

Women's Rights: Sexual Assault

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Summary ✨

The topic I chose to explore is how sexual assault services are funded, and what people think about this issue. Due to their experiences, many sexual assault victims have less educational aspirations, and are unable to work.

"1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime."

The ERA affects women in the United States by setting an example for women, and victims of sexual assault. It would show these people that authorities will properly handle crimes like this. The ERA still has not been published and without the ERA, the culture around sexual assault will not change.

Women's Protection



✨ Essay ✨

Many people in the world have experienced sexual mistreatment, or assault, but most of these people are women of color and young girls. When these actions occur they can happen at any time and at any moment. Due to low protection for women, the systems in place do not make much impact because of the inequality between women and men.

In Chicago, within a four year time period, there were 6,084 reported cases of sexual assault. How were these handled? From NBC Chicago, there was a survivor who spoke out to the public about how these charges are being handled in the Chicago Police Department and how she handled the situation without the help of CPD. The overall arrest rate for these Chicago cases is 12.75%. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation states, "Many rape cases end with no charges", so this organization works to help victims figure out their way through the criminal justice system.

Assault can occur at any time, and at any moment. A lot of people think it can only happen at night, and in dangerous alleys, but assault often happens under the victim's roof. After all of this occurs, the victim might not want to tell what went on because of many reasons—reliving trauma, fear of retaliation, fear of not being believed, etc. So it is important to protect our women because if these things occur, and no one takes action, what will happen?

Why is a woman's body an automatic "YES"?
Why isn't "No" enough?

No one seems to have the answers to these questions. It makes me wonder when women's voices are going to be loud enough for people to hear them.



✨ Interviews ✨

Aniyah L | Al Raby Highschool



Aniyah is 17 years old and lives on the Westside of Chicago.

During the interview, Aniyah stated " What If roles were switched? How would the world work? In our favor or not? Growing up on the Westside we always have to come in the house at an earlier time before the street lights come on because of the potential predators..."

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Amora R. | Disney II Magnet School



Amora is 18 years old and lives on the Southside of Chicago.

During the interview, Amora stated, "A lot of people are not right in the head, but that doesn't justify one's actions. Overall it is just sad that people have to go through this, from both sides."

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