

Prison Rape Culture

Definition: Prison rape, also known as jail rape, is rape occurring in prison. The phrase has come into common usage to refer to rape of inmates by other inmates, and less commonly to the rape of inmates by staff, and even less commonly rape of staff by inmates.. It was always seen as a joke and still is to the day. It is said that it's inevitable because they did something bad to deserve it. Rape is never ok no matter what the situation is.

Who is impacted by Prison Rape Culture?

1/20

80,000

1/8

14.7%

STATS

- One in every 20 people in prison are sexually assaulted.
- Juvenile the rate is about one in eight .
- Recent studies show that there are about 80,000 inmates each year who experience sexual violence while in prison
- 14.7% of jail inmates have serious phycological distress due to sexually.
- Men usually experience rape or sexual assault than women in prison.
- Numbers of allegations still are on the rise.



Powerful Message

Prisons and the federal governments need to give prisoners more protective measures to be able to let prisoners express their experiences within the prison and sexual violence towards the individual. Society needs to also be able to take into serious consideration what some of these individuals have gone through. Just because someone is incarcerated doesn't mean they are less of a human than anyone else.



"I used to feel shame and humiliation about what happened to me in that Texas jail. Eventually, I came to realize that it was not my shame – it was my country's shame."

Tom Cahill, former JDI President

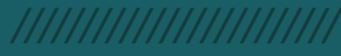
"We should not be tolerating rape in prison. And we should not be making jokes about it in our popular culture. That's no joke. These things are unacceptable."

President Barack Obama



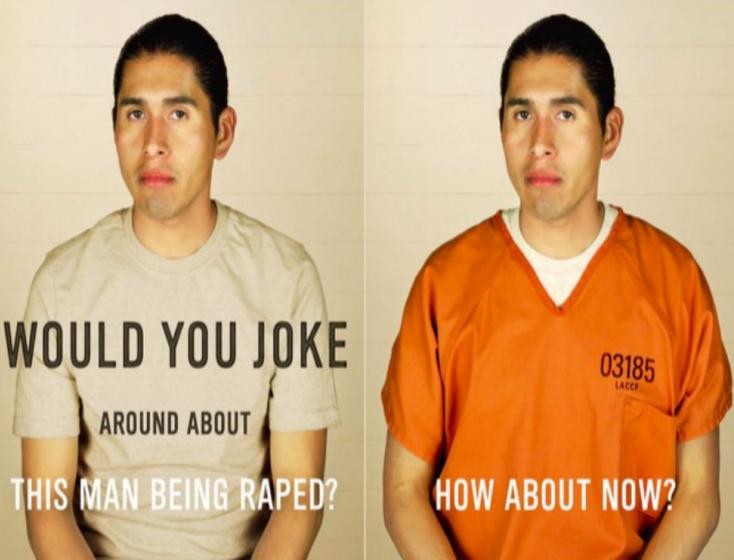
Importance of Prison Rape

Prison rape should be an important topic in today's media because although many cases are not brought up and hidden by the victim of sexual violence in prisons. If news companies and media brought up this topic more often, we would have a greater chance of making prisoners more comfortable to be able to share their horrific experiences in prison regarding sexual violence and prison rape.



What can we learn from this?

Doing research on this topic has definitely made us both open our eyes to the horrors of sexual violence in prisons across the world. We always knew rape in prisons was a topic of concern, but we never knew the extent of how serious it could be. Speak up. If you hear someone making a joke about this topic say something especially if it's a friend or a family member. They are still human and no one deserves to feel that pain no matter what.



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