Burt was the first to use the term “rape myth” which she described in her classic article. She defined myths as “prejudicial, stereotyped, or gales beliefs about rape, rape victims, and rapists.” Using the scale she designed (Rape Myth Acceptance Scale), Burt found that the single strongest predictor of rape is the acceptance of interpersonal violence. This includes the belief that “force and coercion are legitimate ways to gain compliance, and specifically that they are legitimate in intimate relationships” (Burt, 1980, p. 218.)