

# Sexual Coercion

## STATEMENTS EXERCISE – AGREE OR DISAGREE

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*Instructions:*

*Divide up the group, distribute the statements and ask each group to pin the statement on the wall/board under the heading 'agree' 'disagree' 'unsure'.*

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Statement 1 [Issue – stranger rape, consent]

- **Paulina and Brian have been together for a year. Brian sometimes wants sex when Tina doesn't and can be insistent. He says it's because he loves her so much, she is so sexy that he can't help himself. Paulina puts up with it because she loves him and doesn't want to lose him. *Brian is not committing rape because they are in a committed long-term relationship.***

Statement 2 [Issue – stranger rape]

- **You can tell a rapist –he looks like a pervert/psychopath/weirdo**

Statement 3 [Issue – oral sex part of definition of rape, consent]

- **Chen and Amin are kissing on a sofa in a room upstairs at a house party. They touch each other outside their clothes. Amin unzips his trousers, stands up, grabs the back of Chen's neck and before she knows what is happening he has put his penis into her mouth. *This is rape.***

Statement 4 [Issue – male as victim, victim-blaming]

- **After a night out in a club Andrew invites Richard back to his shared house to play his latest X-box game. Andrew has non-consensual sex with Richard. *Andrew has not committed rape because everybody knows that going home with someone after a night out means going home for sex.***

Statement 5 [consent, submission]

- **Lenka and Tom have been in a relationship for a couple of months but are not yet having sex. Lenka is not yet ready and Tom is becoming increasingly annoyed as all his friends are 'getting it'. Tom begins to increase the pressure on Megan to have sex with him and tells her repeatedly that, it's ridiculous to be a virgin at her age and he'll tell everyone via facebook that she is and, if she doesn't sleep with him soon there are plenty of girls who will - accordingly he changes his**

facebook status to single. He gives her an ultimatum – to sleep with him this weekend or it's over. Lenka is extremely upset and frightened that everyone will find out she is still a virgin and so they have sex on the weekend. *This is not rape.*

Statement 6 [consent, capacity]

- **A very drunk girl is 'fair game' for sex**

Statement 7 [consent, submission]

- **A rape victim will fight back and resist the attacker**

Statement 8 [injury, consent implication]

- **If a rape has really been committed then there will be signs of injury**

Statement 9 [immediate reporting]

- **A woman who has been raped will call the police immediately**

Statement 10 [victim-blaming]

- **If a girl goes on a night out dressed very sexy in a very short skirt and low cut top then she is partially to blame if she gets raped.**

Statement 11 [sexual assault]

- **Out with the lads at the Students Union a discussion ensues about whether the waitress has implants or natural breasts. Roberto grabs the waitress's breast as she walks past saying "well someone has to check" and the group all laugh and cheer. *Roberto has not done anything wrong, he was just having a laugh and showing off for the lads.***

Statement 12 [stalking]

- **Mary and Veronika meet in class. As they are in the same group for a project they swap numbers. Veronika calls Mary repeatedly even though Mary does not pick up, having asked her not to keep phoning and having told her she just is not interested in her. Veronika begins to follow Mary around campus and follow her home every day and sit outside her flat. *Mary should be flattered by the attention***