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### SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS SURVEY INSTRUMENT

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Thank you for taking part in this important study. This survey is being conducted to help us learn more about the experiences of college students nationwide. Many of the questions are about serious topics and issues. It is very important that you answer all questions truthfully and completely, saying exactly what you have experienced. Please be as honest as you can in answering the following questions. Please remember that all of your answers are strictly confidential. Everyone's answers will be combined together with recent college students nationwide.

When you answer the following questions, we'd like you to answer them thinking only about college-related events or activities such as:

- When you are in classes
- When you are in campus buildings (including student housing, libraries, athletic facilities, administrative buildings, etc.)
- When you are walking around campus
- When you are at school-sponsored events (including sporting events, campus organizations or clubs, campus fraternity or sorority events)

Which of the following terms best describes the atmosphere at your college? Please select [all](#) that apply.

- |    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 01 | Welcoming     |
| 02 | Challenging   |
| 03 | Supportive    |
| 04 | Exciting      |
| 05 | Unsafe        |
| 06 | Isolating     |
| 07 | Hostile       |
| 08 | Stressful     |
| 09 | Intimidating  |
| 97 | None of these |

Do you know what "sexual harassment" is?

- |    |          |
|----|----------|
| 01 | Yes      |
| 02 | No       |
| 8  | Not sure |

#### **If students say that he or she knows what sexual harassment is...**

How do you define sexual harassment?

Text box provided.

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How upset would you be if someone related to your school life (such as students, teachers, other college employees or anyone else) did the following things to you, when you did not want them to?

	1	2	3	4	8
	Not at all upset	Not very upset	Somewhat upset	Very upset	Not sure
01	Made sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks				
02	Showed, gave or left you sexual pictures, photographs, web pages, illustrations, messages or notes				
03	Posted sexual messages about you on the Internet (e.g. websites, blogs) or emailed, instant messaged or text messaged sexual messages about you				
04	Spread sexual rumors about you				
05	Called you gay or a lesbian or a homophobic name (such as faggot, dyke or queer)				
06	Spied on you as you dressed or showered at school (e.g., in a dorm, in a gym, etc.)				
07	Flashed or "moonied" you				
08	Touched, grabbed, or pinched you in a sexual way				
09	Intentionally brushed up against you in a sexual way				
10	Asked you to do something sexual in exchange for giving you something (e.g., a better grade, a recommendation, class notes, etc.)				
11	Pulled at your clothing in a sexual way				
12	Pulled off or down your clothing				
13	Blocked your way, cornered you or followed you in a sexual way				
14	Forced you to kiss him/her				
15	Forced you to do something sexual, other than kissing				

The things that were just listed on the last screen are examples of different types of sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is unwanted and unwelcome sexual behavior which interferes with your life. Sexual harassment is not behaviors that you like or want (for example wanted, kissing, touching, or flirting).

Keeping the above definition of sexual harassment in mind and the examples of different types of sexual harassment on the previous screens, how much sexual harassment do you think there is at your college or related to your college life?

1	Not any
2	Only a little
3	Some, but not a lot
4	A lot
8	Not sure

From what you know, how often do you think the following happen in your college or related to your college life?

	1	2	3	4	8
	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Not sure
1	Students sexually harassing other students				
2	Professors, teaching assistants and other school employees sexually harassing students				
3	Students sexually harassing teachers and other school employees				

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4 Professors, teaching assistants and other school employees sexually harassing each other

Would you be likely to complain to a school employee if you were sexually harassed by the following individuals?

1            2            8  
Yes        No        Not sure

- 1        A fellow student  
2        A professor, teaching assistant or other school employee

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- When you are walking around campus
- When you are at school-sponsored events (including sporting events, campus organizations or clubs, campus fraternity or sorority events)

During your whole college life has anyone (this includes students, professors, teaching assistants, resident advisors, other school employees or anyone else) ever done the following things to someone you know personally when that person did not want them to?

