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With the increasing support gained for feminist movements in the late 20th and early 21st century, it might be sensible to think that the heavy discrimination, especially violence, against women might have decreased in today's society. However, this is merely the opposite of what is happening today. We live in a society with advanced technology and easier access to materials that can cause harm, such as acid and sedatives, and some men around the world choose to exert

their dominance with these products on women, and this is called toxic masculinity.

Toxic masculinity needs to be addressed because access to these modern devices (social media, etc.) gives men more opportunities to exert their dominance, and creates a society where women are perceived to be the "lower" gender. This can make society unsafe for both women and men, as men may be pressured into conducting toxic masculinity. The biggest thing that we can do to effectively prevent toxic masculinity is teaching boys at a young age that men and women are equal. It may not be important at that time to explain how men and women are physically different, but boys need to understand that they are equivalent to girls and that boys and girls have the same rights. Giving boys at this age the moral base for what they think is right will help them make better decisions in the future. When these boys grow up and start getting into relationships with women, this would be the time to teach these men how to behave with their partner. Provided the given moral base that the boys have learned (boys and girls are equal), teaching these men how to treat women would not be very hard. These new men need to receive advice that they should respect their partner and make sure that she is treated with her consent. Teaching boys the power of consent is needed as this is an important aspect of a healthy relationship: having consent between both partners for a mutual activity can teach men that others have a voice too and that their voice is just as powerful as their own

If we start teaching boys at an early age about how to treat the other gender, then we can ensure a much safer society where women are not constantly targeted.