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RAPE

Culture

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Don't teach me
how to dress...

Teach them not
to RAPE!

DON'T
~~GET~~
RAPED

Not asking for it



Not asking for it



NOT asking for it

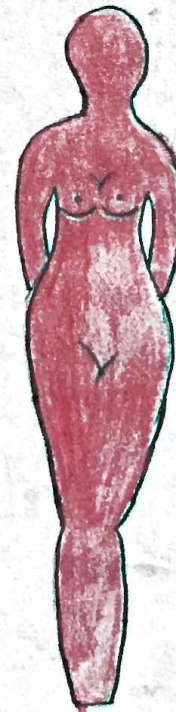


Not asking for it



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Stop
Victim
Blaming



Not asking for it



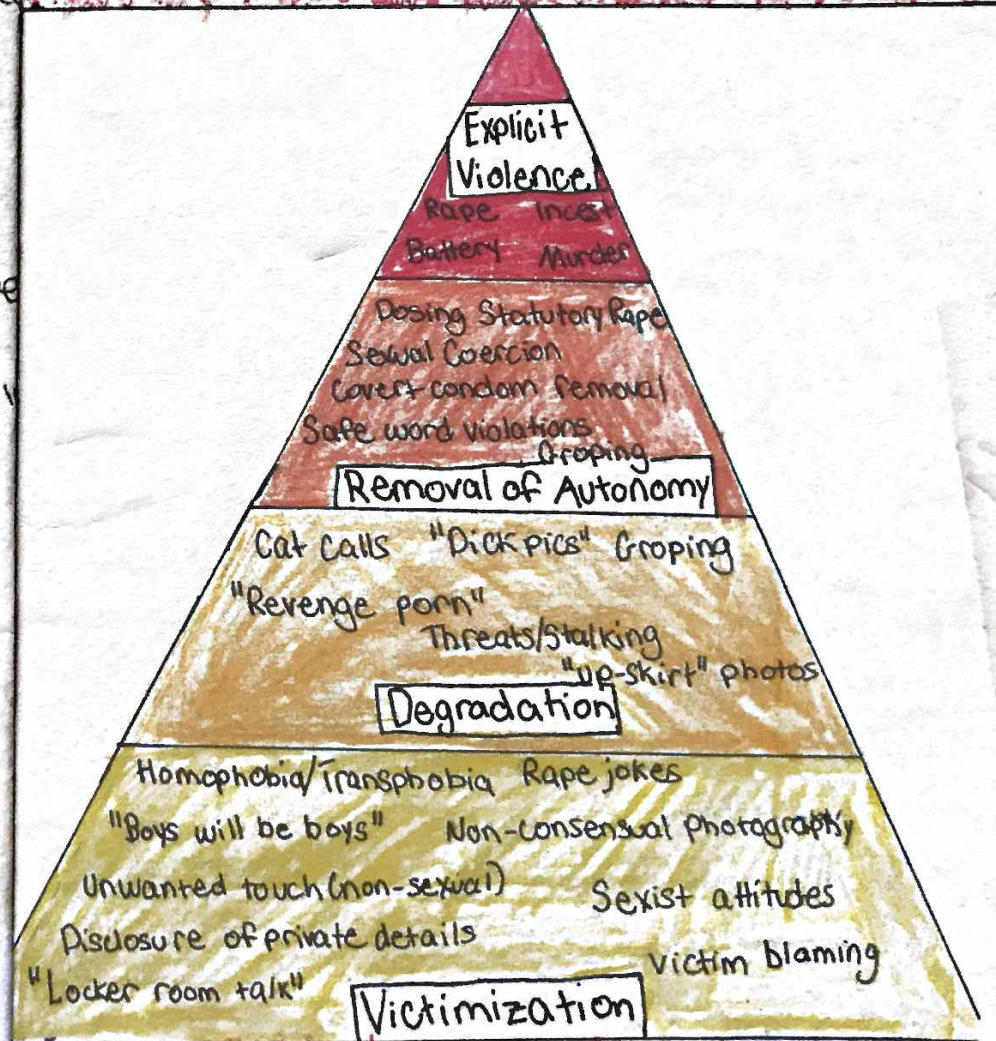
Is he asking to get tackled? He is wearing a football jersey. Look at the way he is dressed.

