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*Partners in Prevention: Engaging the Campus Community to Prevent Gender-Based Violence*

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DIVISION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION
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Valencia College Marketing Campaign

- Launched in 2016
- Focused on active role for community members
- Involved a variety of physical and digital tactics
- Rolled out across all campuses
- Included environmental strategies
  - Staircases
  - Parking spaces
  - Elevators
  - Building supports
  - Sidewalks
Silvia Zenteno

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
IT'S ON US
It’s On Us Engaging Men: National Campus Sexual Assault Attitudes and Behaviors Research Report
Founded in 2014 as a White House initiative by President Obama and then–Vice President Biden, It’s On Us is now an initiative of Civic Nation, a nonprofit ecosystem for high-impact organizing and education initiatives working to build a more inclusive, equitable America. It’s On Us’s mission is to build the movement to combat campus sexual assault by engaging all students, with an emphasis on young men, in prevention education, and activating the largest student organizing program of its kind. For more information on It’s On Us, please visit itsonus.org.
Sexual violence can affect both a student’s physical and mental health, which can impact their ability to learn, socialize, and develop professionally.

Sexual violence is the most underreported crime on campuses. With high prevalence rates and low reporting rates, comprehensive prevention programs that change the culture on college and university campuses around the country are extremely important.
Methodology

This research used an exploratory qualitative method in order to reach current men in college and have candid conversations about their attitudes towards sexual assault on campus. This data collection method was chosen because of the sensitivity of the topic of this research and the need for depth in information as opposed to breadth of responses.

Participants were recruited to join this study and were specifically screened to have a variety of characteristics of interest to the study.

The study recruited men from a variety of demographic backgrounds and college types. Interviews were an hour long and were conducted by Chris Hauck of HauckEye, a market research firm.

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Key Findings

MEN AREN'T CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM
Most participants were unaware of the extent of sexual violence on campus or how it affects them. While some schools have had high-profile incidents, several respondents to this study thought it was an isolated issue. Framing the issue as solely a Greek problem means that many participants did not think the issue affected them or their school.

MEN NEED NON-MALE FRIENDS AND ROLE MODELS
The respondents most attuned to the issue of sexual violence had strong friendships with women on campus. Co-ed sports teams, for example, foster an equitable and inclusive environment on campus between participants across the gender spectrum, leading to less objectification. By contrast, fraternities incubate toxic masculinity.

CURRENT TRAININGS ARE INADEQUATE
The vast majority of participants reported that the prevention training they received, often online-only, was boring and ineffective. Positive prevention education experiences were in-person and included an interactive component like a certification. One student spoke highly of a comedian who came to campus and did a stand-up set about her own assault.

MEN DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP
The men in the study expressed a desire to help but didn't feel that they had the right tools to intervene. They expressed interest in training that would teach them how to intervene and deescalate in sexual violence situations. The majority see themselves as moral people and want to do the right thing, but they just don't know how.
RECOMMENDATIONS

USE CREATIVE TRAINING METHODS
Try more creative training methods, such as bringing a comedian to campus. Several respondents also reported that certifications for completing training helped them feel more involved. Most respondents reported that their prevention training was boring and did not feel relevant to their campus lives.

TRAIN IN–PERSON
Whenever possible hold trainings in–person to increase comprehension. Participants reported that online trainings were unengaging and ineffective. Several said that they barely paid attention and passed the requirements easily.

COMBAT ASSUMPTIONS
Students at smaller universities, commuter campuses, and religious schools did not think sexual violence was a major issue on their campus. Some also saw violence as solely a fraternity problem. Combating these assumptions is key to helping men realize the extent of the problem and need for intervention.

BUILD CONNECTIONS
Men with strong ties to women and other non–male identifying people in their life felt more responsibility towards others and anger at other men who perpetrate violence. Ensuring that men, women, and gender non–conforming students are fully integrated on campus helps establish that non–male identifying students are seen as more than objects.
CONCLUSION

Further Research

This research has been incredibly valuable to IOU’s work, and we view this as a jumping off point for further research.

There has never been a nationally representative survey and/or research project conducted on college student experiences, attitudes, and behaviors as it relates to campus sexual assault prevention efforts. IOU aims to build on this research and conduct such a survey if funding allows.

“Sometimes you just need the perspective of an older man on campus. It wasn’t like I was going to parties and planning to get some girl drunk and maybe have sex with her. I knew not to do that, but some dude might not. He might need someone to say, hey, that’s a bad idea. Don’t do that.”

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