

RAPE CULTURE

5 UNDERLYING COMPONENTS



SEXISM

Hostile sexism: overtly sexist beliefs endorsing men's superiority to women and men's right to control women and their sexuality

Benevolent sexism: heteronormative beliefs of men and women as distinct and complementary, where men must protect and provide for women

TRADITIONAL GENDER ROLES

Roles and stereotypes a society or culture deems as appropriate and traditional for men and for women

For example:

Men are dominant; women are submissive.

Men are sexual; women are pure



ADVERSARIAL SEXUAL BELIEFS

Beliefs that heterosexual interactions revolve around power struggles where both men and women are trying to gain something from each other

For example:

Men only want sex; Women only want power

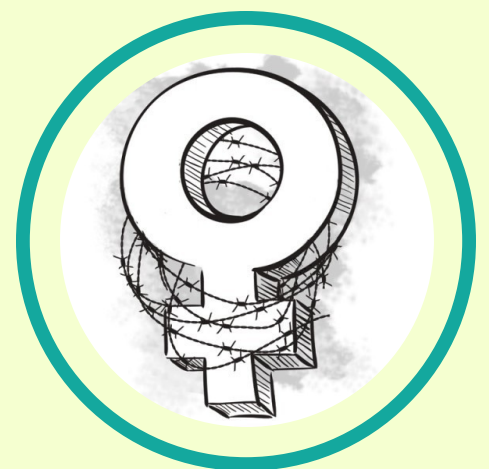


HOSTILITY TOWARD WOMEN

Beliefs and expressions that women are at the root of most ills of the world

For example:

Some interpretations of the Biblical story of Adam and Eve place Eve as the root cause of evil



ACCEPTANCE OF VIOLENCE

The idea that violence is excusable (e.g., corporal punishment, war) and, in some circumstances, desired (e.g., sex).



How do these components play out based on a person's social identities?