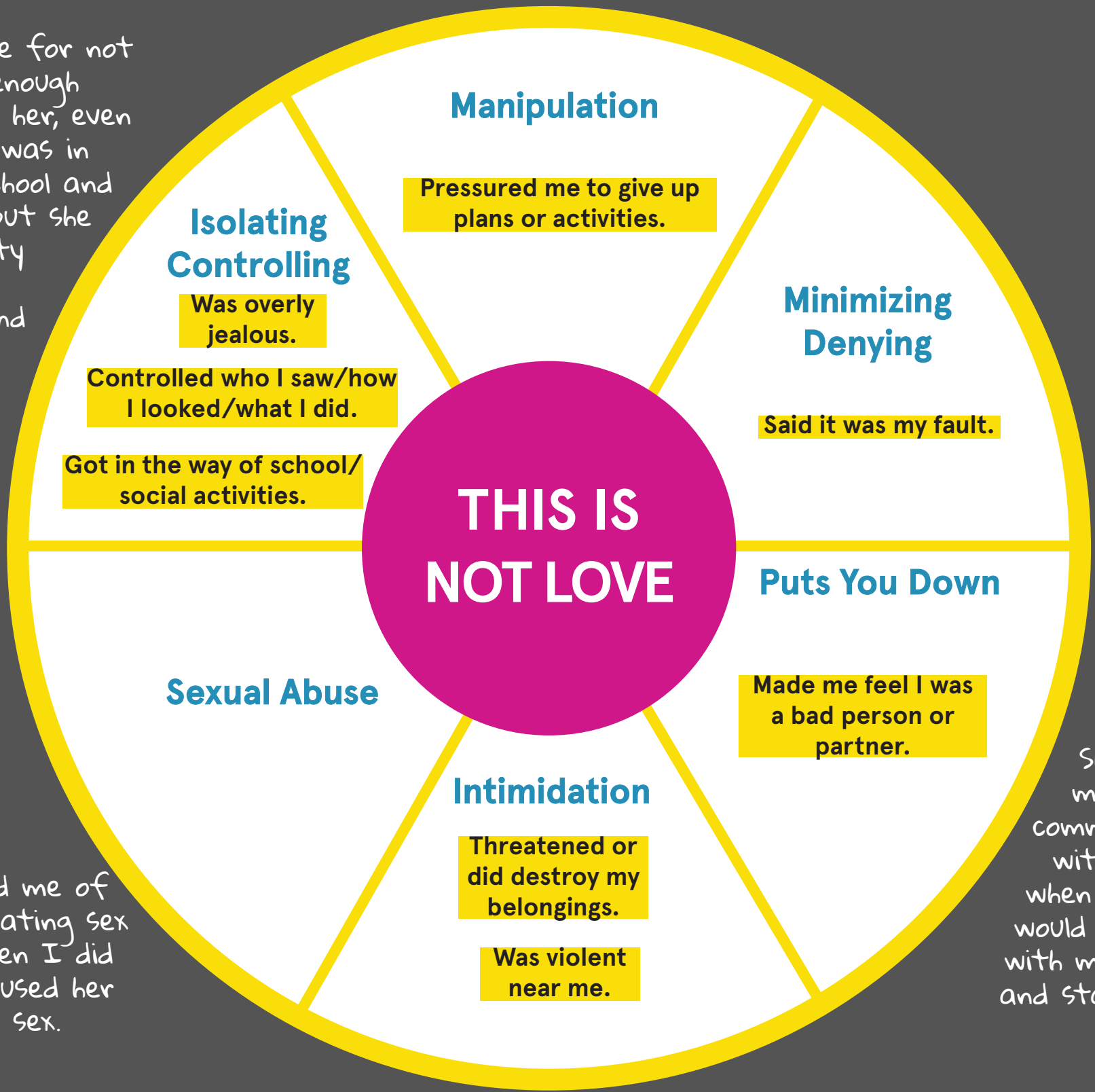


Female, 31, Maine
AGE DURING RELATIONSHIP: 29 to 31 years old
 Gender of intimate partner: Female

Accused me of not loving her, said I didn't want to spend time with her. Made me feel guilty for wearing makeup when I went out with friends. Got angry when I read in bed.

Blamed me for not spending enough time with her, even though I was in nursing school and working. But she would party with her friends and not come home.



She blamed me for not communicating with her, but when I did she would get upset with my feelings and start yelling at me.

She threw items around our apartment and slammed doors. She broke a cabinet door and wooden hangers. She would yell really loudly and say 'f*** you'.

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The abuse was a cycle. We would have a fight, a period of forgiving, a honeymoon phase, and then the tension would build again. One night I disassociated from myself. I didn't know who I was or what I liked.