Campus Perceptions of Unwanted Sexual Experiences Survey

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Survey Results

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majority of our students (64.31%)perceive that sexual harassment and sexual ce are a problem at DU, as they are at all higher education institutions. Recognizing oblem is the first step towards engaging a community around prevention.

ents:

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total

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As expected in a university environment, many of our students have experienced some form of unwanted sexual harassment since coming to DU, with:

- 59% of students reporting that someone has made unwanted commentary about their body;
- 48% reporting that someone has targeted me or exposed me to environments where there was offensive joking about my gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation;
- 44% reporting that someone has made me the target of rumors and/or gossip;
- 56% reporting that someone has nonverbally harassed me (i.e. stared at me, gestured to/at me, followed me, shunned me);
- 21% reporting that someone has sexually harassed me online (email, social media, blog postings).

Overall, our undergraduate students report experiencing more unwanted sexual harassment than our graduate students.

Student participants report the responsible party for the unwanted sexual harassment included the following:

- The large majority of undergraduate students reported that those responsible for sexual harassing behaviors were other undergraduate students (348 or 70%).
- For graduate students, the responsible parties were often identified as other graduate or undergraduate students (81 or 26% undergraduate students

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Question	Experienced		Never Experienced		Total
Someone has made unwanted commentary about my body.	71.10%	342	28.90%	139	481
Someone has targeted me or exposed me to enviro,BT1					

Parties Responsible For Unwanted Behaviors

Group	Undergraduate	497	Graduate/Professional	307

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Experience of Gender-Based Violence or Unwanted Sexual Behaviors

As expected in a university environment, many of our students report that they have experienced some form of gender-based violence or unwanted sexual behavior since coming to DU, with:

- 18% reporting that someone has sexually harassed me via phone calls and/or text messages;
- 8% reporting that a staff member, faculty member, or someone in an authoritative position over me has hit on or propositioned me;
- 46% reporting that someone has made unwanted physical contact with me (i.e. groping, grabbing, having someone brush up against me, or unwanted touch);
- 9% reporting that someone has sexually penetrated me when I did not want them to;
- 14% reporting that someone has spread rumors or gossip about me following an unwanted sexual experience;
- 5% reporting that someone has retaliated against me for seeking help for or reporting an unwanted sexual experience.

Overall, the large majority of participants reported that they knew the responsible party (68%).

Student participants report the responsible party for the gender-based violence included:

- The large majority of undergraduate students reported that those responsible for gender-based violence and unwanted sexual behaviors were other undergraduate students (246 or 73%).
- For graduate students, the responsible parties were often identified as other graduate or undergraduate students (23 or 27% were undergraduate students and 33 or 28% were graduate students).
- Twenty-seven graduate students (23%) reported that the responsible party was a faculty or staff member.
- Nine undergraduate students (3%) reported that the responsible party was a faculty or staff member.
- Ninety-nine students (22%) reported that the unwanted gender-based violence was by someone who was not a member of our community.
- A total of 47 students reported that they experienced retaliation following an incident of gender based violence.
  - 57% of students who reported being sexually penetrated when they did not want to be also reported being retaliated against for seeking help or reporting.
  - 85% of students who reported having unwanted physical contact also reported being retaliated against for seeking help or reporting.

<u>All Students:</u>

Question	Very Often		Often		Occasionally		Rarely		Never		Total
Someone has sexually harassed me via phone calls and/or text messages.	0.35%	3	1.52%	13	3.85%	33	12.70%	109	81.59%	700	858
A staff member, faculty member, or	0.00%	0	0.12%	1	1.64%	14	6.32%	54	91.93%	786	855

Someone has spread
rumors or gossip about me

the situation was.											
I didn't want to be responsible for intervening.	1.78%	14	10.41%	82	28.30%	223	29.31%	231	30.20%	238	788
I didn't feel I had the skills or ability to intervene.	4.31%	34	21.67%	171	27.00%	213	21.67%	171	25.35%	200	789
I didn't intervene because I was afraid of what others might											

others might think or how t...											
I didn't intervene because I was drinking and didn't want to get in trouble...	0.55%	2	3.04%	11	24.03%	87	19.61%				

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Our students endorsedutilizing the following behaviors to intervene:

All Students:

Question	Yes	No

Asked a person I don't know if they need help when s/he is being yelled at or shoved by her/his partner.	23.53%	180	6.93%	53	69.54%	532	765
Took action when I saw an individual surrounded by a group of people who looks very uncomfortable.	21.57%	165	8.10%	62	70.33%	538	765
Spoke up to someone who is making excuses for having sex with someone who is unable to give full consent.	20.37%	156	3.00%	23	76.63%	587	766
Provided whatever information I could during a sexual misconduct investigation, even if pressured by others to stay silent.	10.97%	84	2.87%	22	86.16%	660	766
Provided whatever information I could during a sexual misconduct investigation, even if I wanted to protect my friend.	8.75%	67	1.83%	14	89.43%	685	766
Called for help (i.e. call 911 or Campus Security) if I hear someone yelling "help."	6.65%	51	4.43%	34	88.92%	682	767

Undergraduates:

Question	Yes		No		I've never been in this situation		Total
Expressed my discomfort if someone says that rape victims are to blame for being raped.	73.66%	302	3.17%	13			

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Checked in with a friend who looks drunk when they go to a room with someone else at a party.	40.73%	145	4.49%	16	54.78%	195	356
Decided not to have sex with a partner who is drunk.	38.70%	137	8.47%	30	52.82%	187	354
Took action when I saw a friend surrounded by a group of people who looks very uncomfortable.	31.55%	112	2.82%	10	65.63%	233	355
Stopped sexual activity when asked to, even if I was already sexually aroused.	29.49%	105	1.97%	7	68.54%	244	356
Got help and resources for a friend who tells me they have been a victim of sexual harassment or violence.	28.09%	100	5.06%	18	66.85%	238	356
Stopped having sex with a partner when they said to stop, even if it started consensually.	27.97%	99	1.13%	4	70.90%	251	354
Asked a person I don't know if they need help when s/he is being yelled at or shoved by her/his partner.	24.72%	88	8.71%	31	66.57%	237	356
Taken action to help a very drunk person who is being brought to another room by a person or group of people.	24.23%	86	4.79%	17	70.99%	252	355
Said something to a friend if I saw her/him taking an intoxicated person back to her/his room.	20.56%	73	7.04%	25	72.39%	257	355
Took action when I saw an individual surrounded by a group of people who looks very uncomfortable.	20.28%	72	8.17%	29	71.55%	254	355
Spoke up to someone who is making excuse	82	1					

Changing perceptions and understanding of policies, procedures, and resources takes time and will continue to require an investment by the

their associated will retaliate against the pers...											

DU Center for Multicultural Excellence	0.22%	1		0
Student Outreach and Support (Pioneers CARE)		0	0.73%	1
The Blue Bench	0.88%	4	1.46%	

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