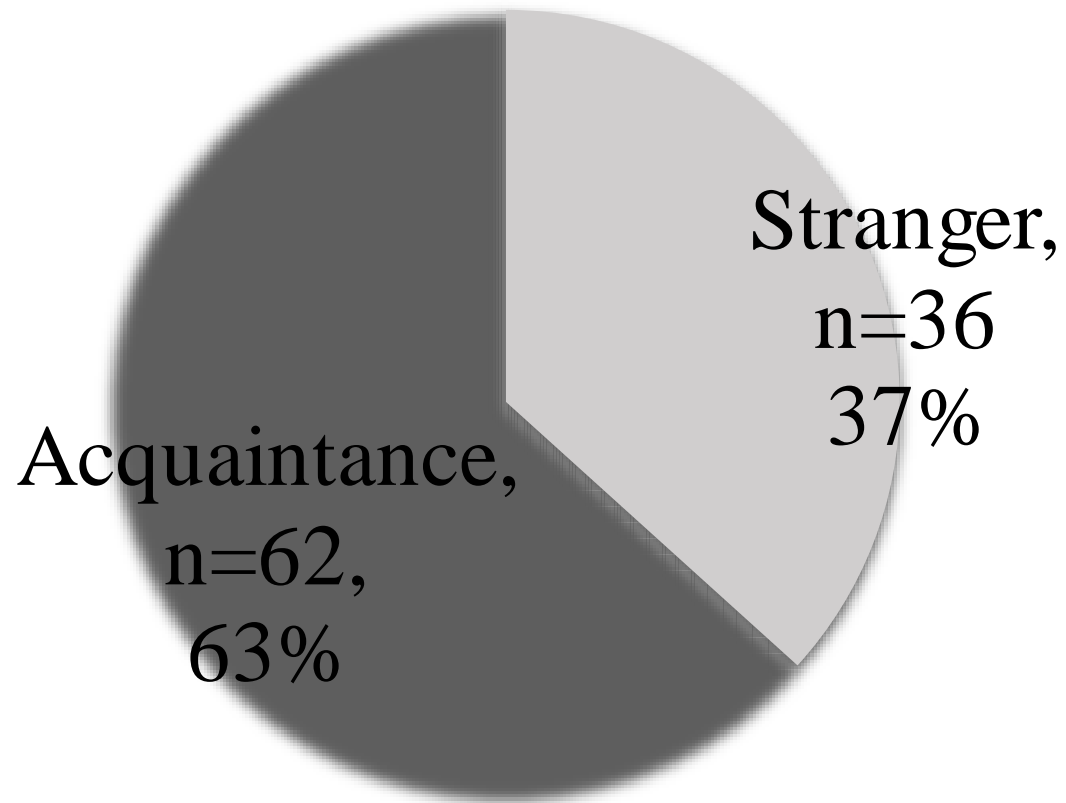


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