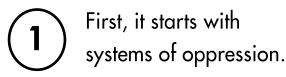
# Rape Culture: where rape, sexual assault & abuse are an accepted and expected societal norm.





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What connects those systems of oppression to sexual assault & abuse?

## Victim Blaming



## HERE ARE SOME WAYS THAT RAPE CULTURE INFLUENCES OUR LIVES:

#### Sexual Violence Legal

sexual assault & abuse; stalking; harassment; incest: sex trafficking; online sexual violence: intimate partner sexual violence; 80% of survivors discrimination; know their

perpetrator

low reporting & prosecutions: Prison Industrial Complex: high incarceration rates of people of color; immigration status multiple barriers to justice

### Media

rape jokes & imagery in advertising & media: objectifying & tokenizing images of people of color; victimblaming survivors in the news

#### Sexuality & Gender

definitions of gender, gender expression & sexuality are affected by trauma histories: invisibility of queer, trans & disabled people; "slut-shaming"

#### Trauma

historical trauma (Native Amer. boarding schools, slavery, Jim Crow, etc.); mental illness: medical sexual abuse; trauma

### **Public Space**

harassment: street harassment: hate folks unable to crimes; aentrification: accessible housing; intergenerational Stranger Behind the Bushes myth, prevention tips

#### **Body Autonomy Education**

rape jokes; work youth, people with disabilities & undocumented leave abusers; eugenics; reproductive coercion; barriers to healthcare; medical abuse

lack of comprehensive sex education; campus sexual assault; barriers to Title IX: School to Prison Pipeline; school violence; lack of youth resources



What this all comes down to is:

Denial of **Autonomy**  "Denial of Autonomy"

means denying people the ability to make choices for themselves and this is at the center of rape culture.



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