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**TOPIC: RAPE**

Rape has always been a heavy topic, which is why when I got the opportunity to speak about it I was actually thrilled. This is a topic that has been discussed for decades. No matter the sexual offense I strongly believe that any offender should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. I want to bring a (not new but rarely discussed) different perspective to this troubling matter. What is Rape anyway?

Rape, by definition from the oxford dictionary, is to force someone to have sexual relations when they are unwilling, using violence or threatening behavior. This is a textbook definition of our subject matter but despite this definition which is clearly not gender-specific our society treats every rape case as an excuse to put down the male gender. Almost as if to be a rapist you must be a male.

However, it is true for over a period of decades that females make up at least 70% of rape victims. It’s even shown on [www.rapecrisis.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk) that between 2017 and 2019 rape counseling services used by people in the UK were 91% female. It’s scary that so many people have been victims of sexual offenses and the society clearly sees this as a massive issue but for the small percent of men that are sexually offended, why don’t they get as much attention as the females?

Rape is a harsh topic even males avoid because we all know this is a seriously difficult matter to discuss. For this reason it’s hard to gain courage and speak up when abused. People say especially for women but I stubbornly disagree. As a man there are a long list of this expected from you, coming up with the courage to speak up about being sexually abused is just as tough if not harder than it is for a woman.

I honestly believe that when males should be encouraged to be more open about these kind of issues and everyone says they aren’t against that but the more the pressure is on you to provide, the more these discussions need to get suppressed so that the man can do what is “necessary.”

I have another question for you, yes you the reader. Why do you think that there have been a higher number of males than females that commit suicide? Well according to [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com), researchers have found out that although women/females of all ages have more suicidal thoughts, males actually commit this terrible act and the ratio of male to female suicide all over the world according to W.H.O in 2008 is 1.8:1 almost twice the number. This might not look like a hefty difference but keep it in mind that these figures mean for every 100 females dead that’s 180 males.

I only brought up these numbers because for these figures to be this way then it’s clear that there are indeed matters that aren’t being talked about. Yes, as most people will know it’s very tasking to be a man but it’s also very tasking to be a woman that’s just the way the world works. Unlike women, it’s hard to be taken seriously in this world if you can’t own up to a debt as a man. Once you lack financially or don’t have certain awards it’s hard to have a voice as a man which is why some men bury their heads chasing recognition or money trying to avoid talking about their own horrifying experiences.

There are actually cases where males do come up with the courage to voice out about their pains but only to get not so much but a hug or tap on the shoulder which is meant to be comforting once they don’t have means to get therapy meanwhile the minute a woman abused voices out she is put on the news. Don’t get my motives wrong; in no way am I saying that women getting attention for this is wrong. What I am saying is every man that has gone through this tragedy should be given as much if not more attention as this would create a space where other people no matter what gender can come out and at least be less scared of not being heard.

Just take a moment think about all that because the hard truth is just like COVID-19, this is also a worldwide issue but unlike the corona virus it hasn’t been given enough attention because this is not a new development. I recently read an article about a man who was raped by a woman. The most painful part about that article is a certain part where it is said “the society takes it as a joke”, and also where it reads “the court doesn’t even want to admit it’s a rape case.” This is troubling to the core of my soul. We all don’t talk about these things and it’s a true shame to think someone out there was abused and just because it’s a male and the offender is a woman its practically overlooked. I know I have asked quite a number of questions but this is my last one. If that rape victim was your 25 year old son or your older brother. What would you do?

If you have time please scroll through this article: <https://www.cracked.com/personal-experiences-1666-5-awful-realities-being-man-who-was-raped-by-woman.html> and please don’t forget what if it was your son or your brother. What would you do?