Sexual Violence on Campus

Trigger Warning Natalie Baysinger

Prevalence

Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted.

In college (18-24):

13% of all students

males are 78% more likely to experience while females are 20% less likely than non students.

2 sexual assaults for every 1 robbery for college women.

More than 50% of assaults occur in either August, September, October, or November (Red Zone)



Undergrad:

26.4% of female students

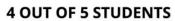
6.8% of male students

Graduate:

9.7% of females and 2.5% of males

Lack of Reports

20% of female student victims (18-24) report to law enforcement

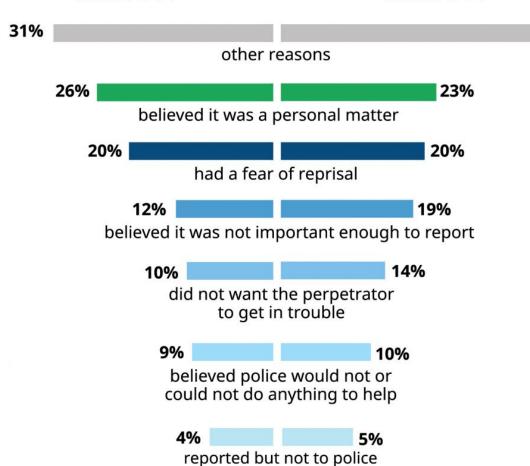


females 18-24

2 OUT OF 3 NON-STUDENTS

females 18-24

35%



Policies in Place

- ★ Clery Act: 1990
 - "The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to report campus crime data, support victims of violence, and publicly outline the policies and procedures they have put into place to improve campus safety."
 - Jeanne Clery at Lehigh University
 - Josoph Henry was originally supposed to get the death penalty but agreed to drop all appeals in exchange for life imprisonment without parole.
 - "But after Jeanne's murder, the Clerys learned there had been 38 violent crimes including rapes, robberies and assaults — on the Lehigh campus in the three years before her death."
 - Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act
 - Been amended 5x, last in 2013: statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; policies & procedures for annual reporting
 - Title IX of the Civil Rights Act: 1972
 - "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."
 - Take Back The Night & Rape Crisis Movements
 - Feminists in 1970 lobbied Congress to add sex as a protected class category. Title IX was an act to follow the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
 - Only for federally funded education programs
 - Signed by President Richard M. Nixon



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Resources on Campus

SOS Advocates	302-831-1001
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Student Wellness & Health Promotion 302-831-3457

Center for Counseling & Student Development 302-831-2141

Student Health Services 302-831-2226

Women's Health Clinic 302-831-8035

UD Police Victim Services 302-831-2222

Office of the Dean of Students 302-831-8939

Residence Life & Housing 302-831-HOME

Student Services for Athletes 302-831-4294

Office of Student Conduct 302-831-2117

Office of Graduate & Professional Education 302-831-8697

Office of Equity and Inclusion 302-831-8063

Failures of the Policies

- Does not get rid of stigma
- Not always enforced by required reporters
- Makes students scared to disclose out of fear of reporting
- Some people don't know they are mandatory reporters
- Does not address the root of the problem
- Clery map is unclear
- Title IX does not directly address SA
- Title IX does not work for non-federally funded programs
- Less than 1% of assaults actually lead to a conviction



Proposals

Policies mandating actions to increase awareness of issue.

Increase discussion, freshman orientation requirements.

Increase awareness of resources.

Policies to require more resources on campus; x amount of advocates per y students.

Required study in an equity, rights, or violences awareness class (Graduation Req.).

More enforcement for the issues that lead to assault (bottom of pyramid).

We Will Rise



National Parks & Civil Rights

A few things to consider...



How does the lack of awareness and lack of assistance affect survivors?

How does it affect nonsurvivors?

How does it affect the atmosphere of a campus overall?

How could changing these conditions benefit individuals/the institution?

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