

Experience of Misogyny

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The Citizens:mk **Action on Misogyny** Campaign was launched in February 2020. It has two key agendas:

- **Preventative** – to limit the escalation of misogynistic violence and enable TVP to analyse trends across all hate crimes, and deploy resources and training more effectively
- **Symbolic** – to signpost that Milton Keynes institutions will not tolerate sexist behaviour.

Citizens UK have been campaigning to make Misogyny a Hate Crime since 2014. Our campaign aims to build on the work of [Citizens Nottingham](#) and [Citizens Greater Manchester](#).

We aim to build on the Citizens:mk [Fight Against Hate](#) Campaign which ran during 2017-2018. The campaign team members are from The Open University, MK Quakers and Church of Christ the Cornerstone. During May and early June we conducted a pilot listening campaign and a [survey](#) of members in Milton Keynes (and later, for members in Reading and Oxford) to help understand experiences of and opinions on Misogyny and 'Hate Crime' in Thames Valley.

Some testimony and results was presented to the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner at the Thames Valley Accountability Assembly on 11th June, 2020.

This is a draft report of the testimony. A report of the survey results will follow in due course.

[Information Sheet on the Survey: Experience of Misogyny in Milton Keynes](#)

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TESTIMONY - FROM 1-2-1 DISCUSSIONS IN THE CITIZENS:MK CHAPTER

J's Story

J was 57 when she accepted that she had been sexually abused by her father. She thinks that it might have been the death of her mother that enabled her to see this reality. She always had fragmented images from when she was a small girl. She remembers waking up with her father in her bed naked beside her. She remembers him squeezing his arm around her waist and her trying to break free - pushing up against the wall because it was a corner bed in her grandmother's house. She remembers subsequently saying to her mother "I don't want to sleep with dad" and her mother saying "he only wants to cuddle up". There was never any further discussion about the matter with either of her parents. She thinks now that because her mother didn't take heed, she herself did not take heed. In a way, she feels she never really differentiated from her mother. There are many other related but fragmented memories - too many to mention. But the point of the story is that she believes misogyny to be at the root of her own abuse, her self-abandonment, of her being dis-empowered and living life in the shadows. She has been on a healing journey for a number of years now. She wants others to take note because what happened to her will have happened to others and will continue to happen until misogyny is recognised and all women throughout the world are as empowered as their male counterparts.

X's Story

X remembers back to an incident that happened when she was a small girl. It was in her parents home and the decorators were in. She remembers wondering into the room where the workman was decorating. She has a distinct memory of a bench made from two ladders with a board between them. She remembers the workman lifting her up onto that board. She was wearing a nightdress and he lifted her nightdress and molested her. She remembers telling her parents about the incident and has vibrant recall of where she was at the time and of both her parents present but not of any further discussion. Her father was a policeman. X imagines that her parents took up the incident but she herself doesn't know what redress had been made. As a mature adult she did challenge her mother about the incident. Her mother confirmed that it had happened but told her to put it behind her. X is aware that she was traumatised in some way and that not knowing the detail of how the decorator had been brought to account left her feeling dis-empowered. She appreciates now being involved as an activist in the community which she finds empowering. She is committed to campaigning about misogyny because she believes that misogyny is at the root of her own dis-empowerment.

R's Story

R came from a long family line with misogynistic attitudes and a history of sexual abuse. Long before she was born, her grandmother (mother of six) was admitted to a mental health facility for post-natal depression and remained there for the rest of her life. In the absence of his wife, R's grandfather incested his daughter - Mary. Mary subsequently went on to marry and gave birth to a daughter.

After Mary's marriage ended, she re-married and had another daughter, R. R's father incested her half-sister as a young teenager. Also, as a small child, he reached under R's nightdress, stroked her inappropriately and told her that if anyone did this to her she should tell him.

R's father retired to a care-home where he was ill-behaved and had a reputation for racism as well as misogyny. Neither R nor her half-sister had any contact with their father for about 15 years. Eventually, R's sister moved closer to where her step-father lived. She visited her grandfather who recounted how he and his son (her dad) would compete on a night out to see who would first 'lay a woman'. He admitted that his son was a brute although also much beloved and relayed this family history at that time.

J's Story

J is aware that misogyny was systemic in her upbringing. It was also her reality that her mother didn't want to have her before she was born. She was only 5 years old, when the next door neighbour - a young man - was asked to babysit. He molested her and even as a young child, she intuitively knew that what he did was wrong. She told her mother what he had done and her mother said "he would not be coming again". However, there was no recrimination for his crime, he had never been held to account. There was no further discussion on the matter and no recognition for her trauma. Her grandfather was a war veteran and would now have been diagnosed with PTSD. He identified J as a victim who he said would always be "mistreated by men". She grew up thinking there was something inherently wrong with her. In university, she was suspicious of men and had low self-esteem. She recognised that her entire society colluded in the denigration of women.

She has since come to the realisation that there is nothing wrong with her but denial of misogyny continues in society at large.

S's Story

When S was a little girl her mum had to work and arranged for her to be looked after by a foster mum who was fostering two teenage girls. The foster-mum had two grandsons aged 15 and 17 who regularly took turns in visiting her and so the three girls were often alone with one or other of the grandsons. The younger of the two had nothing to do with the girls but the older lad abused each of the three girls. He would encourage the three of them to each sit on his knee individually as he stroked them inappropriately. S remembers him putting his finger into her knickers and fondling her genitals. He exposed his penis to the girls and told them "you mustn't tell anyone". No one spoke of such issues. Even if they had, no one back then in the 60's would have believed children. The foster mum was blind to her grandson's behaviour. Prior to that, S and her mum moved into a lodgings where she was bullied by a ten year old boy (four years her senior). One particular incident, he pushed her onto the road causing her leg to be grazed. Subsequently, S found it difficult to relax. As a young adult, she was fearful of early sexual encounters, had mental health issues and married very young – a violent relationship but it did not last long.

