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If I Can't Have You, Nobody Can: Possessiveness, Separation, and Escalation in Relationship-Connected Cases

A descriptive study of the recorded pathways in which possessiveness, control, separation, jealousy, or an elimination motive co-occur in RelationWatch public cases. The title names a recognizable pattern; it does not attribute that statement to every person or establish causation.

Fixed cohort: 565 verified public cases

Markers overlap; counts must not be added

565

Cases in this Brief

Specific fixed cohort, not all public cases

449

Recorded jealousy

Within the selected cohort

330

Divorce / separation

Recorded contributing factor

129

Three or more markers

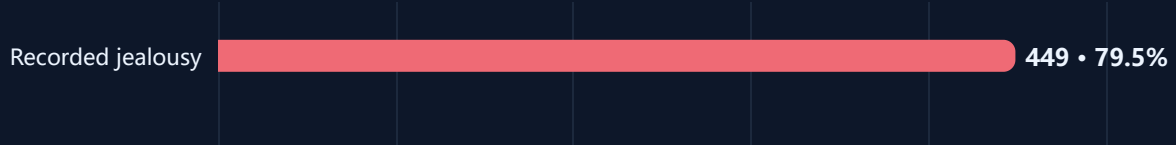
Multiple recorded pressures in one case

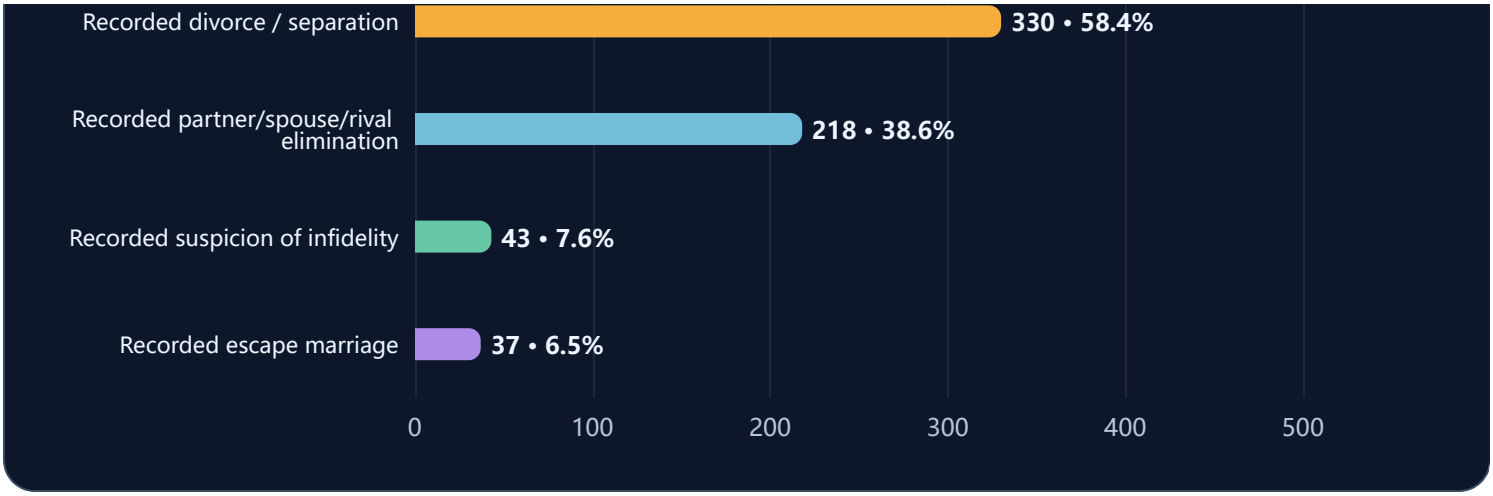
How this cohort was selected

This Brief includes verified public cases with a recorded **Control/domination** motive and at least one additional recorded marker: jealousy; divorce or separation; elimination of a spouse, romantic partner, or rival; escape from marriage; or suspicion of infidelity. This is a transparent research filter, not a finding that every included incident had the same motive or that every person used the words in the title.

