

## Sexual Violence, Victim Advocacy, and Republican Criminology

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We are grateful for the thoughtful responses to our study of the Washington State Community Protection Act (Braithwaite & Pettit 1994; Daly 1994). These responses underscore the importance of pushing beyond our case study and point to a variety of promising ways to determine the extent to which the problems we uncover in Washington are typical and/or idiosyncratic.

Regardless of how this work proceeds, it will be important to keep in mind the important distinction introduced by Professor Daly between grassroots *victim-centered* advocacy and the victim advocacy of academic feminists. Our focus was entirely on the former, because we saw no evidence that academic feminists played a role in the political activity leading to the CPA. Indeed, only one of this diverse group of working-class and middle-class women was inclined to think of herself as a feminist. It remains an intriguing question whether an alliance between victim and victim-centered advocates would alter the tendency we identify for the politics of victimization to draw upon, and contribute to, a punitive climate that is a threat to civil liberties and to the values of republican criminology.

Finally Professor Daly seems to think that we believe that feminists have widely associated themselves with republican criminology. Our reference was, however, entirely to the affinities she identified in her own article (Braithwaite & Daly 1994). She knows much better than do we how many feminists share this position.

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