

Remorse and false honeymoon phase

THE ABUSER: Begs forgiveness, promises to change; cries, may buy presents

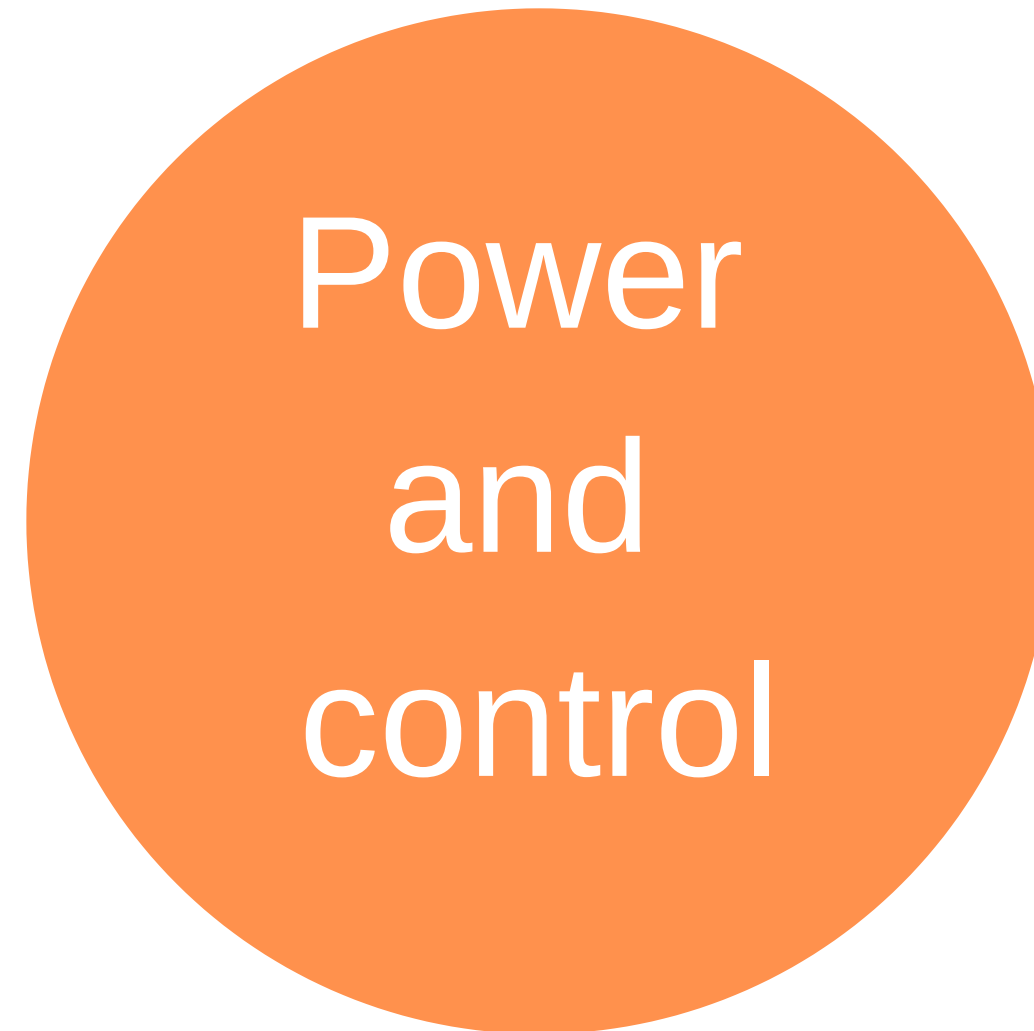
THE ABUSED: Confused but relieved and hopeful; agrees to stay; stops any legal and protective actions



Build up phase

THE ABUSER: Increasingly moody, tense and irritable; growing domination

THE ABUSED: Attempts to please and placate him; walks on eggshells



Explosive phase

THE ABUSER: Attacks (verbally, emotionally, psychologically, physically and/or sexually)

THE ABUSED: Tries to reason and calm him and to protect herself; may attempt to leave and/or call the police