Overlapping recorded markers

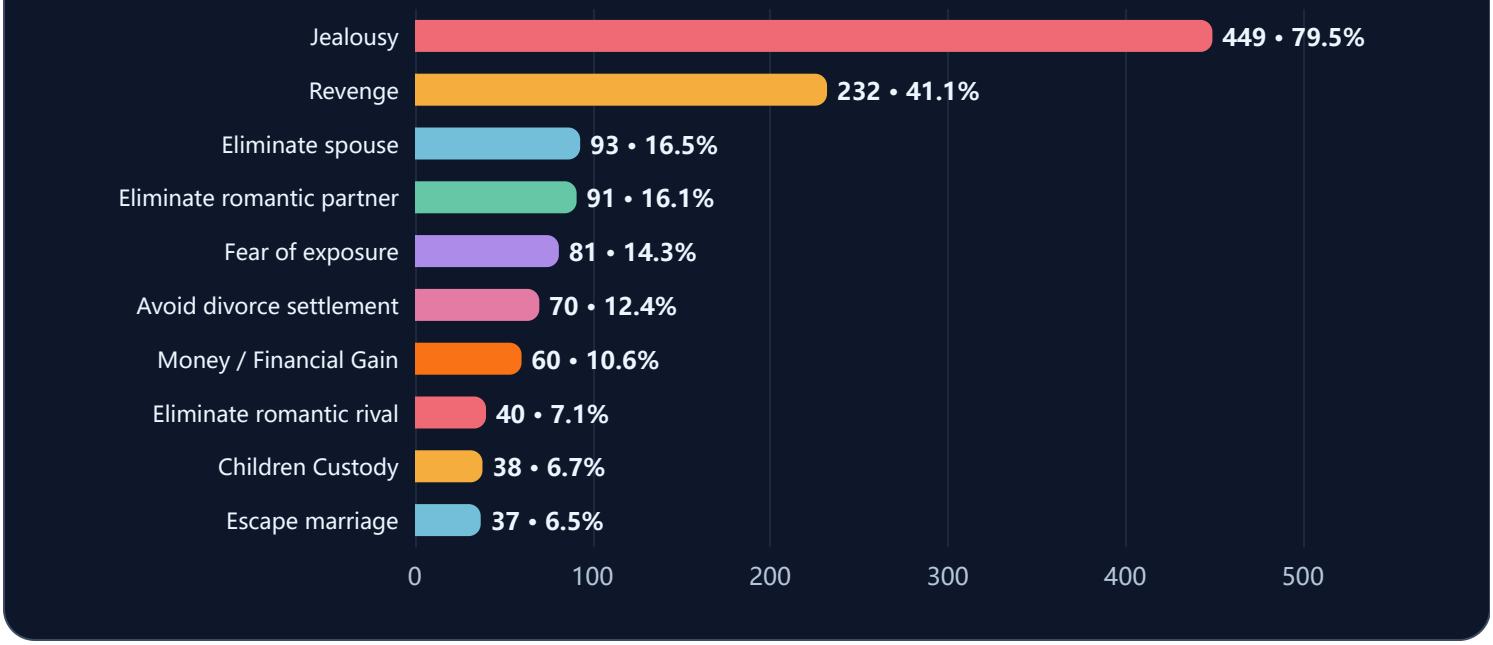
These filters selected the cohort and may occur together in the same case.





