

Teen Economic Abuse:

How it impacts teen spending and saving

Economic abuse occurs when a partner tries to interfere with and control another's financial resources and economic opportunity. This can impact their education, ability to pursue or maintain a job, and their financial independence.

A 2021 survey of nearly 3,000 13-19 year olds across the U.S. highlighted an often overlooked element of teen dating violence - economic abuse.

What can this look like?

Being pressured, bullied, or coerced to:

- spend money on their partner when they don't want to
- give their partner money
- pay for most or all dates/activities
- spend their money as their partner decides or demands
- let their partner control their money

24%

of teens experiencing this type of abuse did not think their relationships were abusive



less than half think that restricting or controlling their partner's access to or how their partner spends money is dating violence

65%

of teens shared that their partner interfered with and sought to control how they spend their money

54%

said that their partner pressured them to do something they were uncomfortable with to earn money

19%

did what their partner said because they felt threatened, scared, or bullied

41%

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