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"Society teaches 'don't get raped' rather than 'don't rape.'"

#### Definition

-Hilary Beaumont

"Rape culture is a term that was coined by feminists in the United States in the 1970s. It was designed to show the ways in which society blamed victims of sexual assault and normalized male sexual violence" Emilie Buchwald, "Transforming a Rape Culture"

"a complex set of beliefs that encourage male sexual aggression and supports violence against women. It is a society where violence is seen as sexy and sexuality as violent" (Buchwald)



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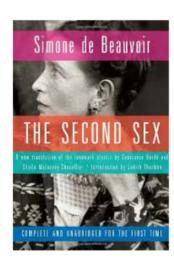






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#### WHY DO PEOPLE RAPE?

"I THINK IN GENERAL IF YOU WANT TO GET THE SIMPLEST PERSPECTIVE ON IT, MALES USE VIOLENCE TO CONTROL FEMALES" (MARY DICKSON, PBS.ORG)

- POWER COMPLEX
- NEED FOR CONTROL
- NOT MOTIVATED BY SEXUAL ATTRACTION
- SEEN IN PRISONS WITH MALE INMATES
- POWER OVER INDIVIDUALS IS A REASON WHY RAPE CULTURE PERSISTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES



#### Cases

#### UNC, Chapel Hill

"'Did I lead him on? Have I hooked up with him before? Do I often have one-night stands? Did I even say no? What is my sexual history? How many men have I slept with? I was treated like a suspect'" (Karimi & Simon, CNN)

#### University of Richmond

"'I thought it was reasonable for him to penetrate you for a few more minutes if he was going to finish'" (Carreras, The Huffington Post)

#### Vanderbilt University

"'Please do not use my absence as an excuse for leniency, as it in no way diminishes the profound and insidious impact of {him} on me and my life'" (Associated Press, *NY Post*)



## Is every rapist a serial rapist?

"Studies that use long follow-up periods tend to show alarming rates of sexual reoffending among rapists" (Lisak & Miller, 74)

#### One size does not fit all

"4 out 5 college rapists were not repeat offenders (Kingkade, *The Huffington* 





#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

- DR. PHIL
- DANIEL DRILL-MELLUM
  - ABBY HONOLD

#### "THIS IS EMBARRASSING FOR YOU" (DR. PHIL)

- POLICE OFFICERS BLAME ABBY'S RAPE ON HER
- EXAMPLE OF RAPE CULTURE BECAUSE MALE POLICE OFFICERS MOCK A RAPE





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