NO! Obviously he is not asking to be tackled simply because he is wearing a jersey!

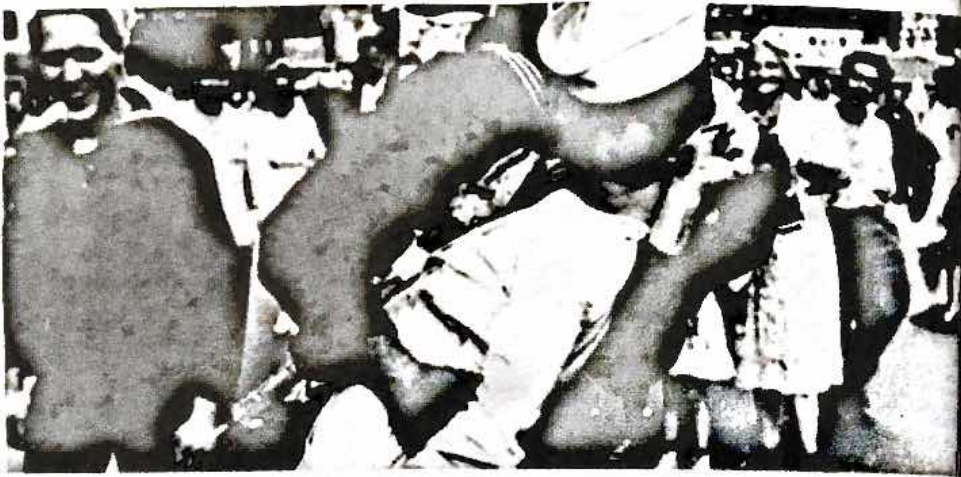
So if it is so easy to understand that it is not their fault if they get tackled, why is it her fault → if she gets raped for what she is wearing



This is



Rape Culture



"THAT MAN WAS VERY STRONG. I WASN'T KISSING HIM. HE WAS KISSING ME."

.....
So wrote Greta Zimmer Friedman, recalling the day in 1945 when a drunken sailor named George Mendonsa sexually assaulted her in Times Square. Such incidents happen all the time; though of course not many enter our cultural consciousness as iconic (and widely misinterpreted) photographs.

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It's happening right in front of us all the time.
It's time we pay attention.

Toxic masculinity

"Bros before Hoes"

"Don't be a pussy"

"Grow some balls"

"What a fag"

"Do something"



"Be Cool"

"Stop with the emotions"

"Get laid"

"Nobody likes a tattletale"

"Pick yourself up"

"Be a MAN"

"Don't cry"

"Don't let a woman run your life"