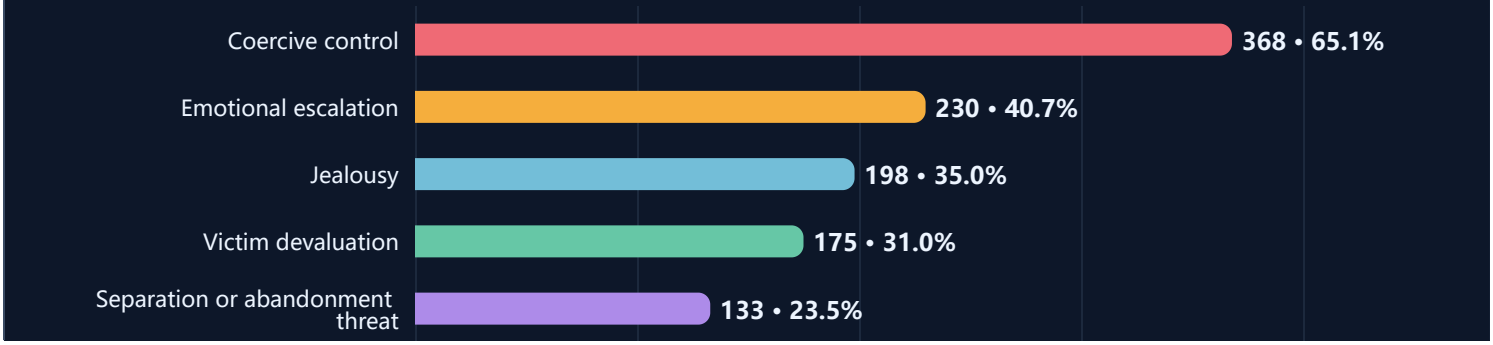
Other recorded possible motives

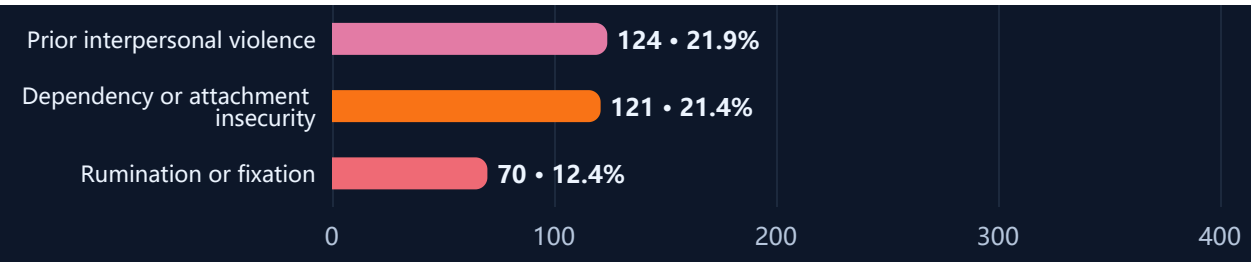
Additional motive labels in the cohort, excluding the required control/domination marker.



Behavioral signals recorded

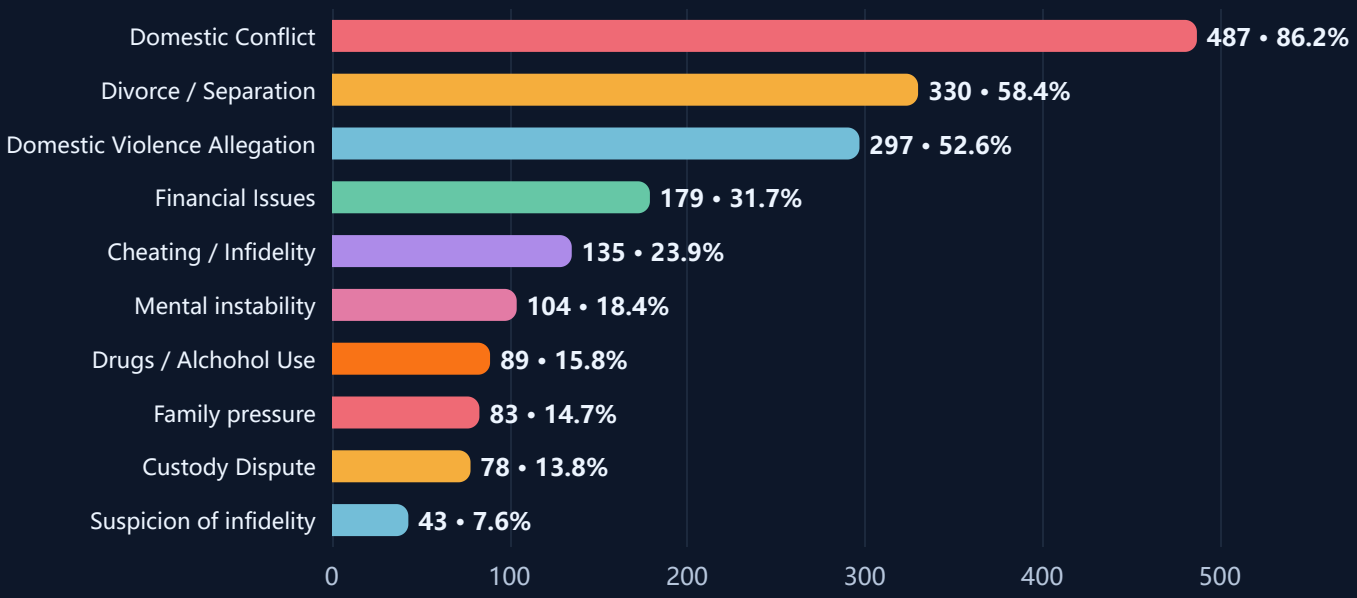
Public psychology observations within the selected cases. These are recorded patterns, not clinical diagnoses.





