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ISOLATING GENDER VIOLENCE

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Isolating Gender Violence

Protecting those who protect to eradicate gender violence



How to overcome gender violence

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION



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Bystander Intervention

- One of the most important explicit or implicit norms in schools concerns "witness-related" behaviour: either to be a passive bystander who, knowingly or unknowingly, colludes with and supports bullying-victim behaviour or to be an upstander who, directly or indirectly, says "no" to bullying-victim behaviour.
- Twemlow and its partners have been involved in a bullying prevention programme that focuses on promoting upstander behaviour.

(Fonagy, Twemlow, Vernberg, Sacco, y Little, 2005; Twemlow, Fonagy, Gies, Evans, y Ewbank, 2001).

Thapa, A., Cohen, J., Guffey, S., & Higgins-D'Alessandro, A. (2013). A review of school climate research. *Review of Educational Research*, 83(3), 357-385.



Be an active Bystander



What can Bystanders do to make a difference?



- BELIEVE someone who tells you they have been sexually assaulted, are in an abusive relationship or are experiencing stalking or cyberstalking.
- Watch out for your friends and classmates. If you come across someone who looks like they are in trouble, check in with them and MAKE SURE THEY ARE OK. If you see a friend doing something sketchy, say something.
- SPEAK UP. If someone says something offensive, racist or abusive, LET THEM KNOW that this behavior is not acceptable. Don't laugh at racist, sexist or homophobic jokes.

Be an active Bystander



No one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.

IT'S ON US BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TIPS

1. Talk to your friends honestly and openly about sexual assault.
2. Don't be a bystander – if you see something, intervene in any way you can.
3. Trust your gut. If something looks like it might be a bad situation it probably is.
4. Be direct. Ask someone who looks like they may need help if they're okay.
5. Get someone to help you if you see something – enlist a friend, RA, bartender, or host to help step in.
6. Keep an eye on someone who has had too much to drink.
7. If you see someone who is too intoxicated to consent, enlist their friends to help them leave safely.
8. Recognize the potential danger of someone who talks about planning to target another person at a party.
9. Be aware if someone is deliberately trying to intoxicate, isolate, or corner someone else.
10. Get in the way by creating a distraction, drawing attention to the situation, or separating them.
11. Understand that if someone does not or cannot consent to sex, it's rape.
12. Never blame the victim.
13. If you are a victim or survivor, or helping someone in that situation go to www.notalone.gov to get the resources and information you need. You can also call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

Why are there doubts about whether to intervene?

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Bystander Motivation in Bullying Incidents: To Intervene or Not to Intervene?

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This research sought to extend knowledge about bystanders in bullying situations with a focus on the motivations that lead them to different responses. The 2 primary goals of this study were to investigate the reasons for children's decisions to help or not to help a victim when witnessing bullying, and to generate a grounded theory (or conceptual framework) of bystander motivation in bullying situations.

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Relations Between Actual Group Norms, Perceived Peer Behavior, and Bystander Childre: [J Clin Child Adolesc Psychol. ...]

[Role of the implicit theories of intelligence in learning situations]. [Encephale. 2004]

When can I help? A conceptual framework for the prevention of sexual violence through bystander [Trauma Violence Abuse. 2012]

See reviews

Key question

¿Por qué los que están en condiciones de apoyar a las víctimas no siempre lo hacen?



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Council website. It includes the European Council logo, the text "European Council Council of the European Union", and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Press > Press releases". The main content area features a press release dated "7 October 2019" at "10:22". The title of the press release is "Better protection of whistle-blowers: new EU-wide rules to kick in in 2021". The text of the press release states: "The EU is to guarantee a high level protection to whistle-blowers across a wide range of sectors including public procurement, financial services, money laundering, product and transport safety, nuclear safety, public health, consumer and data protection. Today the Council formally adopted new rules on whistle-blowers protection. The new rules will require the creation of safe channels for reporting both within an organisation - private or public - and to public authorities. It will also provide a high level of protection to whistle-blowers against retaliation, and require national authorities to adequately inform citizens and train public officials on how to deal with whistle-blowing."



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Origin of the concept: Second Order of Sexual Harassment

SOSH 2005-2008

- Research designed in 2003 is approved as official R&D.