G's Story

When B was a young child she was an enthusiastic Brownie. At the tender age of eight, she knew it was her duty "to be helpful at all times". One Saturday morning, on her way home from Brownies she met a man on his bike and he asked her for directions to the next village. Then, he said to her that "as a Brownie you are always helpful, so can you come with me to show me the way?" B agreed to accompany the man on his bicycle, she was riding hers. On the way, he suggested to B that they stop for a rest in the woods. They sat on a secluded bench and B was terrified. The man was clearly very disturbed and started to cry. Then he turned to her and said - "I think you'd better go home to your mummy, she will be worried about you". B went home but never disclosed the incident to her mother. She only disclosed this to a therapist when she was in her 50s so she has kept it a secret for over 50 years. Even now, she sometimes feels unsafe at night - if she is alone in certain areas or taking a train. She believes that this episode has given rise to some anxiety over the years.

M's Story

When M was in school she had a very abusive relationship with a boy in her class. He insisted on keeping their relationship secret and frequently had other relationships on the go. He denigrated her saying he previously had better looking girl-friends and that she was not "in his league". At her 18th birthday, he openly flirted with other girls and constantly accused her of being jealous. She looks back now and realises that she played into this having had a very misogynistic family. She now realises that there is constant "micro-aggressions" against women. When women say certain things – they are termed "bitchy" by other women and men whereas if men say the same things they are deemed "funny". When in groups of young adults if a woman speaks at the same time as a man – it is more likely that both the men and the women listen to the man.

Finally she talks about male world leaders of America, Brazil and the UK and how they have under-performed on the Covid-19 outbreak compared to the female world leaders of Germany, New Zealand and Denmark and she is amazed by how they are allowed to get away with it.

From a 16 and a half year old who's now left school

I had a boyfriend in school when I was not quite 14 and went out with him for nearly a year. Towards the end of that time, he kept asking me to have sex with him but I always said no as I knew I wasn't ready for it. Also I knew that when I did, everyone at school would know too as the boys always talked about which girls they had slept with.

It was just part of life – who'd done it and who hadn't, boys would just come out and ask you! And there were a lot of photos circulating, the boys would share anything in their group if they had them. It was really common to get photos of boy's penises! They would hide behind a different name on Snapchat but you often knew who they were. Boys seemed to think that girls would like it! But I certainly didn't, I just deleted them and tried not to let them upset me.

There was always a kind of jokey atmosphere around the sex talk, but I used to talk to my best girl friend and we'd say that really you couldn't win: if you did sleep around you were a slag and if you didn't you were frigid!

Another teenager

I had a boyfriend when I was 15 and I found out really quickly that for instance when I went to the toilet, he was looking at my phone and checking on my messages, even ones I'd had from my mum. I knew he was doing it, but he kept denying it. Also he liked to know where I was and who I was with and he got mad when I said it was my business, when I was usually just with my sister. In the end I told him that if he kept doing it I was going to finish with him, and I did. It was good for me to learn early that it's important to resist being controlled by a boy, I shall know the signs another time.

61 year old single woman living alone

About three weeks ago I received an email from an unknown sender, but which quoted a genuine password that I had used some years ago. It said that I was being watched, they knew where my activities were and where I went every day. It called me awful names and upset me very much and left me quite frightened. I didn't do anything about the first one, but a week later I had four more saying the same kinds of things: that people had seen me having sex (which I wasn't!) that I was an effing whore and saying don't you dare contact the police or we'll know about it.

This time I contacted BT and they got back to me and suggested that I reported them to the fraud squad action line. I tried to do this, but the website crashed and I gave up. However BT told me that there had been many hundreds of these emails and that they had found the source and dealt with it, so I felt a bit better that I hadn't somehow been singled out. But it did give me a sleepless night – bad enough living alone through lockdown without this extra fear.

A woman in her 80s

I remember the first time anyone tried it on with me, I was about 15 and went down to a lake where we hired boats. The lad there who was maybe 2 or 3 years older than me just grabbed me and groped my breasts. There was no-one else around and even though I was frightened I just pushed him off. I couldn't go away as I wanted to get a boat for friends. I suppose I knew this kind of thing happened, so it never occurred to me to tell anyone else, but it left me shaken.

A 90 year old woman

My parents had a particularly unhappy marriage and I always took my mother's part when there were arguments. I was never close to my father, I just wasn't the kind of daughter he seemed to want so there was little physical affection between us. But I remember one day being in the corridor behind the kitchen - where my mother was - when my father just appeared and put his arm around me. I absolutely screamed and shouted blue murder, you would have thought I had been raped, and my reaction was so violent that it almost felt like that. Even in therapy afterwards I never quite understood why it felt so bad.

Woman in her 70s

When I was in my 40s mum of three children, I was a member of a large church with many teenagers, I was running one of the youth groups and worked with the minister, a man in his 50s, there on various projects. One day he came to my house for a meeting, and within minutes of arriving he grabbed me and tried to kiss me, saying 'let's say hello properly'. I was shocked and froze, but made it clear he should leave which he did, with no conversation between us. We never spoke of it again.

After he'd gone I thought about how I was feeling and realised to my horror that my main emotion was guilt! I was thinking about what I might have done or said to encourage him to behave that way! I thought I was a pretty empowered woman – a member of several women's groups throughout the 70s and 80s, but still in 1986 I found myself feeling somehow responsible for what was really an assault.

Many years later I met another minister in the same denomination who had known this man years earlier, and he commented without any prompting that 'the trouble with him was he was well known for being a womaniser'. Absolutely no procedures in the church at that time were in place for proper complaints to be made, and I never told anyone, though found out later that two other women in my church had been on the end of his 'advances'. I guess we all thought, separately, it was always going to be our word against his and the thought of it being public was too alarming. Doubtless he went on to behave in the same way with other women in future churches.

A woman in her late 50s

I think what's exhausting is the sheer, casual relentlessness of it....I have completely lost count of the times I've been groped or been rubbed up against on the tube or a train. I remember once, surrounded by men on the tube, all looking away from me, when I felt a hand on my bum and going up my skirt. I grabbed the hand and held it up in the air – the hand of one of the men who didn't even look faintly embarrassed – he just shrugged and turned away. And then there's the tedious business of whistling as you pass building sites, etc, it's all so wearying that you can't just walk down the road in peace.

