

# 40+ Reasons a Woman Doesn't Leave Her Abusive Partner

1. She's tried to leave before
2. Her partner found her before
3. The children
4. The money
5. The fear
6. Relatives blame her
7. Therapists blame her
8. Police blame her
9. Clergy blame her
10. Her batterer blames her
11. She blames herself
12. No one believes she is being abused
13. She doesn't think she is being abused
14. Her partner was abused as a child
15. Her partner says, "I Love You."
16. Her partner says, "I'm Sorry."
17. Her partner says, "I'm the best thing that's ever happened to you."
18. Her partner says, "I'll kill you if you leave."
19. Her partner says, "I'll take the children."
20. Her partner says, "I'll kill myself if you leave."
21. She'll be homeless
22. The Shelters are full
23. Religious beliefs
24. She loves her partner, not the abuse
25. Her partner loves her
26. The children love them both
27. Her father abused her
28. Her mother abused her
29. Her partner is an alcoholic
30. She can't speak English
31. Embarrassment
32. Her partner is a public figure
33. She's a public figure
34. She's afraid of the unknown
35. She's isolated
36. She's depressed
37. It's not the right time yet
38. She's never told anyone
39. Her partner threatens to expose her as a lesbian
40. She doesn't have papers to be in this country
41. She believes the welfare system will abuse her worse
42. She feels she had to "go along" with it, try to put it behind her and forget about it.
43. Leaving doesn't guarantee safety

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