Sexual Coercion
Harassment, Aggression, and Abuse

Chapter 17 Tutorial
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Contrast the definitions of sexual harassment

OBJECTIVE #1
What is sexual harassment?

**DEFINITION**
- Abuse of power for sex
  - Sexual advances
  - Sexual favors
  - Verbal/physical sexual conduct
- Create hostile environment
  - Intimidating
  - Offensive

**LAWS**
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- EEOC (1980)
  - Affects employment decisions
  - Interferes w/ work performance or hostile environment
Factors to consider...

- Equal power
- Appropriately approached
- Desire to continue contact
Gender Research

- Men less likely to perceive activities as harassing.
- Men tend to misperceive women’s friendliness as sexual interest.
- Men more likely to perceive male-female relationship as adversarial.
The Context of Sexual Harassment
Discuss heterosexual bias, anti-gay prejudice, and violence against gays/lesbians

OBJECTIVE #2
Heterosexual Bias

- Ignore
  - “My daughter’s ‘roommate’”

- Segregate
  - Domestic partnerships; civil unions

- Exclude
  - Adoptions, church, family, friends, co-workers

Website: [http://www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)
Anti-Gay Prejudice

- Allport’s Stages
  - Offensive language
  - Discrimination
  - Violence

- Personal Sources
  - Insecurity
  - Religion
  - Ignorance
Illustrate the spectrum of behavior that falls under the definition of sexual assault

OBJECTIVE #3
Definitions

**Sexual Aggression**
- Any sexual activity
- Performed against a person’s will

**Sexual Coercion**
- Arguing
- Pleading
- Cajoling
- Force
- Threat of Force

**Sexual Assault**
http://www.sexlaws.org
Describe the forms and motivations of rape

OBJECTIVE #4
The Many Faces of Rape

- Date Rape
- Acquaintance Rape
- Stranger Rape
- Marital Rape
- Gang Rape
- Male Rape

Drug Induced Rape Prevention Act of 1996

Diffusion of responsibility
Group Conformity
Anonymity
Blame self
Feel Guilt
Feel Shame
OBJECTIVE #5

Evaluate the impact of sexual assault in accordance with Rape Trauma Syndrome (RTS)
Effects of Rape

- Rape Trauma Syndrome
  - Emotional Response
    - Phase 1
      - Acute
        - Begins immediately
    - Phase 2
      - Long-term re-organization
- PTSD
  - DSM-IV (TR)
- Secondary victimization
Discuss the relationship between objectification theory and sexual assault
Objectification Theory

- According to WEAVE...
  - Women perceived as “bodies”
  - Dehumanization of women
  - Disinhibition of violence against women!
OBJECTIVE #11

Explain the cycle of domestic violence
Cycle of Violence

According to WEAVE...

Explosion

"False Honeymoon"

Trigger

Tension
Explain why sexual assault is difficult to prosecute

OBJECTIVE #9
A Difficult Case

According to WEAVE...

- Traumatic to victim
- Rarely witnesses
- Evidence easily destroyed
- Cases not reported timely
- Victims fear perpetrators, law enforcement, etc.
What is child sexual abuse?

- Physical
  - Fondling
  - Kissing
  - Oral sex
  - Vaginal Intercourse
  - Penile Intercourse

- Exposing Genitals

- Photography
OBJECTIVE #6

Identify the preconditions and forms of child sexual abuse
Child Sexual Abuse

- Pre-conditions of a child abuser
  1. Motivated to abuse
  2. Overcome internal inhibitions
  3. Overcome external obstacles
  4. Overcome child’s resistance
Children at Risk

- Females
- Pre-adolescents
- Absent or unavailable parents
- Poor relationship with parents
- Parental Conflict
- Live with stepfather
Examine the initial and long-term behavioral, cognitive, and emotional effects of child sexual abuse

OBJECTIVE #8
Effects of Child Sexual Abuse

- **Physical**: STI, Scarring, Abrasions, Pain
- **Emotional**: Low self-esteem, Depression, Anger, Shame, Mistrust
- **Social**: Relationships, School, Withdraw, “wrong crowd”
- **Sexual**: Inappropriate Bx, Boundaries, Abusive Rel.

- Physical
  - STI
  - Scarring
  - Abrasions
  - Pain

- Emotional
  - Low self-esteem
  - Depression
  - Anger
  - Shame
  - Mistrust

- Social
  - Relationships
  - School
  - Withdraw
  - “wrong crowd”

- Sexual
  - Inappropriate Bx
  - Boundaries
  - Abusive Rel.
Legal Precedents

- **Megan’s Law (1995)**
  - [http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/)

- **1997 Supreme Court Ruling**
  - Notifies schools, day care centers, youth groups about nearby moderate risk offenders

- **2003 Supreme Court Ruling**
  - Photos of convicted offenders may be placed on the Internet
In Summary

- What is sexual harassment?
- What factors influence anti-gay attitudes?
- What is sexual coercion?
- How might rape affect a woman? A man?
- How does child sexual abuse affect its victims?