



## U.S. v. Morrison, 529 U.S. 598, 632, 629 n.4 (2000)

Petitioner victim brought an action against respondent offender under the Violence Against Women Act, which provided a federal civil remedy for the victims of gender-motivated violence. The Court affirmed the decision of the lower court and held that gender-motivated crimes of violence were not considered economic activity, and therefore, the Commerce Clause did not vest Congress with the authority to enact a statute regulating such.

### **The Court Cited Statistics and Testimony Gathered by the AMA**

"An estimated 4 million American women are battered each year by their husbands or partners." H. R. Rep. No. 103-395, at 26 (citing Council on Scientific Affairs, American Medical Assn., Violence Against Women: Relevance for Medical Practitioners, 267 JAMA 3184, 3185 (1992) . . . S. Hearing 103-878, at 7-11 (testimony of American Medical Assn. president-elect Robert McAfee).