The College Power and Control Wheel

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Emotional Abuse

Putting you down: Not letting you study or do assignments; Keeping you up all night before an exam; Calling you names; Making you feel guilty for things that are not your fault.

Isolation

Deleting contacts from your phone/email; Putting you down; Not letting you study or do assignments; Keeping you up all night before an exam; Calling you names; Making you feel guilty for things that are not your fault.

Intimidation

Making you afraid by using looks, actions, and gestures; Destroying your books, work, computer, etc; Displaying weapons; Sharing plans to harm you/others.

Coercion and Threats

Making and/or carrying out threats to hurt you; Threatening to transfer or leave school; Threatening to commit suicide; Making you do illegal activities; Forcing you to drink alcohol or use illicit drugs against your will.

Gender Privilege

Controlling how you spend your money; Having you pay his/her tuition, rent, etc; Controlling your financial aid, personal income, flex, meal plan, Crimson Cash, etc.

Economic Abuse

Demanding passwords to online accounts; Texting/calling you constantly; Monitoring your social network sites; Using tracking systems, GPS, and/or spyware to monitor your activity.

Technology

Treat you like you are inferior or his/her subordinate; Making all the big decisions; Defining rigid gender roles.

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Economic Abuse:

- Controlling income (Paychecks, financial aid, etc.)
- Having you pay for their books, tuition, rent, etc.
- Controlling your flex, CrimsonCash, meal plan, etc.
- Controlling how you spend your money

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Isolation

- Making you stay in your residence hall/apartment
- Deleting contacts from your phone
- Deactivating/limiting social network usage
- Not letting you go home for breaks
- Keeping you from friends, roommates, classmates, etc.
- Not letting you to join organizations or clubs
Minimizing, denying and blaming

- Partner denies abuse is taking place
- Partner blames you for the abuse (“You made me do this and now I could get kicked out of school because you get me angry and started this fight”)
- Partner minimizes extent of abuse (“I don’t hit you… that’s real abuse” or “I only slapped you”)

Gender Privilege

- Treating you like you are inferior or their subordinate
- Making all the big decisions
- Defining and requiring rigid gender roles