1            2            8  
Yes        No        Not sure

- 01        Made sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks  
02        Showed, gave or left them sexual pictures, photographs, web pages, illustrations, messages or notes  
03        Posted sexual messages about them on the Internet (e.g., websites, blogs) or emailed, instant messaged or text messaged sexual messages about them  
04        Spread sexual rumors about them  
05        Called them gay or a lesbian or a homophobic name (such as faggot, dyke or queer)  
06        Spied on them as they dressed or showered at school (e.g., in a dorm, in a gym, etc.)  
07        Flashed or "moonied" them  
08        Touched, grabbed, or pinched them in a sexual way  
09        Intentionally brushed up against them in a sexual way  
10        Asked them to do something sexual in exchange for giving them something (e.g., a better grade, a recommendation, class notes, etc.)  
11        Pulled at their clothing in a sexual way  
12        Pulled off or down their clothing  
13        Blocked their way, cornered them or followed them in a sexual way  
14        Forced them to kiss him/her  
15        Forced them to do something sexual, other than kissing

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- When you are at school-sponsored events (including sporting events, campus organizations or clubs, campus fraternity or sorority events)

How often are you worried about being sexually harassed during college-related events or activities?

- 1        Never  
2        Rarely  
3        Occasionally  
4        Often  
9        Decline to answer

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During your whole college life how often, if at all, has anyone (this includes students, teachers, other school employees, or anyone else) done the following things to you when you did not want them to?

- |    | 1  | 2      | 3            | 4     | 9                 |
|----|--|--------|--------------|-------|-------------------|
|    | Never  | Rarely | Occasionally | Often | Decline to answer |
| 01 | Made sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks  |        |              |       |                   |
| 02 | Showed, gave or left me sexual pictures, photographs, web pages, illustrations, messages or notes  |        |              |       |                   |
| 03 | Posted sexual messages about me on the Internet (e.g., websites, blogs) or emailed, instant messaged or text messaged sexual messages about me |        |              |       |                   |
| 04 | Spread sexual rumors about me  |        |              |       |                   |
| 05 | Called me gay or a lesbian or a homophobic name (such as faggot, dyke or queer)  |        |              |       |                   |
| 06 | Spied on me as I dressed or showered at school (e.g., in a dorm, in a gym, etc.)   |        |              |       |                   |
| 07 | Flashed or "mooned" me   |        |              |       |                   |

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment that you said in the previous question you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed by...? Please select all that apply.

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | One person (a male)                           |
| 2 | One person (a female)                         |
| 3 | More than one person (all males)              |
| 4 | More than one person (all females)            |
| 5 | More than one person (both males and females) |
| 8 | Not sure                                      |
| 9 | Decline to answer                             |

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed by...? Please select all that apply.

[MUTLIPLRE RESPONSE]

- |    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 01 | A student                       |
| 02 | A former student                |
| 03 | A professor                     |
| 04 | A teaching assistant            |
| 05 | A counselor                     |
| 06 | A dean                          |
| 07 | A coach                         |
| 08 | A resident advisor/dorm advisor |
| 09 | A security guard                |
| 10 | Another school employee         |
| 96 | Someone else                    |
| 98 | Not sure                        |
| 99 | Decline to answer               |

### **If student says that he or she experienced non-contact harassment...**

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed...?

[MUTLIPLRE RESPONSE]

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 01 | In a classroom, lecture hall (or laboratory)                           |
| 02 | In the hall, lounge or common area of a campus building                |
| 03 | In the athletic facility, gym, playing field or pool area              |
| 04 | In a locker room or restroom (other than in a dorm or student housing) |
| 05 | In the cafeteria or meal hall  |

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- 06 In a dorm or student housing
- 07 Outside on campus grounds
- 08 In the library
- 09 In a professor or teaching assistant's office
- 10 In a college office (e.g., administrative office, work study office, etc.)
- 11 In a fraternity or sorority house
- 96 Someplace else
- 98 Not sure
- 99 Decline to answer

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Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question that you have experienced during your college life, who, if anyone, did you tell about it/these instances? Did you tell...?

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- 1 A friend
- 2 A parent or family member
- 3 A professor or teaching assistant
- 4 A resident advisor (RA)
- 5 A school employee (other than a teacher or RA)
- 6 Someone else
- 7 No one
- 8 Not sure
- 9 Decline to answer

During your whole college life, how often, if at all, has anyone (this includes students, teachers, other school employees, or anyone else) done the following things to you when you did not want them to?

