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Senator David Leyonhjelm asked:

Did the VicHealth survey by Anita Harris compare the contribution to violence against women of disrespect and gender inequality against other factors, such as poverty, alcohol abuse and drug abuse? Did the survey determine or indicate any relative importance of those contributors?

Answer:

This question relates to the report *Young Australians' attitudes to violence against women: Findings from the 2013 National Community Attitudes towards Violence Against Women Survey for respondents 16–24 years*

(https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/-/media/ResourceCentre/PublicationsandResources/PVAW/SurveyReport_YoungPeople-attitudes-violence-against-women.pdf?la=en&hash=6C6A2162D8AAAA5AF1921BC931A31CFDFAF3B50D).

The report summarises findings and discusses implications relating to the youth sample in the 2013 National Community Attitudes towards Violence Against Women Survey (NCAS).

The NCAS was never intended to measure or compare the contribution of factors such as those listed above to the occurrence of violence itself.

The survey was designed to measure the community's knowledge and understanding of violence against women, and to determine community attitudes toward that violence.

The NCAS was considered in the development of the *Stop it at the Start* campaign for its relevance to community attitudes and behaviours.