Gender violence in Spanish universities. National R&D+i Plan. Secretary of State for Universities and Research. Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, directed by Rosa Valls (2005-2008)



Reilly, M. et al. (1986); Fitzgerald, L. et al. (1988); Marks, M. & Nelson, E. (1993); Farley, L. (1978); Dziech, B. & Weiner, L. (1990); Toffey, S. & Levesque, L. (1998)

Consequences for career and academic choices

- Dropping out of school
- Dropping out of subjects
- Changes in the planned educational programme
- Leaving the university
- Change of tutor or teacher
- Leaving to pursue a career in male-dominated academic areas
- Leaving work (female teachers)
- **Impact on the personal and professional lives of those supporting victims: Second Order of Sexual Harassment Victims.**



Second Order Sexual Harassment

“Sexism on campus creates Second Order Sexual Harassment victims, those who advise, support, and take a stand for the primary victims. These are the affirmative action officers, ombudspersons, counselors, associate deans, the people assigned, and generally committed, to assisting victims of sexual harassment”

Dziech, B., & Weiner, L. (1990). *The lecherous professor: Sexual harassment on campus*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

Second Order Sexual Harassment Conference

Barcelona, December 2016

Ruth Milkman, CUNY, First survivor at Berkeley: ***“If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem”***



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The first step is the **public recognition of this type of violence**, as well as a clear position of rejection.

**Ruth Milkman
(ASA President in 2016)**

*“Those who
insulted us felt
supported”*

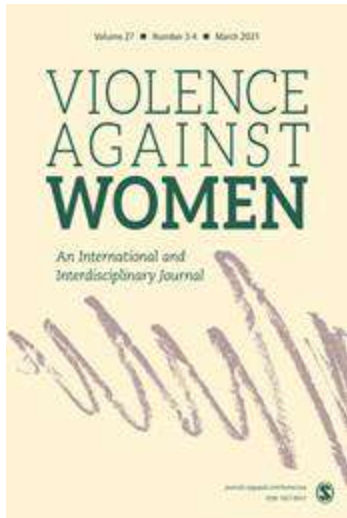
*If you're not part of the solution,
you're part of the problem*

*“The results
were total
isolation and
loneliness”*

*“people who agree, but who
turn away because they prefer
not to identify with you”*

*“in spaces where silence
prevails, harassment situations
are more aggressive and sad”*

Second-Order Sexual Harassment: Violence Against the Silence Breakers Who Support the Victims



<https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220975495>

The image is a screenshot of the journal's website. At the top, the journal title 'Violence Against Women' is displayed. To the right, the impact factor is shown as 1.797, with a 5-Year Impact Factor of 2.368. Below the title, there are navigation links: 'Browse Journal', 'Journal Info', 'Stay Connected', and a red 'Submit Paper' button. A search bar is also present. The main article title is 'Second-Order Sexual Harassment: Violence Against the Silence Breakers Who Support the Victims' by Ramón Flecha. It is noted as a 'Research Article' first published on February 26, 2021. The article has an Altmetric score of 119, which is highlighted in a blue circle. The abstract begins with 'Second-order sexual harassment (SOSH) is the harassment suffered by those who stand with and support victims of violence against women (VAW)'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Article available in OnlineFirst' and 'Related Articles'.

Research shows that stalkers commit SOSH primarily through **humiliation**, **threats** and **lies** aimed at tarnishing victims' personal and professional reputations and undermining their credibility.

"**Retaliation** is so cruel that, if we leave it to individual heroism alone, most people will continue to **look the other way** in individual cases and there will continue to be very few of us individuals who support the victims."



PARLAMENT DE CATALUNYA

Act 17/2020, of 22 December, amending Act 5/2008, on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence

202-00067/12

Adoption

Plenary Assembly of the Parliament of Catalonia, Sitting 68, 18.12.2020, DSPC-P 128

Publication: BOPC 766; DOGC 8303.24.12.2020

The Plenary Assembly of Parliament, in its session held on 17 and 18 December 2020, debated the Final Report of the Institutional Affairs Committee on the Members' bill amending Act 5/2008, of 24 April, on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence (202-00067/12), and the amendments reserved by the parliamentary groups.

Finally, in accordance with article 55.2 of the Statute of Autonomy and articles 123 and 124 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, it has approved the following Act:

Act amending Act 5/2008, on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence

Preamble

Act 5/2008, of 24 April, on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence, was a pioneering act, the outcome of the engagement of feminist organisations and political parties and consensus-building. Even today it may still be considered the most groundbreaking act in the Spanish State with respect to sexist violence.



Pioneer Legislation on SOSH

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Amendment of the catalan Act 5/2008, of 24 April, on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence.

Article 5.4

g) **Second-order violence:** consists of **physical or psychological violence, reprisals, humiliation and persecution exercised against people who assist victims of sexist violence.** It includes acts that hamper the prevention, detection, support and recovery of women in situations of sexist violence.



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Pioneer Legislation on Second Order of Sexual Harassment: Sociolegal Innovation in Addressing Sexual Harassment

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Abstract <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-021-00571-0>

Background

Countless efforts to combat sexual harassment have been proposed, and for the first time in history, the second order of sexual harassment (SOSH) has been legislated under the term second-order violence (SOV) by a unanimous vote of the Catalan Parliament. Advances in preventing and responding to sexual harassment contribute to highlighting the intervention as being crucial to supporting survivors against retaliation. A lack of support provides a general

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Change of the concept: Isolating Gender Violence



Attacks and reprisals against those who support victims of gender-based violence so that victims remain isolated

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Isolating Gender Violence (IGV) is any kind of violence against those who advocate for gender violence victims. The objective of such violence is to isolate gender violence victims and discourage reporting or receiving support, in order to maintain the impunity of gender violence. The IGV concept is linked to what science and legislations establish as gender violence.