I remember one of the first lessons I had in how to be a girl, when, as a 12 year old, a priest at the Catholic girls school I went to, told us to be sure to wear skirts a decent length because when girls wore tiny mini skirts, it just tempted boys into the sin of masturbation! I had to go home and look it up, I hadn't the faintest idea what it meant!

A woman in her 30s

I remember as a 15 year old coming home from somewhere and being assaulted by a man who shoved me up against a fence and got his hands into my pants. There were a few people around, and he went off, but it left me pretty scared. I didn't even tell my parents when I got in as I knew it would just worry them. Looking back, two things interest me – first that I wasn't surprised somehow, and yet I'd been brought up in the gentlest of homes where such behaviour would never have been even mentioned, and second that I ended up partly blaming myself because I had taken a short cut that evening so some of it was maybe my own fault! As if we can't feel safe choosing any route we like to walk home? But nothing much has changed, most women think carefully about where they walk and how many people will be around especially in the evening?

A single woman

I have a neighbour next door to me who has been hassling and bullying me over several years. He has followed me on walks and even to my place of worship.

Parking is quite difficult in our road and he has been so difficult about this that I dread leaving home and dread coming home after work in case there is a confrontation. He has damaged my car in the past and I worry in case it happens again.

The police have been involved but nothing has been resolved as the man is very plausible. He has accused me of making racist remarks to him while being insulting about the fact that I wasn't born in this country.

I can't sleep for worrying about what he might be doing outside at night. Even if I thought about moving, I know that the sale of my property will be compromised as I would have to reveal that there has been conflict with a neighbour so I feel trapped. He thinks he can do what he likes because I'm a single woman on my own.

A woman in her 50s

I was the eldest of 7 children, my sister next, the two of us the only girls in the family. My father was a teacher and then a civil servant, educated at a school run by the British and someone who treated women with respect but also protection. So he was a probably a hyper-protective father and I was seldom allowed to go out alone even as a 17 year old. Strangely this didn't seem to have given me a fear of the world as a dangerous place for girls, I grew up with a strong sense of self-confidence and self esteem.

I do remember when I went to university being shocked to hear older women talking about their husband's girlfriends..... a sense that wives had the home and the most preferred children, so they could tolerate any number of other women keeping their husbands happy!

I had a friend who had married a man who was supposed to be a very religious person, but after having 7 children herself left the marriage because he had been beating her. Her sense of shame at 'failing' in the marriage had kept her in it for many years, I was very shocked and upset when I found out.

I came to England when I was 28 and had married an Englishman. We brought up two boys with whom we've always had very open conversations. Perhaps they are unusual in their age group but they seem to want to meet and marry someone for life and their relationships with girls so far have been very brief. They missed the worst of the social media influences in their teenage years as there was only Facebook then which at that time was pretty tame compared with today's mass of media platforms. I have never felt unsafe in MK, though am not often on public transport as my work needs me to drive and I feel ok in my car.

TESTIMONY - FROM THE SURVEY: EXPERIENCE OF MISOGYNY

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MILTON KEYNES SURVEY RESPONSES

THAMES VALLEY SURVEY RESPONSES

How would you define Misogyny?

The archaic view that women are below men and the fore can be treated as lesser beings or objects

Lack of respect for women. Thinking of and treating women as inferior to men.

Women are considered second class people.

Anything that has a negative outcome for women because they are women.

Actively, or passively, contributing to the hatred of women.

Hate of women

Hatred of women, within the context of systemic sexism/patriarchal society (i.e. it is a societal, not a purely individual, issue).

Hatred of women because they are women or identify as women.

Assuming men are superior to women; creating social and working spaces that ignore women's needs/exclude women and provide preferential spaces for men; committing crime against women because of their gender; limiting promotion opportunities for women because of their gender or because assumptions have been made about their capabilities on the basis of their gender; oppression of women; sexual objectification of women.

oppression of one person , female or someone who identifies as a woman , (in my experience and in stories) by a male . By oppression I mean not appreciating the value of the woman, projecting expectations and stereotypical behaviours onto the woman. Taking away the woman's power, self respect. Treating the woman as less than themselves and this can be subtle or obvious. Demeaning the other.

Hatred of women.

Objectification of women by men, a term that is in itself discriminatory because all of these things happen the other way round but are not recognised. Objectification of Men by women is no more acceptable, yet is prevalent everywhere.

Sexism

Abuse towards women

'hatred and contempt of women'

hate against women and all behaviours and speech that diminish and offend women's dignity and worth as equal subjects

Not just the belief that women are not equal to men and shouldn't be treated the same, but also that they are inferior and are objects of hate or contempt. Not only that, but the lack of acceptance that society, the media and all of the infrastructure that exists in our lives is biased towards, and made by, men.

the inequality between men and women, the mistreatment of a woman and unfair bias put on that person based purely on their gender. The notion that men are at an advantage based on their sex. Women feeling unsafe, inferior to men and being held back financially, personally, mentally, or from an employment perspective for these reasons. The list goes on.

Any kind of abuse aimed towards women whether in person or online/virtually.

The idea that a man has any divine right over a woman in any aspect at all.

The treatment of women that displays a view point of male superiority and the objectification of women on a large scale.

A prejudice view of women

The abuse and mistreatment of women in society either personally or professionally.

