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## 4 Brilliant Ways to Respond to Someone Gaslighting You, According to a Therapist

Gaslighting can often leave us speechless with shock – but there are four assertive ways to respond.

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There's nothing more frustrating than people who try to gaslight you.

The form of <u>emotional abuse</u>, where someone seeks to make a person doubt their own sanity, is something experienced by many – particularly women, who, according to a 2018 <u>policing report</u>, account for 95% of all <u>gaslighting</u> victims.

Being able to respond to <u>gaslighting</u> can be just as tricky as identifying it – and one person highlighting the best way to respond to this form of abuse is Dr Pria.

The clinical <u>psychologist</u> and popular <u>TikToker</u> has shared four assertive responses to people who try to <u>gaslight</u> you in a video that has been viewed over 864,000 times.

In the <u>clip</u>, Dr Pria says the first assertive response people should say is "I know what I experienced."

Next, she says, "We remember that differently" is a good way to respond to someone who is <u>gaslighting</u> you, followed by "I hear you, but that's not my experience."

Lastly, Dr Pria says, "My emotions are not up for debate" is the fourth and final assertive response worth using to shut down <u>gaslighters</u>.

The video, which has been liked by over 103,000 people, saw many take to the comments to share their experiences being <u>gaslit</u>, while sharing the <u>phrases</u> they use.

One commented that her go-to response is "This conversation is over" while another wrote: "You can't tell me how I felt".

"The phrase I like to use is 'We remember that differently'", another commented. "This usually shuts them down."

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"Currently making flashcards so I can memorise these responses," one said. "I freeze up and lose my train of thought every time I get gaslit by the narc."

"Definitely going to be implementing these phrases going forward," another wrote. "I <u>experience</u> this so frequently and I never know how best to respond but this has <u>changed</u> things for me."

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Date: November 16, 2023 at 8:07:18 AM CST To: Andria Bender <u><Andria.Bender@grimescountytexas.gov></u> Subject: Re: Karen Robinson case closure letter

Good morning Ms. Bender,

I checked with HPD records clerk Cheryl Bell in regards to submitting a new records request, and she contacted the Walker Co DA office to confirm that the case is now closed.

This was her response:

"According to the Walker Co DA's office, that case was referred to the Grimes Co Da and the disposition is unknown."

I told her I would follow up with you to see if you knew the status or next steps to confirm closure.

Thank you, Jane

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2023, at 9:44 AM, Andria Bender <<u>Andria.Bender@grimescountytexas.gov></u> wrote:

Ms. McCullah,

Please find attached a copy of the letter being sent by my administrative assistant to Judge Ridley, the Walker County District Attorney's office, and Inv. Kevin Hammond at the Huntsville Police Department via fax.

Andria Bender

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