- |    | 1   | 2      | 3            | 4     | 8        | 9                 |
|----|---|--------|--------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
|    | Never   | Rarely | Occasionally | Often | Not sure | Decline to answer |
| 01 | Touched, grabbed, or pinched me in a sexual way   |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 02 | Intentionally brushed up against me in a sexual way   |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 03 | Asked me to do something sexual in exchange for giving me something (e.g., a better grade, a recommendation, class notes, etc.) |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 04 | Pulled at my clothing in a sexual way   |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 05 | Pulled off or down my clothing  |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 06 | Blocked my way, cornered me or followed me in a sexual way  |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 07 | Forced me to kiss him/her   |        |              |       |          |                   |
| 08 | Forced me to do something sexual, other than kissing  |        |              |       |          |                   |

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed by...? Please select all that apply.

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- 1 One person (a male)
- 2 One person (a female)
- 3 More than one person (all males)
- 4 More than one person (all females)
- 5 More than one person (both males and females)
- 6 Not sure
- 9 Decline to answer

### **If student says that he or she has experienced contact harassment...**

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question that you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed by ...? Please select all that apply.

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- 01 A student
- 02 A former student
- 03 A professor
- 04 A teaching assistant
- 05 A counselor
- 06 A dean
- 07 A coach
- 08 A resident advisor/dorm advisor
- 09 A security guard

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- 10 Another school employee
- 96 Someone else
- 98 Not sure
- 99 Decline to answer

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question that you have experienced during your college life, have you ever been harassed...?

- 1 In a classroom, lecture hall (or laboratory)
- 2 In the hall, lounge or common area of a campus building
- 3 In the athletic facility, gym, playing field or pool area
- 4 In a locker room or restroom (other than in a dorm or student housing)
- 5 In the cafeteria or meal hall
- 6 In a dorm or student housing
- 7 Outside on campus grounds
- 8 In the library
- 9 In a professor or teaching assistant's office
- 10 In a college office (e.g., administrative office, work study office, etc.)
- 11 In a fraternity or sorority house
- 96 Someplace else
- 98 Not sure
- 99 Decline to answer

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment in the previous question that you have experienced during your college life, who, if anyone, did you tell about it/these instances? Did you tell...?

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- 1 A friend
- 2 A parent or family member
- 3 A professor or teaching assistant
- 4 A resident advisor (RA)
- 5 A school employee (other than a teacher or RA)
- 6 Someone else
- 7 97 No one
- 98 Not sure
- 99 Decline to answer

### **If the student says that he or she did not tell anyone**

Why didn't you tell anyone about this experience/these experiences?)

[TEXT BOX]

### **If the student says that he or she told someone...**

What did this person/these people say to you when you told them about this experience/these experiences?

[TEXT BOX]

### **If the student says that he or she told a school employee**

You mentioned you told a school employee (a professor, teaching assistant, RA or other school employee) about this experience/these experiences. Was this school employee a Title IX representative?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure
- 9 Decline to answer

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## **If a student says that he or she ever experienced sexual harassment...**

Please describe your most recent experience with sexual harassment in your college life.

[TEXT BOX]

You have said that during your college life someone has done the following to you when you did not want them to:

In general, how did these types of experiences make you feel?

[TEXT BOX]

Thinking about the types of sexual harassment that you have experienced during your college life, which of the following best describes how you felt right after being harassed, in most cases?

- 1 Not at all upset
- 2 Not very upset
- 3 Somewhat upset
- 4 Very upset
- 8 Not sure

Has sexual harassment of any type related to your college life ever caused you to...?

1	2	8	9
Yes	No	Not sure	Decline to answer

- 01 Have trouble sleeping
- 02 Lose your appetite/Not be interested in eating
- 03 Skip a class or drop a course
- 04 Not participate as much in class
- 05 Stop attending a particular activity or sport
- 06 Find it hard to study or to pay attention in class
- 07 Change your group of friends
- 08 Think about changing schools
- 09 Think about changing your major
- 10 Change your school
- 11 Change your major
- 12 Get someone to protect you
- 13 Make a lower grade on a test or paper than you think you otherwise would have
- 14 Make a lower grade in a class than you think you otherwise would have
- 15 Stay away from particular buildings or places on campus
- 16 Avoid the library
- 17 Avoid a study group
- 18 Not go to a professor's/teaching assistant's office hours
- 19 Avoid the person that bothered/harassed you in any other way

Has sexual harassment of any type related to your college life ever caused you to...?