Dislike of women
Actions or words that demean and harm women and girls or lead them to not fulfil their potential. It can be overt or hidden and is often systematic leading to practices (whether formal or informal) that determine negative outcomes for women and girls.
Behaving in a way, either deliberately, through inaction or accidentally, that is detrimental to women.
The archaic view that men are better than women based on unvalidated, outdated and toxic beliefs e.g. women belong at home
Prejudice against women, feeling unwelcomed in society by particular groups of people. Also the subordination of women in society because of their gender.
When you are targeted because you are female, e.g., called a bitch or slut, your clothing is commented on, you are assaulted, you receive unwanted sexual comments, you are dismissed, you are stereotyped on outdated female tropes (like pink, wear skirts/dresses, use make-up, like dainty things, aren't assertive, etc)
A hatred or disgust for people who define themselves as female
A false consciousness based around the incorrect perception that women are not equal to other sexes, perform different functions within society and therefore have limitations imposed upon them based purely on their gender.
Prejudice against women or girls, in all its forms - conscious, unconscious and ingrained.
Different (negative) treatment and opinions of women due to their gender
Prejudice against women, which can lead to abuse.
The treatment of women as second class citizens, as inferior beings, and this treatment being verbal or physical.
dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women.
Maltreatment and discrimination of women.
Hatred/ resentment of women, viewing women as an object
It's a type of behaviour, usually exhibited by men, where they try to exert power over women by belittling them or showing contempt or prejudice against them.
Prejudice against women
Gender inequality based on hatred towards women gender and feminism.
Unfair treatment of women because of their gender
mistreatment of women
Hatred of women, seeing women as 'not the default', relegating concerns shared by women to the status of a 'special interest'.
Mistreatment of women
Misogyny is contempt and mistreatment of women that can manifest itself as violence, discrimination against women but also objectification, prejudice and overall unequal treatment due to their gender.

How would you define Misogyny?

Treating women in an inferior way to men eg) as objects, possession, employees or citizens either through words or actions in the home, workplace or general society

Anything which victimises a woman and makes her feel unsafe or ashamed because of her female gender.

I would define misogyny as hatred of women. A hate which believes that it is OK to verbally and physically abuse a woman, not let her aspire to achieve and fulfil her dreams, to be dominated over and devoid of her rights.

Dislike or hatred of women because they are women, possibly leading to less favourable different treatment, verbal physical or sexual abuse.
dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women.
Treating women in a disparaging way - belittling, offensive. It can be quite subtle - not at the criminal level, low grade insulting attitudes towards women
hatred towards women or looking down on them as inferior to men
a hatred of women
Male dominance over women
General disrespect and devaluing of women and girls
Not respecting the role of women in society. Not valuing women. Not treating women as equals.
A dislike/ contempt/ prejudice against women.
Any action, words or attitude that see's women as inferior citizens based essentially, in part or entirely on their gender.
thinking of women just as females, and not as normal people. Less than their men counterparts. prejudice
this question needs to be asked before q6 – you've literally just given me a definition of it, I now can't give an independent answer that will give you valid data
sexist
Treating women as less than you, and having a prejudice against women
The detrimental treatment of women because of their gender
Making any sexual comments towards a girl, wolf-whistling, inappropriate comments, touching without consent, man-splaining, being condescending, being against abortion, calling girls sluts and slags and talking about what girls do with their bodies.
Mistreatment and discrimination against women, feminine people or people assigned female at birth.
Insulting/ having prejudice/oppression towards a female socialised person on the basis of their sex
Dislike of women.
A belief in the female sex being below or second to the male sex which leads to distorted social views and poor treatment of women of all ages
hatred of women and abuse against women
Hateful or demeaning treatment of women.
Mistreatment and degradation of women based on their sex
Going against women or not understanding/listening to them because they are women and their opinions are perceived as not as important
Negative behaviour and thoughts about/towards women and people of other gender identities. Believing that males are superior to females and people of other gender identities.
The treatment as women, or things associated as female/femininity as lower then men/masculine things
Treating women as inferior to men or women having less abilities
Hatred of women whether explicit or implied through treatment
mistreat women

Violence towards women either physically, mentally or emotionally

If you have any other examples of 'misogyny' please list them

Families that welcome the birth of a son more than the birth of a daughter
A friend who constantly belittles his wife.

Deliberately preventing women/females from being educated to stop them advancing.

Misogyny can motivate a number of acts (some of which amount to criminal offences) - that said, not all acts listed in Q7 are 'examples' of misogyny (in my view) - although, in some cases, their commission is motivated by misogynistic views of the perpetrator.

Other examples can include misogynistic text-based abuse, threats.

Domestic abuse; coercive control

None of these in Milton Keynes -I've seen it in a marriage (not my own) where the husband laughs at the wife's opinions and puts her down when she wants to enter a conversation. I've experienced it when passing building sites (they are better run now) where lewd remarks are made, and whistling and comments on my body. I've experienced it when younger travelling abroad and having a man walking down the road past me , reach out and grab both my breasts , laugh and walk on. Treating me like an object.

Practically any time a woman is depicted in the vast majority of media..., Incel culture, pick up culture, everyday sexism. The list is endless and cannot be reproduced in this box.

A man telling a woman to not be angry about feminism because sexism is no longer a thing.
A man speaking over a woman in a group conversation, or ignoring their opinion/suggestion.
A man looking down on a woman/treating her differently to how he would another man.

Gendered stereotypes that impact behaviour towards women

Expectations of educators, officials, community or family that deem that a woman or girl will perform less well than a man or boy.
Use of female terms as insults to men and boys.
Not allowing women and girls to express views or take on tasks and giving these to men or boys.

Referencing gender when it's irrelevant ("you'll know what I mean!")

Upskirting, sexual assault, verbal abuse, unwanted attention that you're expected to put up with or appreciate, e.g., comments on your anatomy, wolf-whistling, being touched by strangers, having your clothing choices commented upon, etc. Revenge porn, domestic abuse/violence, opinions disregarded/put down, treated in a patronising manner because you 'can't possibly know about bikes, you're female' despite being a biker, etc, called love or bird, references to situations in marketing being 'like rape' at work when it is obviously nothing like it, etc. Being told your boundaries don't matter, that you can't have 'female only' spaces. The tax on sanitary wear - periods are a bodily function, not a lifestyle choice.

Overt and covert means to undermine, humiliate or otherwise oppress people who define themselves as female. For example, people who use the term 'feminist' in a derogatory way to justify their consistent passive aggressive actions specifically towards someone who defines themselves as female. This can also be described as a form of bullying specific to gender.

patriarchy, hostility, belittling

NA

Internalised misogyny - involuntarily not trusting other women, favouring men
slut-shaming

Mental abuse.