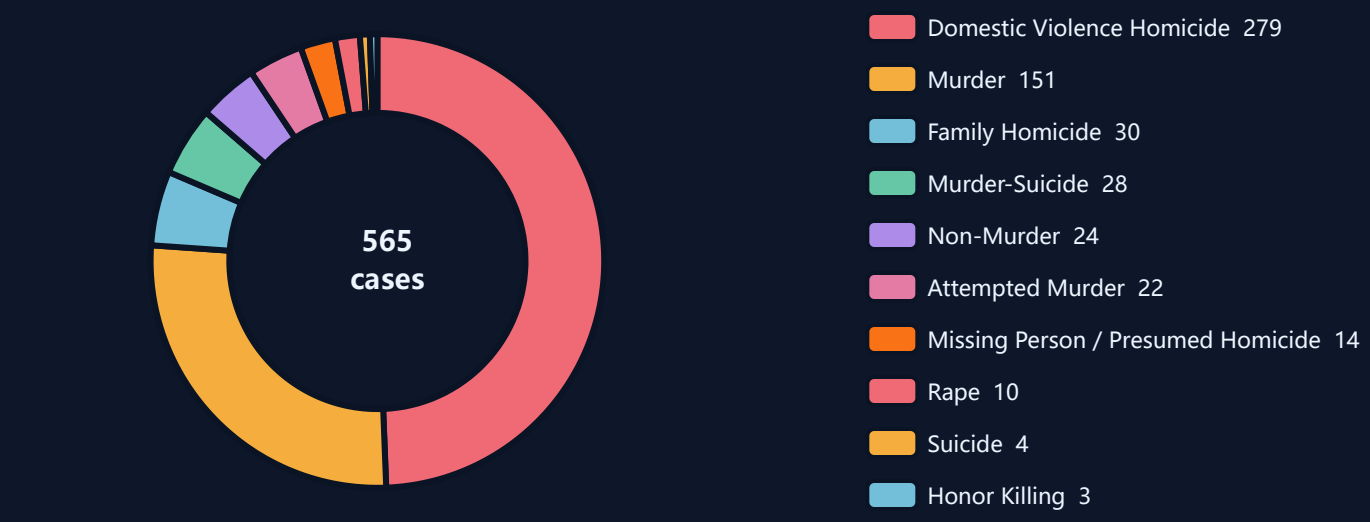
Contributing factors

Recorded context that may coexist with possible motives; these are not causal conclusions.