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The Concept and the Name of Isolating Gender Violence

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Why the name to replace the former second-order sexual harassment?

1) Need for co-creation and scientific, political and social impact. The IGV concept is rapidly having all three impacts.

2) Need for a concept for all types of gender-based violence and not only sexual harassment

3) The importance of making the name and the concept explicit about what is happening: the isolation of victims of gender-based violence.

Isolating Gender Violence - IGV

It can happen in any environment

- Community
- University
- Political sphere
- Judicial sphere
- Press
- Family

You cannot fully combat the problem and help the victim if you do not also help the people who support and struggle with the victim.

Isolating Gender Violence - IGV

- **Example:** Marc suffered IGV to support a family member who was sexually abused.

*It should be emphasised that this is happening, especially in the immediate environment. In the context of family and friends, there are very obvious cases of this type of second-order bullying; **in spaces where silence prevails about the most aggressive and saddest bullying situations.***

Isolating Gender Violence - IGV

Social Organisations

Spanish NGO that saves lives suffer reprisals and defamation.

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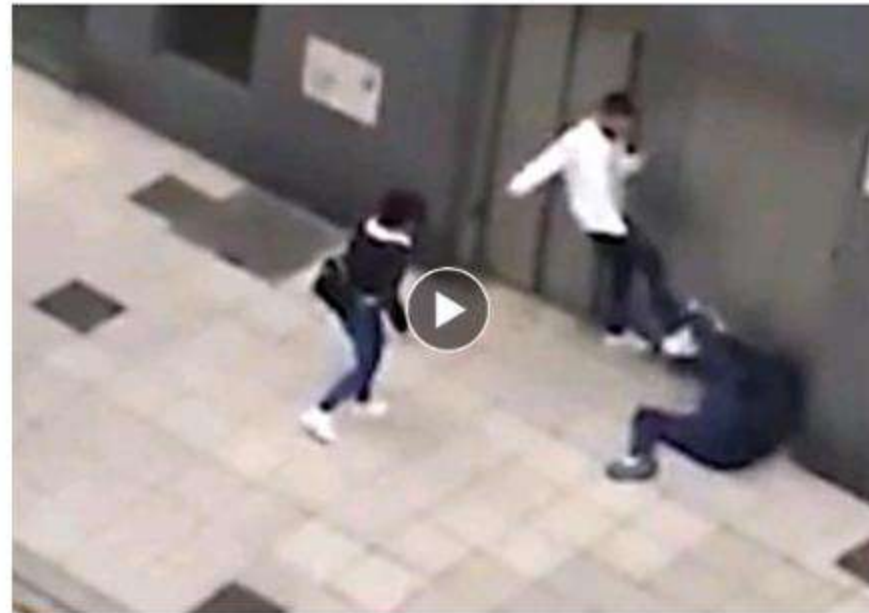
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International joint networks of victims and survivors of gender violence and isolating gender violence in universities



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SARA BODE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
BARCELONA UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA

06:00PM-07:00PM
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TERA ELIUD, POLITICIA DE CANTABRIA
ERKA KOKAY, E DIPUTADA FEDERAL NO CONGRESSO NACIONAL BRASILEIRO

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MARIA TERANDEZ, ASOGRADA

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ENRIQUE PÉREZ, "VOICES CONTRA EL SILENCIO" RTVE
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We will continue to work in different areas to end the impunity of isolating gender violence. This is the only way for victims not to feel alone and become survivors.

Marta Soler, Ph.D. Harvard, Director of CREA

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- Act 1/2022, of 3 March, as the second amendment of the Law for the Equality of Women and Men.

Article 50. General dispositions

- 4. It is also considered **violence against women the violence perpetrated against the people who support the victims**



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Fear to Retaliation: The Most Frequent Reason for Not Helping Victims of Gender Violence

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40% of those surveyed acknowledged that they had not acted for fear of reprisals.

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QUANTITATIVE
DATA ON IGV**



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Brazil becomes a world pioneer in its process to legislate the IGV

Strategies for addressing and overcoming gender-based violence

- Intransigence in any situation of violence
- Bystander Intervention, i.e. support and solidarity with and for victims
- Overcoming IGV, protecting those who protect



Redes de Solidaridad con Impacto en los Procesos de Recuperación de Mujeres Víctimas de Violencia de Género. I+D+i Research Project (2019 - 2022)

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If you're not part of the solution,
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Ruth Milkman (ASA President in 2016)



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