

Narrative Precis Model 2018

Hittin' Ladies: Narrative Precis

Floretta Boonzaier's article, "'If the Man Says You Sit, Then You Must Sit': The Relationals Construction of Woman Abuse: Gender, Subjectivity, and Violence" (2008) "explores how each of the individuals in [an intimate, heterosexual] dyad constructs stories about violence and the relationship in relation to the other partner". Boonzaier examines several narratives of both men and women in order to reveal a pattern within the relationship constructions made by men and women. For example, Boonzaier asserts that "men drew on the very powerful narrative of 'emasculatation' or 'crisis.' In one narrative, the subject reports:

I had a flat (apartment) when we got married, she had a house. So we decided to move into the house...she would often use the fact that I was in her house and stuff like this which made me feel, no insecure but I was in a sense emasculated."

This use of narrative works more fluidly with my thesis than that of Elizabeth Stokoe's article, "'I'm Not Gonna Hit a Lady': Conversation analysis, Membership Categorization, and Men's Denials of Violence towards Women" (2010). In it, Stokoe examines transcripts of several men at the scene of a female assault. While fascinating, Stokoe's work opens up more than I wish to take on.

Boonzaier's purpose is to use narrative in order to prove her point that male and female constructions of their roles within the relationship shift. Given the language used in the article, Boonzaier is writing to other researchers within the field of gender studies.

Causation Precis Model 2018

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (Advocates) presentation, "'Causes and Effects of Gender-Based Violence" (2003) "offers a lesson plan with activities that examine the causes and effects of gender-based violence. Advocates outline several causes of such violence including:

- perpetrator being abused as a child or witnessing marital violence in the home.
- male control of wealth and decision-making within the family and marital conflict
- women's isolation and lack of social support
- culture norms associated with abuse

This list gives me quite a bit to work with, unlike Carly Lightowler's article, "'Exploring the Temporal Association Between Young People's Alcohol Consumption Patterns and Violent Behavior" (2011). In it, Lightowler examines binge drinking and corollary violent behavior.

Advocates's purpose is to teach a broad audience about causes and effects in order raise awareness and hopefully minimize such behavior in the culture. Given the language used in the presentation, Advocates are writing for a broad audience, anyone interested in learning about gender-based violence and those who may want to teach others about it, too.