1	2	8
Yes	No	Not sure

- 1 Feel self-conscious or embarrassed
- 2 Feel afraid or scared
- 3 Be less sure of yourself or less confident
- 4 Feel confused or conflicted about who you are
- 5 Worry about whether you have what it takes to graduate from college
- 6 Worry about whether you have what it takes to continue your education beyond college
- 7 Worry about whether you can have a happy romantic relationship

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- 8 Worry about whether you can have a successful career or work life
- 9 Feel less likely to get a good grade
- 10 Feel more likely to get a good grade
- 11 Feel disappointed with your college experience
- 12 Feel angry

What year in college were you in when you first experienced any type of sexual harassment in your college life?

- 1 First year
- 2 Second year
- 3 Third year
- 4 Fourth year
- 5 Fifth year or more
- 6 Not sure
- 7 Decline to answer

### **All students, whether or not they experienced sexual harassment in college**

Did you ever experience any type of sexual harassment in your school life before college (in grades K-12)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure
- 9 Decline to answer

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Does your college or university...?

1 Yes                      2 No                      8 Not sure

- 01 Have a policy on sexual harassment, to deal with sexual harassment issues and complaints
- 02 Give out booklets, hand-outs and other literature and materials to students about sexual harassment
- 03 Have a designated person or office to contact if someone is the victim of sexual harassment

What would you like your college to do to raise awareness about and deal effectively with sexual harassment issues and complaints? Please select all that apply.

[MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

- 1 Provide information about the school's sexual harassment policy on the school's website
- 2 Offer a confidential, web-based method for submitting complaints about sexual harassment
- 3 Have a designated person or office to contact if someone is the victim of sexual harassment
- 4 Something else
- 9 Nothing

## **If would like something else done, then student is asked...**

What other types of resources would you like to see at your college to help raise awareness and to deal effectively with sexual harassment issues and complaints?

[TEXT BOX]

## **All students**

Again, being as honest as you can and again, answering only about school related times...

During your whole college life, how often, if at all, have you done the following things to someone (this could include students, teachers, other school employees or anyone else) when that person did not want you to?

1 Never      2 Rarely                      3 Occasionally                      4 Often      8 Not sure                      9 Decline to answer

- 01 Made sexual comments, jokes, gestures, or looks
- 02 Showed, gave or left them sexual pictures, photographs, web pages, illustrations, messages or notes
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- 09 Intentionally brushed up against them in a sexual way
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- 11 Pulled at their clothing in a sexual way
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### **If student says that they did any of the above...**

In your whole college life, have you ever sexually harassed...?

1	2	8	9
Yes	No	Not sure	Decline to answer

- |    |                                      |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| 01 | A student the same sex as you        |
| 02 | A student who is the other sex       |
| 03 | A professor or other school employee |

A list of reasons why people say they sexually harass others follows. Do the following reasons describe why you harassed someone in the past?

1	2	8	9
Yes	No	Not sure	Decline to answer

- 1 It's just part of school life./A lot of people do it./It's no big deal.
- 2 I wanted that person to think I had some sort of power over them.
- 3 I wanted something from that person.
- 4 My friends encouraged / "pushed" me into doing it.
- 5 I thought the person liked it.
- 6 I wanted a date with the person.
- 7 I thought it was funny.

### **Demographic Characteristics**

The survey also included questions on demographic characteristics such as gender, age, race, marital status, citizenship, state and country of residence, employment status, household income, along with information about educational experience such as the size of their school, the number of schools attended, whether they are a full or part time student, where they usually attend class, the degree that they are working toward, the number of years in school, where they lived while in school, and their GPA. Students were also asked if they knew someone who was gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (GLBT), and if they considered themselves to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. Finally, students were asked about their internet connection and the amount of time that they spent on-line (excluding email).