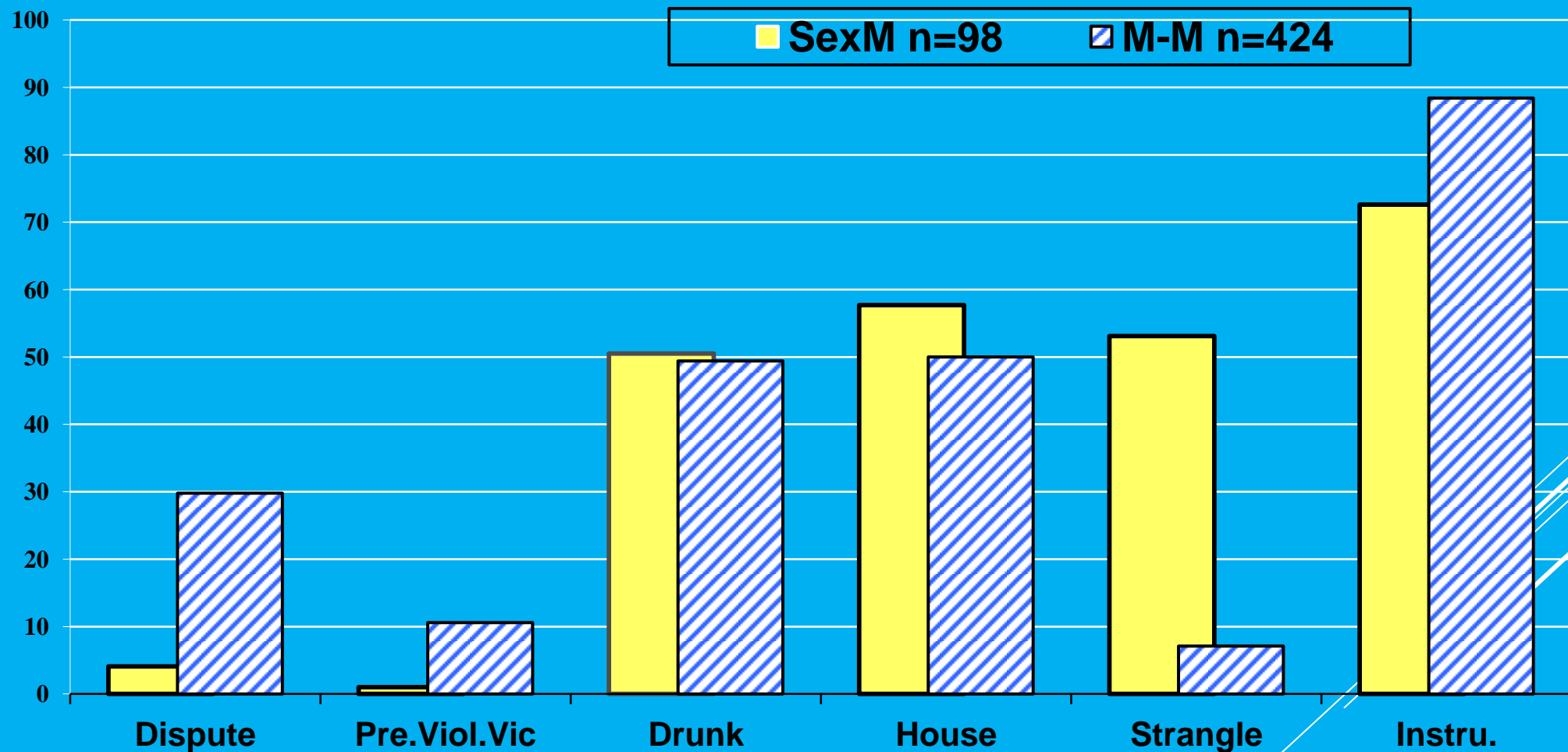