If you have any other examples of 'misogyny' please list them

Assuming women can't do such a good job as men. This also may include leadership in the church

I believe misogyny can be particularly exacerbated where a woman also has other protected characteristics, for example racial minorities, disabilities, lesbian, bisexual and trans women.

Not criminal, but behaviour like - if there is a woman in a workplace team, there is an expectation that she will be the one doing tasks like getting refreshments, the first aider, the mental health first aider, and not men.
Treating women in power as a token,
Asking women about their family life and how they cope - not fathers. Treating women as ""other""
Attitudes that women are saints or whores, sexually exploiting or compromising women

men who cheat in relationships and see it as their right to do so

In the area of leadership a man would be described positively as focused, determined, directive, ambitious etc. The same behaviours from a woman would be described negatively as controlling, overbearing and vain-glory.

no

Gaslighting, emotional abuse

o could go on

Automatic assumption that we are over exaggerating, wrong, or lying. Whether by strangers, friends or even our doctors. There is a burden of proof for EVERYTHING we say, especially when it is about our pain.

Calling women bossy and men assertive in the same situation, believing men should be in higher positions and have certain jobs, judging a woman by her looks rather than what she's saying

Sexual assault
Positive discrimination

Misogynistic language - including but not limited to using sexist tropes and dismissive slurs such as 'Karen' and 'TERF'.

Has someone you know experienced any of these?

Families that welcome the birth of a son more than the birth of a daughter
A friend who constantly belittles his wife.

I think most of my friends and I have experienced a level of sexual harassment (e.g. arse grabbing without consent, being called vulgar names, been looking in a "Pervy way" at some point. We consider ourselves lucky to have not experienced anything more sinister like violence, sexual abuse etc

Yes

Yes

Yes - among my friends and family as a whole, there is experience of all of these.

Yes.

I think that every woman I know has experienced misogyny and has been exposed to or worried about the experiences listed.

Not in Milton Keynes
Yes to knowing someone re - domestic violence elsewhere

Yes.

Not women, but I do know men who have.

yes

yes
no
these are fairly common experiences for women
Yes. Many of my female friends have experienced many of the above.
Yes, my female partner has experienced domestic violence in the past.
Yes
Yes - most women I know have experienced at least half of these and they all worry about them
Yes, my girlfriend
My ticks above are largely from experiences of female friends and relatives, although I have also been touched inappropriately and had sexualised language used toward me and been followed in the past (by both men and women).
Yes
Every female has experienced this! Find me one woman who has not had her arse grabbed in a club against her will and I will give you all my money.
Yes
yes, these are all unfortunately common things that come up in conversation with my friends and family - sexual assault being the most common within my friendship group of 6 women. I find my male friends have trouble understanding why I worry so much about the above selected happening.
Most of my female friends have experienced all of the above to varying degrees.
Yes, quite a few people, in quite a serious way.
yes
NO
Yes - loads
Yes
I experienced sexual assault and harassment myself at the age of 13-14 at school. It has affected the rest of my life, either directly or indirectly. I regularly fall into depressive state and last year published a book, Purple Snow Dust in which I begin to unravel the effects of sexual abuse on a child and on their future.
No, fortunately
Child sexual abuse
Not that I am aware of
yes

Has someone you know experienced any of these?

Yes

Yes

In my line of charitable work I have worked and supported many women who have sadly experienced many of the above things

Yes, women I know have experienced all of these.

Probably every woman on the planet has experienced some of these

Yes

Yes, on a shockingly frequent basis but rarely reports to police as no action is taken

Our daughter was sexually assaulted age 13 , plenty of people I know have experienced verbal abuse.

yes

Yes- most females that I know have dealt with inappropriate behavior from men in some shape or form- not necessarily based in Thames Valley though.

Yes.

not that I know of

Yes

Yes, pretty for much all of them I know someone that has experienced it

My 16 year old daughter was recently followed during a walk in the park and had to tell him to stop. She has also had a man making inappropriate remarks to her on a bus.

me and literally every girl I know has a rape story

Friends and family

I can't name a single female my age who hasn't experienced any of these

yes, someone I know has experienced sexual assault

I am not aware of any woman I know being photographed without her consent but all of the others have happened to me or women I know.

Women constantly face being objectified and risk sexual harassment any time they are out.

Every female I know

Yes, I know people who experienced all of the above.

Every women

Yes, sexual violence and assault

Every woman I know and every woman YOU know has experienced at least one of these things

Yes

Yes

Do you have any testimony or experiences of misogyny to share?

As mentioned previously, I've experienced what I would call sexual harassment - arse grabbing, cat calling, breast being looked at / looks that make you feel uncomfortable, men making comments about my appearance meant to be in a complementary way but just come off as seedy.

And then more general things like man spreading on public transport.

Only verbally and attitudes and I am now old enough to object

I have had my breast grabbed by a stranger in the street, while he and his friends made disparaging remarks.

I have been hit in the face on public transport for no real reason.

I have had insults shouted at me in the street.

I have had abuse shouted at me in a shop for asking a man to stand back, while shop staff just looked on and the security guard subsequently told me I should 'just go with it'.

I've experienced misogyny and misogynistic abuse (especially online) in the course of my work - especially when raising the issue of women's rights, equality, feminism. Typically, misogynistic comments and online abuse came from men, but also some women.

When I was in my twenties I had a very controlling boyfriend who stalked me for two years after the break up of our relationship.

After returning to work following maternity leave I realised that some male colleagues assumed that I would be less able to fulfil my role because I was now a parent. In those conversations it was clear that my male colleagues felt able to openly state this and that they were oblivious that the same could be said of male colleagues who were parents.

Nothing in Milton Keynes

Existing in a woman in this world is difficult and leaves you open to abuse as 'fair game' simply by going out in public, daring to be visible and, most daringly of all, not conforming to an image of sexual desirability in the eyes of whatever man has chosen to speak to me/act towards me in the ways I list below:

Waiting in a car at age 14/15 outside a shop and had a group of much younger (10-12) year old boys congregating in front of the car, staring in and obviously talking about me. One of them deciding to try to open the car door numerous times and when he couldn't shouting 'but I only wanted to get a better look at your tits'.