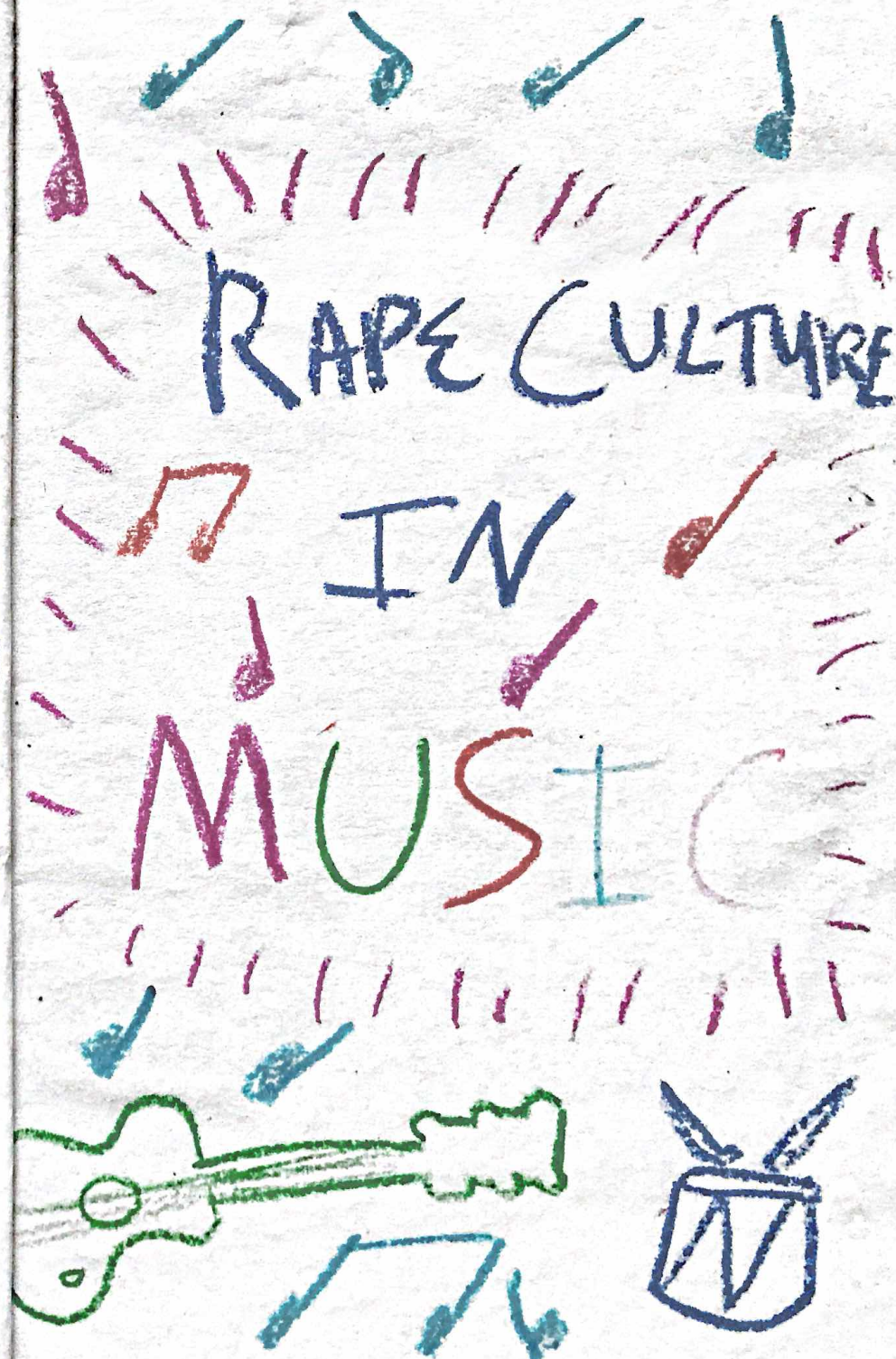
By Suppressing Emotions...

From boyhood, men get one lesson drilled into their heads. Their peers, parents, toys, television, and jokes tell them that the single most important thing they must do to perform masculinity: men must never show, or possibly feel, emotions.

While women are encouraged to cry over heartbreak, men who express too much pain or loss are called a "whiny little bitch" or "a pussywhipped loser" or whatever terms you want to use. Refusing to admit you have emotions makes it difficult to get and give emotional support, which means friendships are far shallower and less meaningful than they could be.

Men with depression or suicidal thoughts tend to express their depression differently than women. They act out, while women act in. Suicidal boys are boy likely to experience trouble with the police, use drugs, withdraw or smash things. Depression is seen as the one thing a man cannot have or admit to. Mental health professionals are too often not trained to look for male-pattern depression, which means that it tends to be underdiagnosed and undertreated.

A man is strong, we are told, and emotions are weak. They make you vulnerable, and less able to fulfill your roles as a protector and provider. What we need to learn instead, is that emotions prove you are a human being. They are a vital tool for decision-making and help us communicate and form stronger friendships. It shouldn't be necessary to stop being a person in order to be a man.



