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Once upon a time, the search for love involved long walks on the beach, chance encounters over lattes, and awkward blind dates - but in 2023, it's all about swiping on dating apps faster than you can say "ghosted". While social media has transformed the way we connect, it has also generated a disturbing trend: rising online forms of dating violence. In fact, a staggering 75% of individuals using dating apps have reported experiencing some form of abuse while searching for a physical or romantic connection. My research explores the sociocultural complexities that fuel the perpetuation of dating violence and is one of the first to investigate perspective-taking and its potential to prevent harmful behaviours. It's time we shed light on the harsh realities of dating violence, especially in a world where catfishing is more common than catching feelings. Let's swipe right on safety and left on abusive behaviour.

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