

Brian's Actions on the Wheel

Do you see how Brian's actions show up on the wheel? Let's examine the wheel tactic by tactic.

Examples of "using intimidation" include finger pointing and Brian slamming his fist on the table.

The whole scene is "emotionally abusive." We see the impact on Gail when she says, "I am just so exhausted."

Examples of "using isolation" arise when Brian questions Gail about who she was working with. He doesn't want her working with male co-workers.

Examples of "minimizing, denying, blaming" include Brian saying, "You're late. You couldn't call?" and "When you're not where you say you're gonna be, I worry."

Brian saying, "A man's got a right to know where his wife is going to be." is an example of "using male privilege."

We see economic abuse when Gail is earning all of the money, but Brian is making the decisions about how to spend it.

Brian uses coercion and threats when he says, "Don't you ever go behind my back again." The knife beside the pizza box could be an implied threat.

Using children is the only tactic we don't see. We don't know if they have children.