

# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## Presented to Murray Straus, PhD

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To Dr. Murray Straus,

For the past 30 years, you have been the pre-eminent researcher in the field of domestic violence. Your wide ranging contributions include *Behind Closed Doors*, the first book length report on the incidence of domestic violence in American families; and *Physical Violence in American Families*, an exhaustive compendium of studies on every aspect of the subject. You also developed the Conflict Tactics Scale, the most widely used and most sensitive instrument in the detection of domestic violence. Still more recently, you published an extensive cross cultural investigation of dating violence and its relation to corporal punishment in 19 countries; and your findings on abuse and dominance have been groundbreaking.

In a research area marked by politicization and controversy, you have courageously published your data and stood by them when pressured to not do so. You have chronicled the suppression of data on female violence. You have endured personal attacks on yourself and booing of your presentations. These came both from feminist activists and from religious conservatives. You have been labeled as anti-feminist by the former for presenting data on female violence, and as anti-family by the latter for arguing that reducing patriarchy would lower the incidence wife assault. This is the very reason why universities need to protect researchers doing bona fide studies on contentious issues. In steadfastly collecting and reporting your data, despite these assaults, you have been a role model for all social scientists who see their first allegiance as being to the truth of their discipline.

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