Sex Murder, n= 98

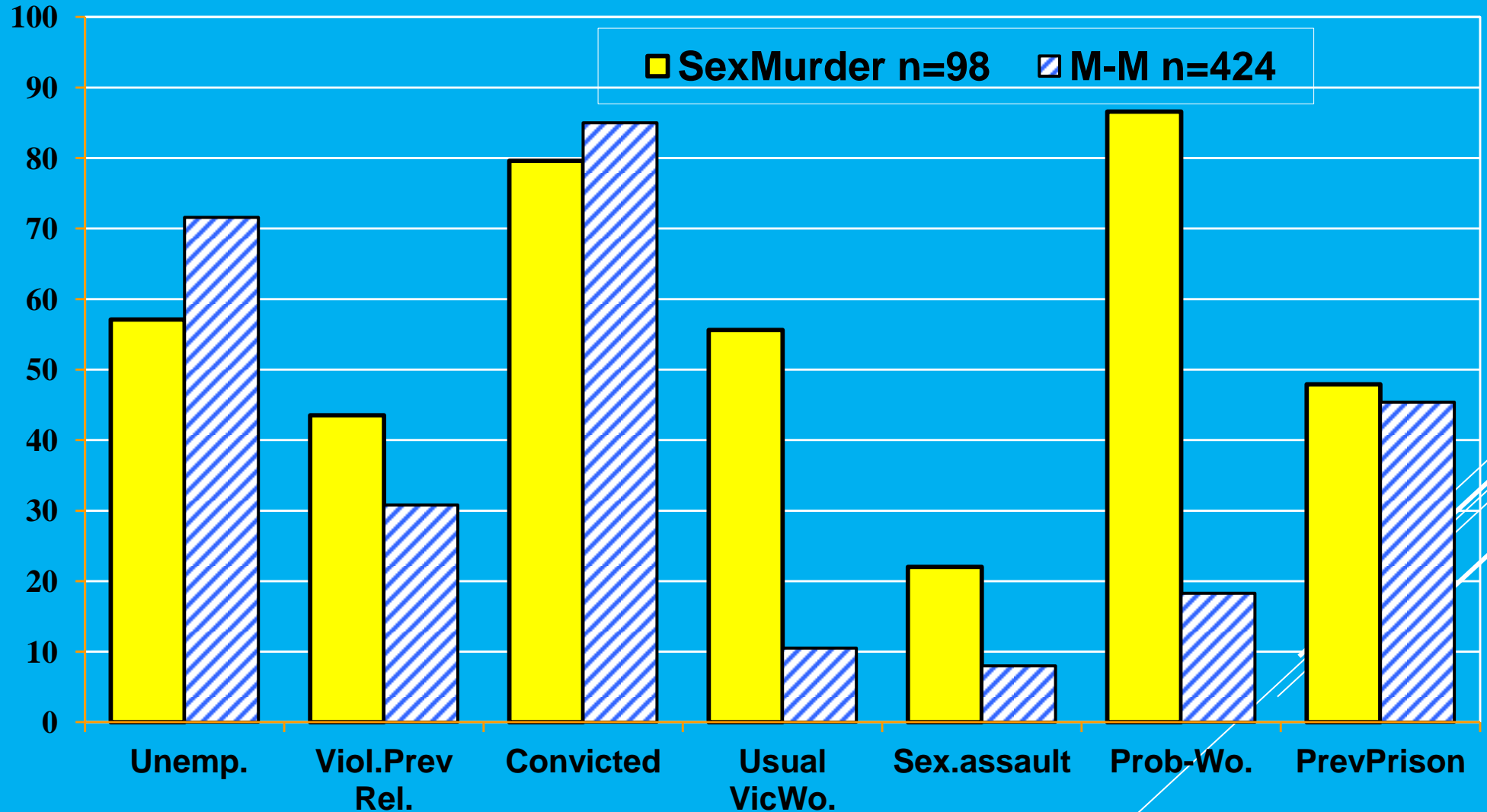
Relationship between Perpetrator & Victim



MURDER EVENT – SEX MURDER & M-M MURDER



ADULTHOOD – SEX MURDER & M-M MURDER



MURDER OF OLDER WOMEN (OWoM)
&
MALE-MALE MURDER (M-M)

