

UNPACKING RAPE CULTURE



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Rape Culture is a general term for any culture in which **rape, sexual violence, and other sexist, misogynistic, homophobic, or transphobic beliefs and behaviors are normalized and not challenged.**

Rape, incest, battery,
domestic violence, hate
crimes, murder

**EXPLICIT
VIOLENCE**

Sexual coercion, covert condom
removal, stalking, revenge porn,
dick pics, up-skirt photos,
non-consensual exposure, leering

**REMOVAL OF
AUTONOMY**

Harassment, threats, verbal abuse,
sexist, homophobic, transphobic
jokes, rape jokes, locker room
talk, victim-blaming, cat-calling

**VERBAL
EXPRESSIONS**

Traditional gender roles, glass
ceiling, unequal pay,
normalization ("boys will be
boys"), objectification and
oversexualization, stereotyping

**ATTITUDES AND
BELIEFS**

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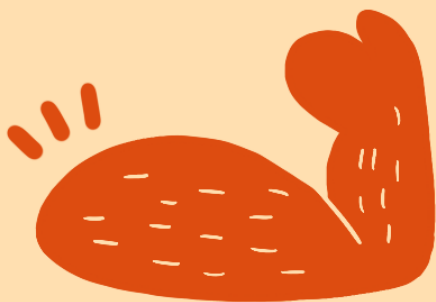


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ENDEMIC TO RAPE CULTURE ARE:



BELIEFS THAT ENCOURAGE
SEXUAL AGGRESSION AND
SUPPORT VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN,
WHETHER OVERTLY OR
COVERTLY



BELIEF IN BIOLOGICAL
DETERMINISM, OR THE
BELIEF THAT SEXUAL
AGGRESSION IN MALES
AND SEXUAL PASSIVITY IN
FEMALES IS THE NORM



INACCURATE IMAGES OF
VIOLENCE AS A NATURAL
PART OF SEX IN MEDIA, IN
PORNOGRAPHY, AND
ELSEWHERE



HIMPATHY, OR
INAPPROPRIATE SYMPATHY
RECEIVED BY THOSE WHO
PERPETUATE MISOGYNY AND
COMMIT ACTS OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE, USUALLY
EXPRESSED AS EXCUSES FOR
PERPETRATORS

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BELIEFS THAT RAPE IS AN
EXPRESSION OF SEXUAL
DESIRE, RATHER THAN
ONE OF POWER,
CONTROL, OR ANGER



VICTIM BLAMING, OR
HOLDING SURVIVORS OF
SEXUAL VIOLENCE
RESPONSIBLE HAVING
EXPERIENCED SEXUAL
VIOLENCE



LITTLE TO NO JUSTICE FOR
SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE, AND LITTLE TO NO
CONSEQUENCES TO
PERPETUATORS OF SEXUAL
VIOLATIONS



THE PROMOTION AND
PERSISTENCE OF RAPE MYTHS,
AND FALSE OR BIASED
INFORMATION ABOUT THE
RAPE, RAPE SURVIVORS, OR
RAPISTS TO DENY THAT
INSTANCES OF FORCED OR
COERCED SEX ARE RAPE

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Despite being internationally acclaimed as one of the most gender equal countries in the world, the Philippines hides in its underbelly a cultural foundation that lends itself to rape culture.



THE MYTH OF MARIA CLARA: Among the many cultural images that make up rape myths and contribute to rape culture, the image of Maria Clara may be one of the most pervasive and iconic. Maria Clara is a model for Filipinas — meek, subservient, passive, and beautiful.

HETERONORMATIVITY: Heteronormativity assumes that heterosexual relationships — those between males and females — are 'normal,' and that everything else is irregular or an aberration, a disease that must be cured.



CASES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND RAPE: As in many parts of the world where rape culture is pervasive, the Philippines has many incidences of rape, with few reports. In 2016, only 1,897 cases of rape were reported to the Philippine National Police (PNP), despite the Center for Women's Resources (CWR) recording 7,037 cases of rape between January and October 2017 alone.



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VICTIM BLAMING: Victim blaming is holding a survivor responsible for having been assaulted. This extends to comments or questions about a survivor's clothing, their being drunk or high, their being out and about at night or in dangerous areas, their relationship with the perpetrator, or their occupation.



MACHISMO: Machismo is the idea that rehearsed, flaunted, and in most cases, exaggerated displays of masculinity (often as a point of pride and identity); and derogation of anything associated with femininity are acceptable, and expected male behavior.



"BOYS ONLY" CLIQUES: These are groups of young males where members consciously or unconsciously rehearse and seek validation of their masculinity. Because these groups expressly exclude girls and boys that members perceive to be "different" from and "beneath" them, these groups tend to be echo chambers of toxic masculinity. Their exclusionary nature can prevent members from growing well-adjusted to more diverse environments.