THE PERPETRATORS

RICK ROSS

JUSTIN BEEBER

ROD STEWART

George Michael

JAMIE FOXX

ROBIN THICKE

FRANK LOESSER

GREASE, THE MOVIE

DISNEY

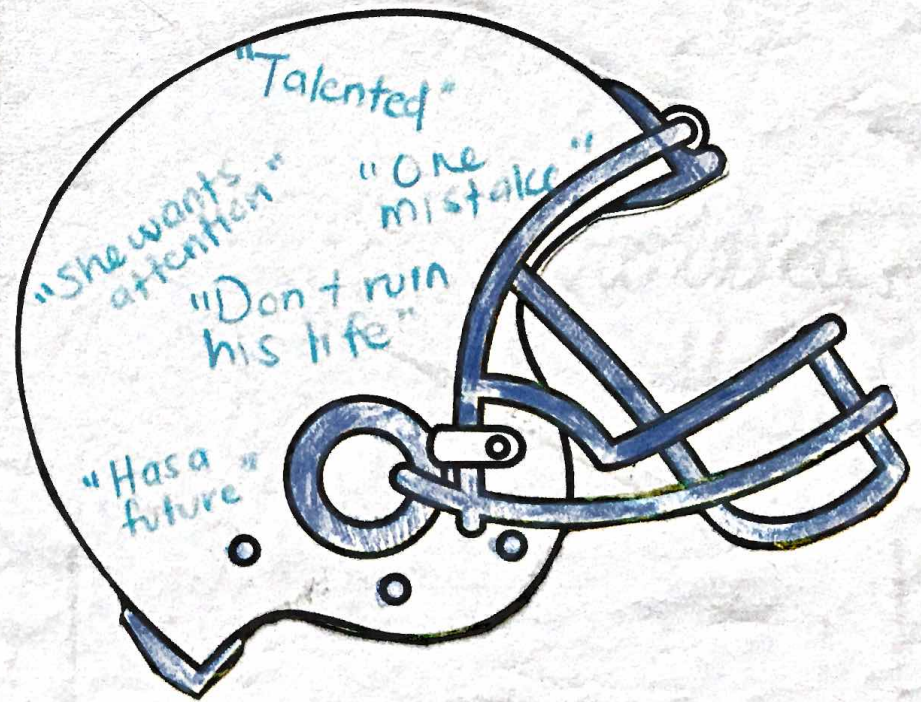
And many others

In 2012, a woman attending Florida State accused someone of sexual assault to her campus. The school seemed to be helpful, up until the accuser revealed that her perpetrator was Jameis Winston, a very big name on campus and great football player. During this time, Winston was up for the prestigious Heisman trophy, and the case was of course, delayed.

During the case, Winston claimed that the accuser was a more than willing participant, while she claimed that she told him to stop several times.

After it was announced that Winston would not be charged, the accuser and her family wrote that, "the victim has grave concerns that her experience, as it unfolded in the public eye and through social media, will discourage other victims of rape from coming forward and reporting."

Besides the obvious unfair treatment in this case, there was also a huge mistreatment of the victim.



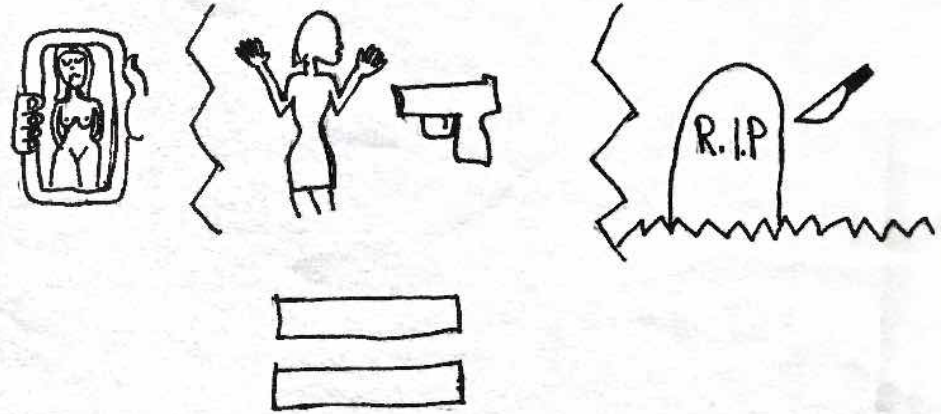
On College Campuses...

