Rape Culture Hysteria: Fixing the Damage Done to Men and Women
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OUTLINE

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My Questions for PC Feminism
• Ain't I a woman?
• Ain't I a feminist?
• Ain't I a victim of Sexual Violence?
Overview of the Book
Three Caveats
• The omission from self-respect
• The omission I regret
• This book has no academic pretensions
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Chapter One: The Fiction of the Rape Culture
Introduction to the Rape Culture Hysteria
• How doublethink drives hysteria
• The dynamics of psychopathology
What is the rape culture?
• Backlash against rape culture “deniers”
• Summary statement of the rape culture
The Rate of Rape in America
The Short Version of How We Got Here
• What gender justice looks like
• The personal is political
• The triumph of ideology over fact
Microaggression: The New Rape Culture Frontier
• Innocence and truth are no defense
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Chapter Two: Intellectual Framework and History of Rape Culture Myth
Intellectual Framework
• The social construction of human beings and gender
• Gender fluidity, nature v. nurture
• The patriarchy
• Post-Marxism
• Social justice
History of the Rape Culture
• Myth One: rape is an essential part of patriarchy
• Myth Two: men have created a mass psychology of rape
• Myth Three: rape is a part of normal life.

Additional Myths About Rape

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Chapter Three: Dynamics of the Hysteria and Psychology of Rape Culture True Believers

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Background of the U-Va. Gang-Rape Myth

How U-Va. Expressed the Rape Culture Myth Dynamics
• The myth plays into existing biases
• The myth allows for no contradiction
• The myth allows for no negotiation
• The myth is sensational
• The myth is backed by junk science
• The myth is attached to a clear agenda
• The myth is presented by a credible source
• Critics are rendered non-credible
• Critics who retain any credibility are ignored

Psychology of Rape Culture Warriors
• Kafkatrapping
• Cost to social justice warriors
• Cost to the recipients of kafkatrapping

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Chapter Four: Data, False and True

Zombie statistics

PC Feminist research
• Feminism is a perspective, not a research method
• Feminists use many research methods
• Feminist research involves ongoing criticism of nonfeminist scholarship
• Feminist research is guided by feminist theory
• Feminist research may be trans-disciplinary
• Feminist research aims to create social change
• Feminist research strives to represent human diversity
• Feminist research frequently involves the researcher as a person
• Feminist research frequently attempts to develop special relations with the people studied (in interactive research)
• Feminist research frequently defines a special relationship with the reader

How to Interrogate Rape Culture Studies and Statistics
• Does the researcher have a clear bias?
• What is the source of the findings I’m hearing?
• Does the research include an explicit public policy recommendation?
• Is the sample biased -- that is selective – or too small?
• Does the research proceed from a false assumption that is stated as established fact?
• Is a margin error not present or misreported?
• Does the researcher assume a correlation means causation?
• Is the sample further biased by adding incentives?
Do the questions skew participants toward the desired answer?
Does it draw upon prestigious but dubious authority?
Does the study ignore contradicting evidence?
Do the results make sense or do they contradict your own experience?

Applying the Preceding Questions to Specific Research

The Saga of Missing Data

Stats That Are Impossible to Accurately Calculate
- The sticky question of false accusations

The Touchstone Moment of Feminist Research on Rape

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Chapter Five: Comparison of the Key Surveys Regarding Rape

Why Do Rape Statistics Vary So Widely? Introduction
- Table 1. rate of campus rape and sexual assault

How Are Rape and Sexual Assault Defined?
- Table 2. definitions of rape and sexual assault

Brief Summary of Statistics
- 1. NCVS: National Crime Victimization Survey (Dec 2014)
- 3. CSAS: Campus Sexual Assault Study (December 2007), National Institute of Justice
- 4. UCR: Uniform Crime Reporting Program, FBI (2013)

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Chapter Six: Harms of the Rape Culture

False Claims That Encourage Harms

The Harm Inflicted on Rape Victims and Women
- It prevents healthy sexual relationships
- It increases skepticism about rape claims
- It can prevent healing
- It endangers women’s safety
- It infantilizes women
- It polarizes women and short-circuits critical thinking

The Harm PC Feminism Inflicts on Universities

The Harm PC Feminism Inflicts on Men

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Chapter 7: Solutions to Rape Culture Hysteria

Institutionalization of the Rape Culture

Political Fixes: Abolish the Department of Education
- Drastically reduce the DOE’s budget
- Repeal Title IX
• Devolve educational authority to state level
Privatize Higher Education
Returning Constitutional Rights to Campus
• Demand respect for due process
• Return rape to being a criminal matter
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