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The RESPECT Hotline

Instructions: You're a volunteer at a teen dating abuse call center called the RESPECT Hotline. Choose two of the callers below and on the next page, write a thorough, thoughtful response to each.



"My boyfriend used to be so nice to me, but lately he's changed. He makes jokes about my weight and calls me stupid, even in front of his friends. When I get upset, he laughs and says I'm too sensitive. If he loves me, why is he so mean?"

"My girlfriend is so jealous. She's always accusing me of cheating on her, even though I never have. If I even say hello to another girl, she goes nuts. Today she threw my phone against a wall just because she saw a text from someone she didn't know. Is this normal?"

"My boyfriend keeps asking me to text him sexy pictures of myself, even though he knows I don't want to. He says if I really loved him, I would do it. Should I do it?"

"My sister used to have so many friends until she started going out with her boyfriend. Now it's like he owns her. He decides who she sees and when, and even what she wears. The other day I saw bruises on her arm. She said she bumped into the door, but I know she's lying. What should I do?"

"Whenever my girlfriend doesn't know where I am, she blows up my phone. Lately, she's even started looking for me when I'm out with my friends. She says it's just because she loves me and worries about me, but I'm sick of her stalking me. Tonight I told her I was going to break up with her if this didn't stop, and she said she'd hurt herself if I did. Now I feel trapped."

"I love my boyfriend, but he's constantly checking my phone and my Facebook page. I've asked him to stop, but he says I shouldn't mind if I have nothing to hide. Is it wrong to want some privacy?"