In Porn...

Because Porn is watched primarily by men, it is also made primarily by men, and encompasses what they believe to be pleasurable and ideal in a sexual relationship. This often leads to women being degraded and submissive, rather than a fair sexual relationship that is enjoyable for both partners.

Porn also encompasses and fetishes many things that are not appropriate. For example, a sexy baby is a recurring theme, where women hold pacifiers in their mouth and act like babies. There is also bdsm, where women are forced to give oral sex that makes them throw up.

If you want nudes ^{don't} leaked, don't take nudes.



To avoid being robbed,
own nothing at all.



To avoid murder... die now.

Education

how porn fuels rape culture

- Forty percent of college and higher secondary school boys in Goa watch rape porn. Statistically, it would amount to 86,000 rape videos everyday!
- Forty seven percent of college students watch child porn.
- Eighty percent college and higher secondary school boys watch porn forty percent of them watch rape porn regularly. On an average, goes up to 28 rape porn videos a week.
- Seventy six percent of the students said that watching rapes leads to the desire to actually rape someone!
- Fifty percent of students who are watching porn end up watching violent porn. Hundred percent of the students who watch rape, started off watching lower levels of porn

"She didn't fight back"

"20 minutes of action"

"genuine remorse"

[he] "Should get to enjoy a college experience"

Double Standards

3 Victim blaming

Drinking

She shouldn't have gotten drunk! she put herself in that situation.

vs.

He was drunk! He didn't have control. You can't blame him when he is in such a state.

Gender

Only women get raped. Men always want sex so they probably gave consent.

Hormones

Women have to cover up to stop men's hormones from getting out of control.

Women can't be in control because their hormones are out of control and women are slaves to their bodies

Rape

If rape was about how revealing their clothes were, rape rates would quadruple during the summer.

But they don't.

If rape was about how much sex someone's had in the past, then virgins wouldn't get raped.

But they do.

If rape was about how attractive a person was by conventional standards, then only thin, white, abled people would get raped.

But they don't.

If rape was about how much they drank, then sober people wouldn't get raped.

But they do.

"Circumstance of the rape were 'extremely unusual'"
"Coerced but non-violent sex"

"would not fare well in prison"
"would have a severe impact on!"

"he messed up."

RAPE IS NOT THE VICTIM'S

FAULT

Dress Codes

Dress codes are another form of victim blaming. Dress codes are targeted towards girls covering up so they do not cause boys' hormones to rage. It is more important to not distract boys than it is for girls to be comfortable. Even if it is not outside, girls must follow the sexist rules.

Dress code rules:

- dresses, shorts, skirts all have to be no higher than 6 inches above the knee or finger length. (even though boys' shorts are all made to be that length and girls' summer clothes are not made that long.)
- No straps thinner than 2 inches (because shoulders are too sexual)
- No mid-drift (again stomach = sexy)

Many of the dress code rules only apply to women. They perpetuate the over sexualization of women's bodies.



Shoulders?
Stomach?
What's next?
Knees? elbows?

Having a female body = not allowed

What can you do to help stop victim blaming?

LISTEN

Listen to people when they confide in you about their personal stories in regards to sexism and victim blaming and sexual assault. Do not just write them off. Simply listening can go a long way.

Believing people goes along with listening. When someone talks about these personal events that deal with these subjects, they are asking for support and help. They are not seeking attention. So believe them! Believing victims is one of the best ways to end victim blaming.

BELIEVE