Rushing to meet someone and speaking to them on the phone saying I was going as fast as I could but couldn't go quicker than was physically possible, random comment from a young man near by 'you could try rolling there, you fatty'.

Walking down a path next to a road, car slows, window rolls down 'Cunt' shouted at me, car horn honked at me until they're out of sight.

Ordering a gin and tonic at a bar, and turning down the bar person's question 'make it a large one' comment from man next to me at the bar 'you look like you could use a large one, love'.

Having a double glazing sales person tell me, when I turned down their high-pressure offer to get new windows installed, 'you're single aren't you? The maybe you should speak to your dad or a brother or a male friend about this as men just know better about these things'.

on a school bus, teenage age, as I got up to get off at my stop a male pulled my trousers and underwear down from the back to expose my bum. I feel this was to gain attention, impress his mates, and also to assert dominance. I ran away in embarrassment.

As an adult, I have been cut over during conversations in meetings, and my ideas have been used by a male to get credit.

As an adult, I have been told by a man to 'get over feminism' because 'sexism is no longer a thing'.

Being groped in bars and clubs happened so often it became normalised. Which really saddens me to admit.

While walking to various destinations, I have been beeped my cars, shouted at through the windows, and even worse (because I find it more threatening) have been approached/leered at/shouted at by male pedestrians. I have actively worn more layers of clothing/covered body parts/been uncomfortably hotter just so I can avoid this happening - even though this usually doesn't make a difference and what I wear should not matter anyhow.

These are only a few examples.

I refused a drink that someone offered me in a club and he then became very aggressive shouting at me to fuck off and that I was a fat slut anyway

Numerous men have grabbed my bum during nights out with friends

A man in a bar tried to kiss me once and I moved away and he tried to hold me in place saying ' don't make me look like a dick, just give me a kiss for fuck sake'

When I was younger out at bars or clubs my friends and I were constantly on the receiving end of men touching us without permission, not taking no for an answer unless I pretended I had a boyfriend (typical - only get listened to when another MAN is referenced), cat called constantly.

As I've gotten older and in the working world, often as the only and youngest woman in the room it is expected that I take the minutes, it is not uncommon to be called 'darling' or 'sweetheart' which clearly puts me in a different light to my male colleagues, being interrupted and talked over constantly.

In my second year of university, in a club I was hit by a man completely unprovoked (or that I believe so anyway) and knocked unconscious. The police said he would not be taken to court or get any punishment, other than that he must write me a letter to apologise. I never received the letter of apology and believe it was not taken seriously. This could show that acts of misogyny are equally not taken seriously. He deserved a punishment but did not receive one..

I also sometimes get wolf whistled at and this makes me feel extremely extremely uncomfortable. I then panic that they will follow me and so have to ring my boyfriend to make me feel safer. This happens in Milton Keynes often and is totally disrespectful and inappropriate. Women should not have to feel so scared and be sexually objectified - I feel this happens more often when I am wearing a dress and looking a bit nicer!! I feel safer when I am wearing tracksuit bottoms and a jumper which is laughable really. Why should I have to dress differently in order to feel safer?

A doctor performed an unconsented internal exam. I was crying and begging him to stop and he wouldn't. The nurse who witnessed it said it would be worse if they'd stopped it because he'd have had to do it again. It was not medically required which is why I did not consent.

Men touching my bottom when I was wearing a (long - I shouldn't even have to say this) dress on an evening out

Boys grabbing my bottom and not letting go when I was a teenager at school

Being leered at and whistled at. Being called a prude or a bitch when refusing to respond to men who are making comments

Having to sit through a meeting where a rape analogy was used to describe a situation which was nothing like rape, it was actually about accounting

Men making comments about women, e.g., she must be sleeping with the boss as she's not very good at her job, about a colleague who was perfectly good at her job. The same was never said about male colleagues.

When joining my new job in an all male team, I found that one of the team members would stand outside my office window and proceed to mime gunning me down. I spoke to the team about it and they said that this was just his way.

I found that one of the team began sexually harassing me, telling me to sit on his lap and that I was like a little girl. He is explicit in how he talks about my body and his own, and once he thrust his phone in my face to show me the horrific porn that was stored on it. Another would stroke me on the back publicly. After I addressed this by telling him I found this uncomfortable, he now goes to stroke me on the back and then makes a scene about how he was going to comfort me but ""I know you don't like that sort of thing"".

This is all made the more difficult as I work in events which means that there are hours on end during the day and evenings where I am stuck in a room alone with a colleague. Also, they are always speaking about loyalty and the reputation of the team and, being the first female member of this team in the 40 years it has operated, I feel there is nowhere to turn to.

I personally have been subjected to domestic violence, including threat of sexual assault and verbal abuse - this was when I was younger. I (incorrectly) believed I couldn't do better, due to low self esteem after years of verbal abuse from my peers about the way I look (surrounding my body) and years of being called 'frigid' as I wasn't interested in intimate relationships. It has taken me until my 30s to overcome all of the damage done to my self esteem throughout my teenage years and early life. I finally feel more comfortable in my own skin, and confident in who I am, but it took decades to get here.

More recently I have begun to experience (for the first time) misogyny in the workplace. Fair and reasonable concerns and issues I raise around workload pressures are being ignored and the general gist of the responses I am getting seem to imply this relates to the fact that I am incapable or neurotic. I have been asked not to 'mother people' or 'overthink things' etc. and the fact that I previously suffered from anxiety (post-natal) is being surfaced by my superiors as a potential factor, despite my insistence that I know my own mental health well - and it is not an issue. Similar situations are not being replicated with my male counterparts. I note this may not be a more severe form of misogyny, but a reflection of the ingrained nature.