OLDER WOMEN –16C ENGLISH LAW AGAINST WITCHES, POWER OF WOMEN = TROUBLE

BURNING WITCHES

13C INQUISITION

**3 WITCHES=DARKNESS, CHAOS
& CONFLICT**

SHAKESPEARE - MACBETH

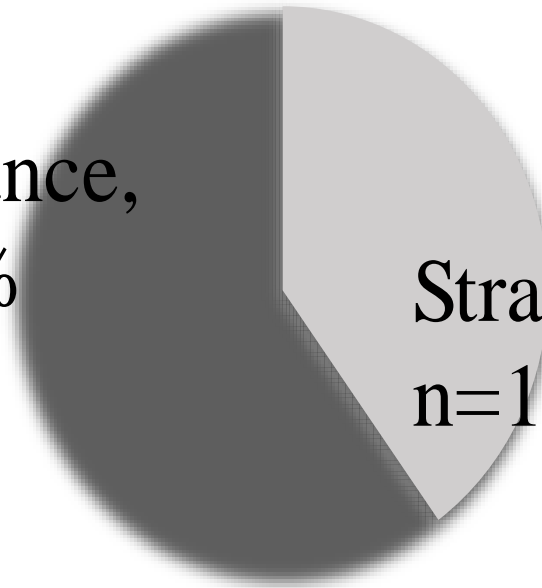


Murder of Older Women

Relationship - perpetrator & victim,

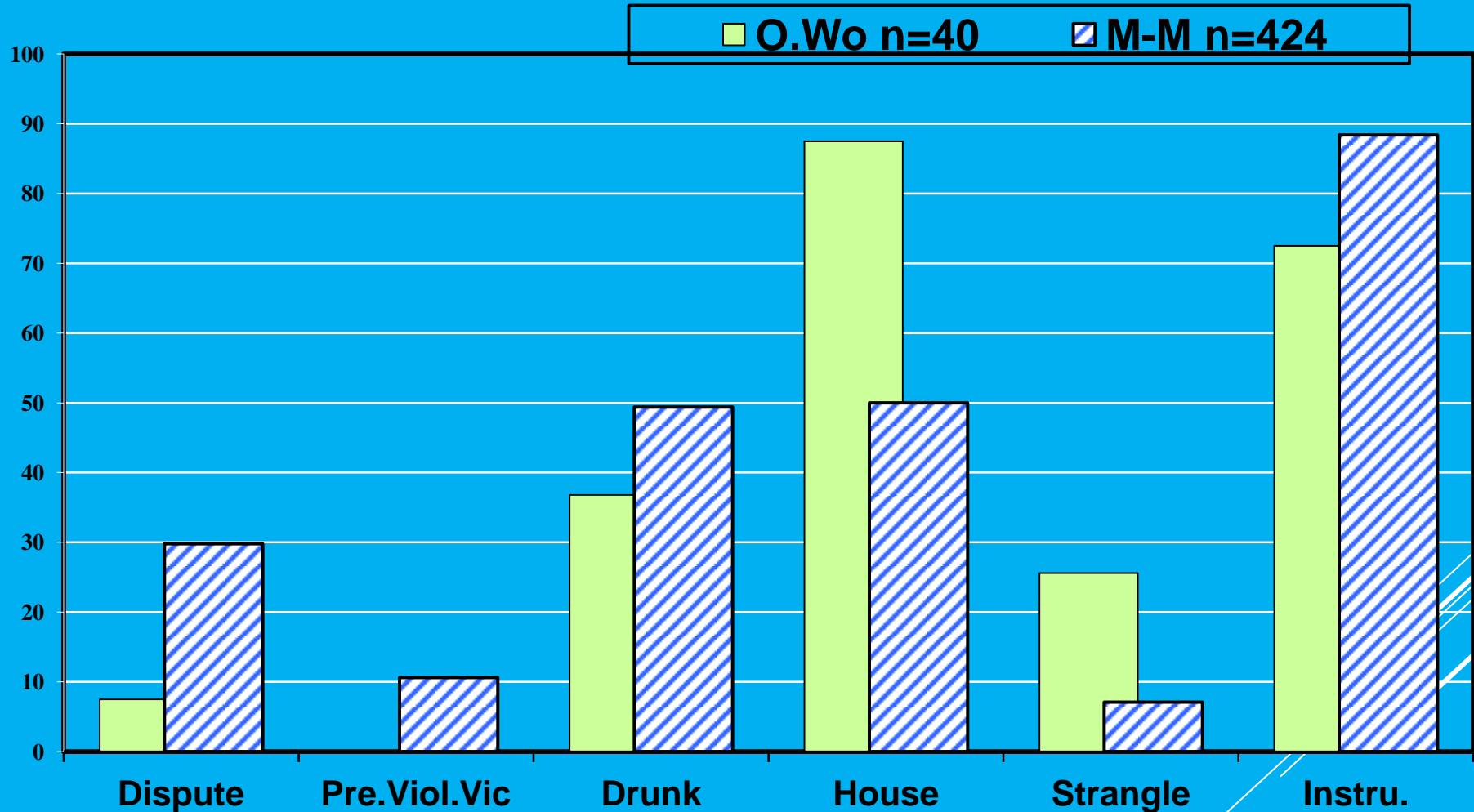
Acquaintance,
n=24, 60%

Stranger,
n=16, 40%



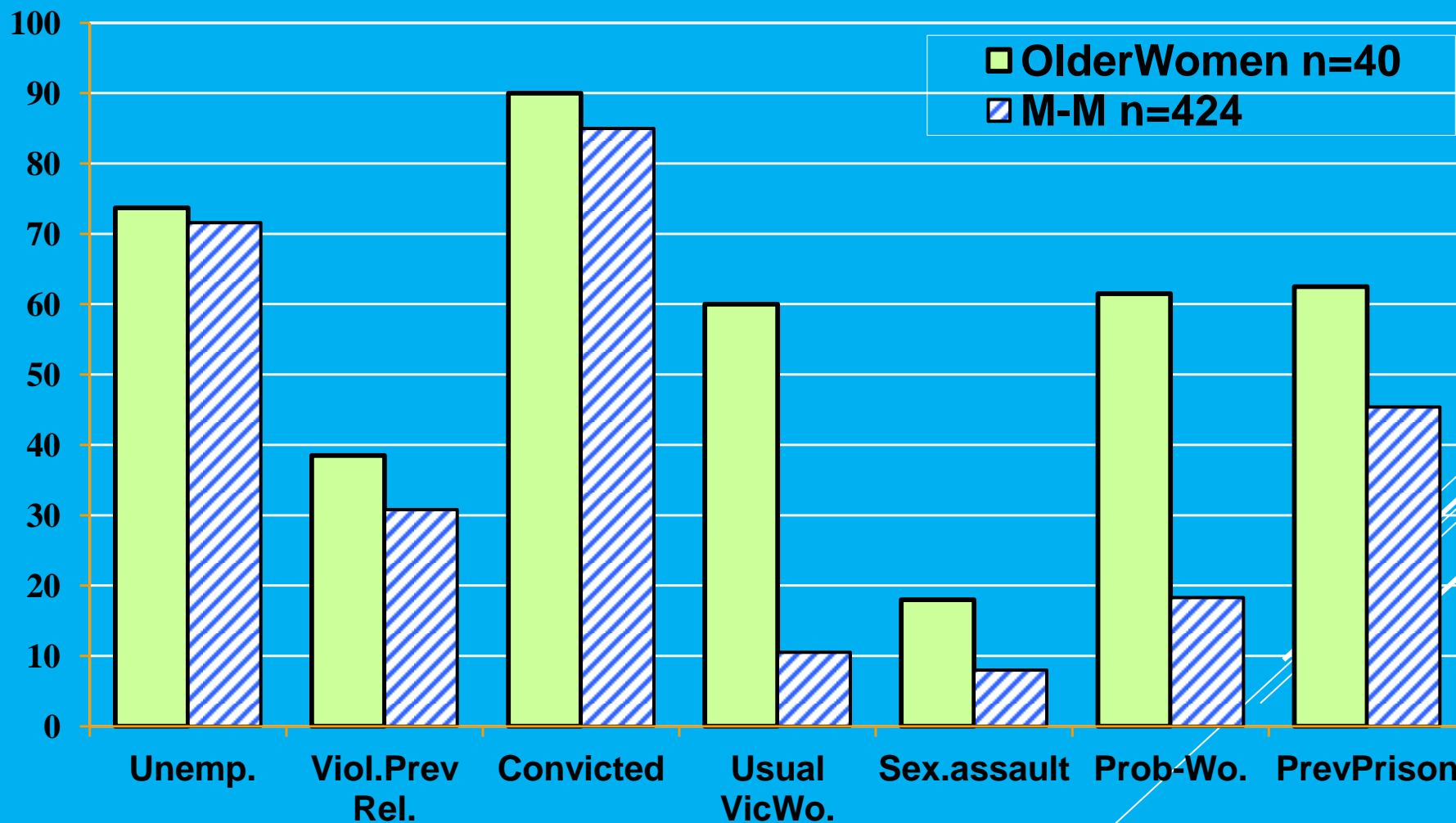
MURDER EVENT

MURDER OF OLDER WOMEN & M-M MURDER



ADULTHOOD

-MURDER OF OLDER WOMEN & M-M MURDER



OVERALL - RELEVANT FACTORS

▶ Offenders - lifecourse

Child & Adult Problems:

- Caretaking, school, early offending
- Under educated, unemployed
- Alcohol abuse
- Previous convictions
- Violent offences (physical &/or sexual)
- Problems with women include:
 - Orientations to women
 - Relations with women,
 - Specialize in violence to women
- Male entitlement/privilege
- Self oriented

Murder Event:

- Location - home
- Beat/strangle, clubs/knives
- Little/no remorse, empathy, responsibility

Relationships-nature/consequence

- intimate partners, acquaintance/friend, relative, strangers
- men's access/women's caution

▶ Situations & contexts:

- Conflict [from none to prolonged]
- Alcohol – drinking & drunkenness
- separation, possessive, change project
- seeking sex

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