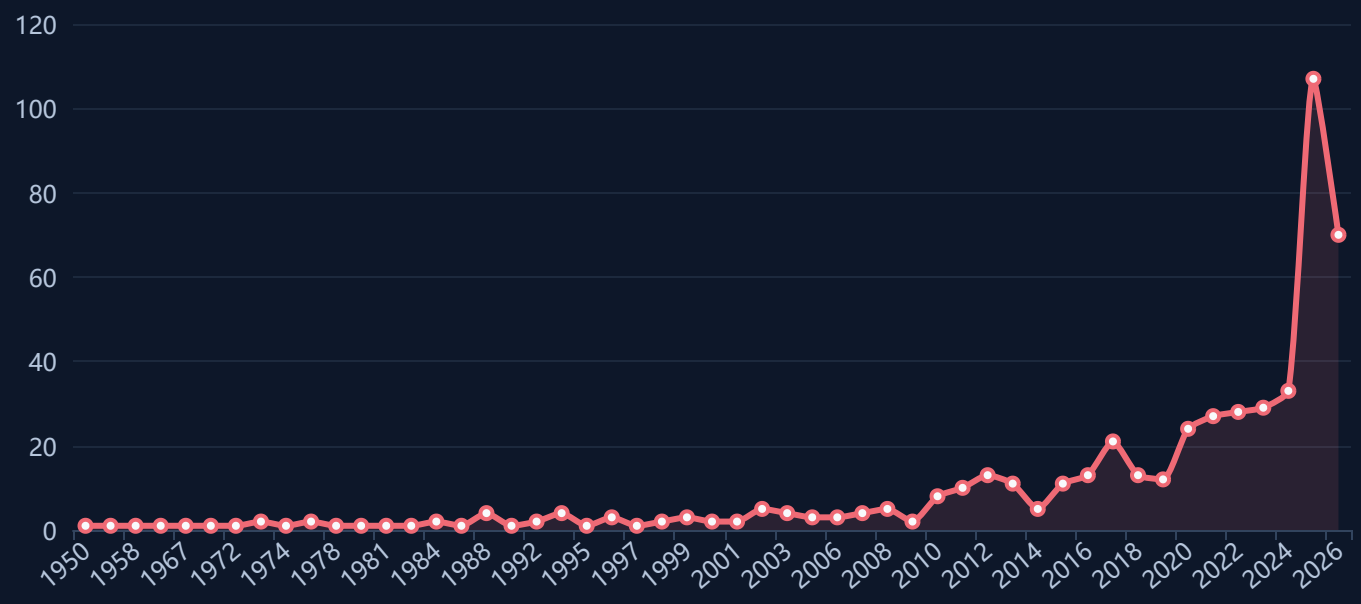
Incident classifications

Case classification composition in this cohort only.



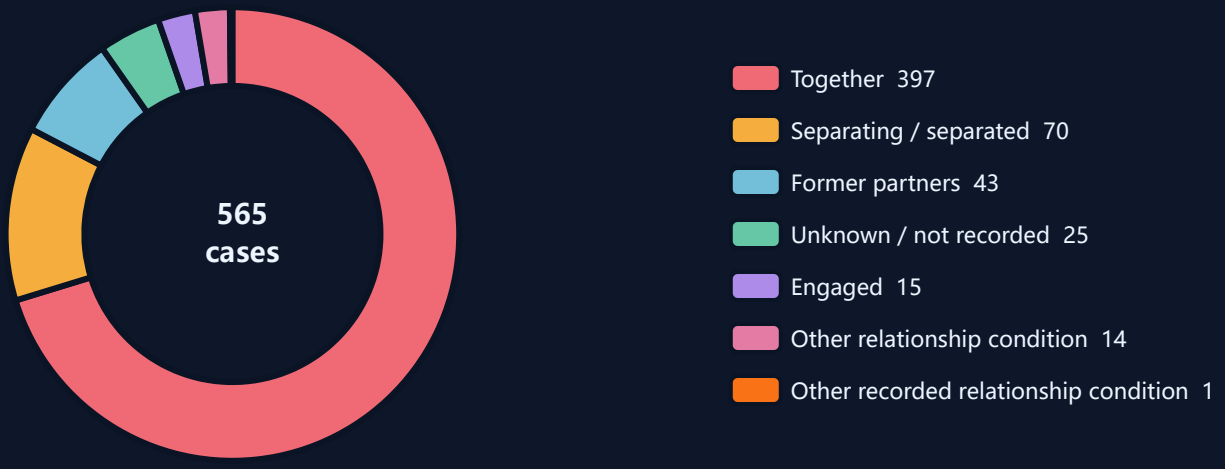
Recorded cases by incident year

Dataset coverage by incident year; it reflects records gathered from publicly available sources.