My daughter (a teenager) has been subjected to sexual assault, sexual harassment, online abuse, verbal abuse and misogyny appears ingrained in the youth culture around her (amongst her friends, groups, online and in music/cultural references). She seems to accept this as the norm, and doesn't see clearly how she is a victim of this (as are her female friends). One good example is the double standards for young people around intimacy - though this is an age old problem - young girls are harshly judged on their involvement in

intimate relationships, which does not seem to be echoed for their male counterparts. Her self esteem is rock bottom, due to continual comments from males in her group around the way she looks, which begin to echo amongst the females in her group who then begin to turn on each other as a method of self defence. She has self-harmed previously, significantly due to these issues.

There are women all around me, family, friends, colleagues, who have been subjected to misogyny.

Coming back on the night Train from London to Milton Keynes on the weekends I have been verbally abused several times.

The last time I made that trip, a group of drunk individuals used their physical superiority to pushed me against the door and rub themselves against my body. It was a very scary and unsettling experience. As a consequence I don't stay in London until late any longer. The last train I take is around 8 p.m.

When I first started working fulltime in my early twenties, a senior male colleague approached me outside of work and said ""I've seen you in the office, you look like you're good at your job but you need to smile more"".

I'm not sure if it was misogyny or if the behaviour was more directed at me as a person. My boss at the time was the managing director of a national chain of catalogue shops and he took every opportunity he could to belittle me in front of colleagues and suppliers. It had a very damaging effect on my mental health. It took about 15 years after he'd been sacked by the company that took us over for me to be able to put it behind me.

I suffered sexual abuse at the age of 13-14. I was regularly attacked by the boys in my class, backed into a corner, held against my will, gagged and abused. I wasn't raped but it was still enough to ruin my confidence, my sense of security, my childhood innocence and my self-worth and self-love. It lasted for over a year and the community I lived in never found out to this date. I didn't tell anyone from the fear of being labelled or even accused of being bad. I dealt with it on my own and as soon as I could escape, I came to UK, at the age of 18. Unfortunately, the fact that I wasn't healed from it meant that I continued to find myself in relationships in which I was submissive and dominated, unable to be strong and move on from the fear of being alone again. This even included a domestic violence which I was unable to come out of myself. I blame the sexual abuse for the wrong choices I made in life in terms of how I see myself, for the fact that until very recently I didn't appreciate or love myself and I felt dirty and unclean. I finally decided to deal with this and last year, at the age of 37 I published a book I have been writing for 6 years, Purple Snow Dust, finally speaking all the truth which I have never done before. Unfortunately, it had the opposite effects and I found myself reliving the horrors of my past again. This time however, I sought help and I am currently receiving treatment. I believe that the long-lasting effects of my sexual abuse, due to misogyny, are finally being dealt with. Unfortunately, I cannot get back the 20 years I have wasted. But I am turning the negativity into positivity and currently doing a research on gender inequality and sexism in the law profession.

Sexual harassment in the workplace
Sexual harassment in the street
Sexual harassment in pubs, clubs etc.
Sexual harassment in a family situation

Sexually assaulted on a redway while walking to the local shops

As a woman I have been belittled many time. Also as an educated women I am often silenced in favour of a man with a similar level of expertise. At work I often realise that my male colleagues are listened to with greater attention. I have been touched in pubs and clubs.

Do you have any testimony or experiences of misogyny to share?

Yes

I've been pinned up against a car by a stranger who said I'd blocked their car into a dark alley (so I couldn't see the car). Fairly sure if I was a bloke he wouldn't have done that.

I've had my drink spiked by a man when out at the Purple Turtle in Reading. This was investigated by the police but no one was charged to my knowledge.

I used to run Rahba on the Oxford Road in Reading, supported women exploited in prostitution. I have had eggs thrown at me by people driving past in a car. I've been spat at. I've had abuse shouted at me. I've had 2 men think that I was selling sex and get verbally abusive and physically threatening towards me.

I've had my bum grabbed in night clubs, and men dance up against me uninvited.

I've nearly punched a man who kept grabbing my bum when I repeatedly asked him not to (my friends restrained me).

I've had people shout out inappropriate things at me as I walked past. Ranging from 'compliments' focused solely on my bum or

supposed ability to give a blow job because of my larger mouth, through to what they were going to do with me if they 'got' me.

I've heard police men make inappropriate remarks about the women I used to support through Rahab. They spoke about them as though they were worth very little, and made rude remarks about them.

I've been a victim of sexual abuse (from my older step brother) when I was 6 years old. As well as having had my dad inappropriately grab my bum frequently. I've had to tell my step father to not speak about me in certain ways because it makes me feel uncomfortable. I've had my step dad pin me to a fridge when I was 12 because I apparently spoke rudely to my mum. I've knelt down on the ground to prevent my step dad hitting me. I've stepped inbetween my mum and step dad when he was about to hit her, and beg him to stop. I've had a boyfriend almost rape me (except the phone thankfully rang) after saying things were going a bit too fast. I've had another boyfriend shout abusively and aggressively at me when I said we were going to break up (and he assumed it was because there were "other guys" I was seeing, which wasn't true). I've had male friends misread boundaries and assume they had the right to kiss me out of the blue and had to lay down the lines of our friendship repeatedly.

I myself have experienced misogyny in my home. Experiencing verbal abuse just because I am a woman, not being allowed to do things because I am woman. It takes away your freedom and the air to breathe.

The most obvious example of misogyny I have experienced was a male constituent receiving treatment for his mental illness. He took the view that I was part of a conspiracy against him and posted threatening messages on my social media about me and my children, turned up at an event I was at and tried to gain entry. I believe that he would not have behaved in this way to a man. I reported it to the police and while the officers who attended initially did not take it seriously (one of them actually was laughing while watching a twitter video in which he threatened to come to my house and told me I could run but I couldn't hide), the police later took it very seriously, took a statement from me and issued a police information notice.

Smaller examples are frequent especially when you have a public role.

Crude language -
prick tease,
you know what you need - a good shag,
ooo is it wrong time of the month darlin?

Leching, disrespect, passed over despite being more capable, assumptions made about what I would like, being barred from certain groups, areas, discussions, at school girls did sewing whilst boys did sport,

The most difficult element of the experience of domestic abuse is how you are treated as a victim by the police and authorities making it harder to go for help. As domestic abuse is now taken much more seriously by the authorities which in some ways is right - it means that should you go for help or if someone contacts the authorities on your behalf - you will risk losing your children and your whole life being turned upside down. I think it would be better to be less intrusive and more open to helping the victims of violence rather than treating them the way they are treated now.