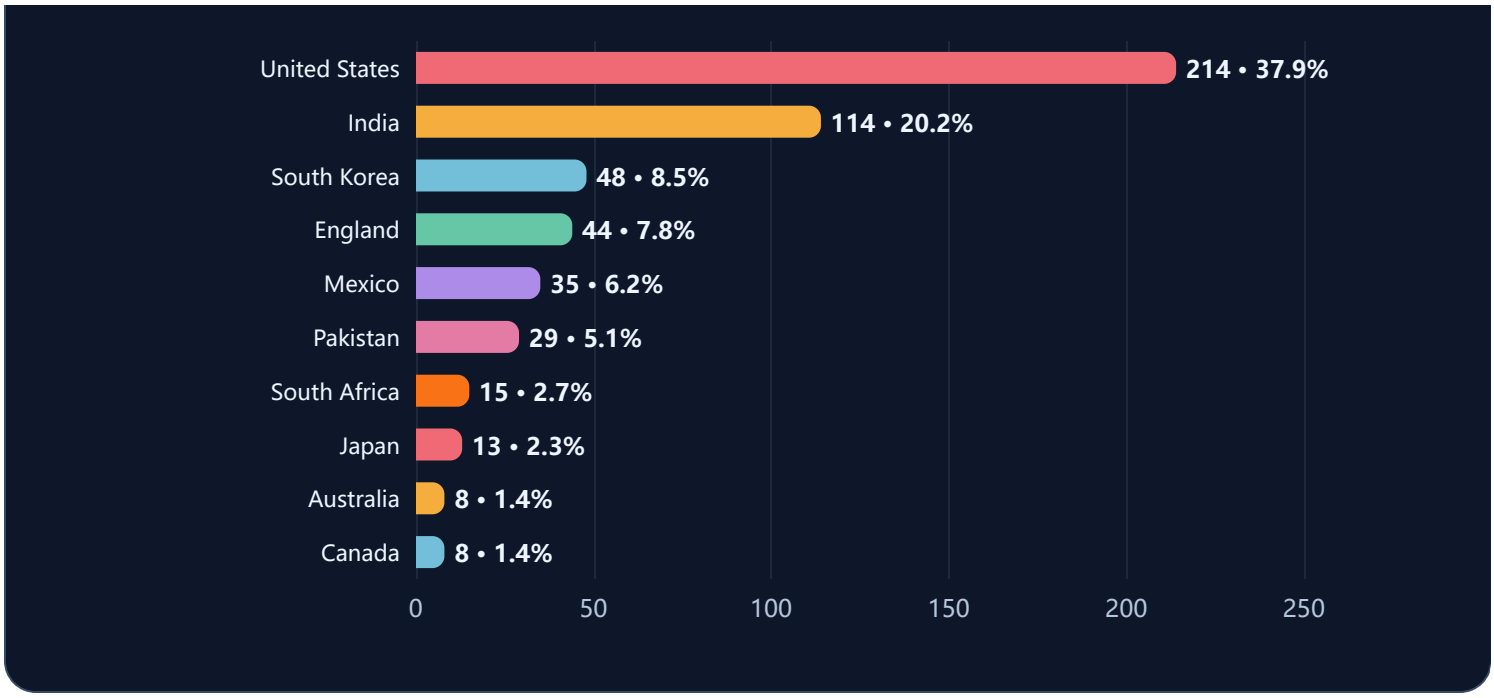
Relationship context

Recorded relationship conditions among selected cases.



Countries represented

Dataset composition, not a national comparison or prevalence estimate.


United States
214 • 37.9%
India
114 • 20.2%
South Korea
48 • 8.5%
England
44 • 7.8%
Mexico
35 • 6.2%
Pakistan
29 • 5.1%
South Africa
15 • 2.7%
Japan
13 • 2.3%
Australia
8 • 1.4%
Canada
8 • 1.4%
0
50
100
150
200
250

Examples from the selected public-case cohort

These case links are examples of the recorded filter combination. They do not present a quotation, establish a single motive, or imply that one case represents all others.

Ashley Flynn Allegedly Murdered by Caleb Flynn, Tip City, Ohio, United States

Recorded markers: jealousy, divorce / separation

Tonya Huey, Linda Koehler, and others Allegedly Murdered by Jesse Huey, Strafford, Missouri, United States

Recorded markers: jealousy, divorce / separation, recorded elimination motive

Jack Lindsey Allegedly Murdered by Karen Lindsey, Morgan County, Georgia, United States

Recorded markers: jealousy, divorce / separation, recorded elimination motive

Cynthia Stack, Sean Stack, and others Allegedly Murdered by Amelia Bissoon, Joshua Ramsawmy, and others, Orlando, Florida, United States

Recorded markers: divorce / separation, recorded elimination motive

Stephanie Scott, Marilyn Scott, and others Disappearance Involving Vincent Standford, Steve Stanford, and others, Leeton, New South Wales, Australia

Recorded markers: jealousy, recorded elimination motive

Rhonda Casto, Julia Simmons, and others Allegedly Murdered by Steven Nichols and Landi Yin Yan, Hood River, Oregon, United States

Recorded markers: jealousy, divorce / separation, recorded elimination motive

How to read this Brief

- The title is a thematic shorthand, not a reported statement in every case.
- Possible motives, behavioral patterns, and contributing factors are distinct and can overlap.
- RelationWatch records publicly available reporting. The charts describe this fixed cohort, not population prevalence or causation.
- Missing data do not mean an absent motive, behavior, or relationship condition.