Raped in 1985 - dealt with by male Police Officers

Inappropriate comments about my personal life

Physical domestic violence

Mental domestic abuse

I have had various experiences although most not in Thames Valley and would prefer not to share.

Someone lifting my skirt up and touching me on the bum, and in another occasion being touched on the bum. The first was at a festival, the second at a nightclub

I won a recent election at my student union out of the 697 votes I got, for 1 of them I let a guy feel my breast if he voted for me.

one guy who did not want me to win commented on a post with more than 4000 followers "why don't you go get your tits out to win an election or something?" I was mortified. I didn't realise that guys could just talk about girls bodies so out in the open like that.

Everyday examples:

- being belittled by men in conversations when I voice my opinion, often being referred to as a little girl
- Being a Biomed PhD student but my intelligence and expertise being shut down by others not in my field because I am a woman
- most judgements about me are based on my appearance and posture, not my opinions and knowledge.

- assumptions that I am physically weak and I should not have to carry things as they are too heavy
- being objectified by partners and used for sexual pleasure even without my consent

I worked as a waitress when I was 17-18. I received some inappropriate sexual comments from a much older man who was a customer.

Being dismissed and marginalised. Attempts to silence / intimidate me by using misogynistic language.

Had my bum grabbed by an older boy at school (he was year 11 and I think I was in year 8). The first time I was in shock but carried on walking and tried to pretend it didn't happen. Then he laughed with his friends and said "she's so fat she doesn't even feel it", so he did it again. I turned round to look at him and then kept walking.

How does it make you feel?

From the experiences I've been through disgusted and annoyed - I can feel like it's hard to stand up for myself because I'm scared at what the reaction might be / whether they might become violent.

I feel conditioned (from a young age) to be very wary of men and this can make me feel scared around men I don't know personally.

Furious and scared.

It highlighted to me the importance of work I've been doing and the continuing need for raising these issues in the public domain. On a personal level, it is exhausting to be subjected to such types of abuse.

Frustrated that the men involved felt able to treat me this way. In the case of the stalking I was afraid for my safety and this had a long term impact on my behaviour when I was alone in public because I was anxious that I would see my ex-boyfriend.

n/a

Furious that there are men, and women, in the world that think they are entitled to speak to me this way, or treat me this way. Utterly disgusted that years of societal difference are entrenched so solidly in people that their misogyny is internalised and normalised - they simply don't recognise it. If I am somewhere alone it makes me feel vulnerable and that I need to consider things that men don't need to consider when leaving the house.

threatened, vulnerable, helpless, inferior and frustrated.

like I can't have a good time when I am out with my friends
like I am constantly on edge if I am out with females alone

Angry, as you can see from my answers this is an issue I talk about a lot with family and friends however it's challenging in work with external stakeholders. I think more needs to be done to call out what is and isn't okay - we had a sales director who was certainly over the line with me verbally but got away with it for years as 'that's just what he's like' but finally got dismissed for his sexual harassment after implying to a female colleague they had to sleep their way to the top. Because the lines are unclear about the damage of sexist language, people get away with it by calling it 'old school' or 'sure they weren't just joking?'

Uncomfortable, objectified, living in fear sometimes.

I feel sick, sad, scared, upset and angry. Why is it OK for half the population to be treated as lesser?

Powerless, helpless, depressed, alone, useless, worthless, like I'm not really a person - more a toy, a plaything

Weak. I wish I could change the world for my daughter, I wish I could help her to see that who she is goes beyond that of her exterior, and is firmly based on her actions, her words, her feelings, her soul and not what she looks like. That her body is her own, to do with as she wishes - that no one else owns it, has the right to consume it. However, I also know - much like my mother tried - this will be in vain, and she too will spend decades unpicking and undoing all this damage - and that is the best I can hope for. How sad is that?

scared, unsettled

Angry, unequal and at the time I felt threatened

Angry that I didn't feel able to stand up to him, but it has taught me not to put up with that type of behaviour since.

Until very recently, my experience of misogyny left me unable to love myself and to appreciate my achievements in life. I have a bachelor's degree, post-graduate degree, master's degree and now I am studying a PhD. I have even won a scholarship from The Law Society which paid over £10,000 course fees, yet, none of that made me feel proud. I still felt like a failure. I am now receiving treatment in form of Crystal healing and Reiki therapy, as none of the depression treatments work and I can finally say that I am over it. I begun to appreciate myself and I am now able to look at myself in the mirror.

Angry, hurt, ashamed, forced to keep a secret

Lasting affect of feeling unsafe walking alone where there are few people around

It makes me feel hungry and upset. Sometimes I withdraw and sometimes I react

How does it make you feel?

Angry.

Ashamed.

Sometimes frightened.

Concerned for my two daughters (who are only 2 and 4) regarding the kind of world they are growing up in.

It makes you feel frustrated, you feel anger at yourself because you feel helpless, you feel guilt, thinking how could you let this this happen to you or that it is your fault and made to feel isolated, dejected, desperately sad and hopeless.

It leads to a sense that it is a dangerous and potentially irresponsible thing to be noticed in public.

Furious

Frustrated

alone - as you can't ask for help in a situation without the knowledge of further damage that will happen to your life should you reach out.

I was angry at the time

Bad, obvs.

Belittled, powerless, restricted

Helpless, isolated, scared.

frustrated

angry

self doubting

Uncomfortable, like I don't want to be in that place anymore

I felt like an object. why do people feel so comfortable talking about women breasts with everyone else? what a women does with her body is no one else's business?

fucking awful. I have PTSD from it.

Angry, I feel like I am constantly fighting with the attitudes that are prevalent and I'm hardly being heard because I am female

Very uncomfortable

angry, frustrated, upset, stupid, weak

I felt humiliated. I was with friends but they either didn't notice or ignored it. To this day I still regret not saying anything to him or to my friends or a teacher.

Who did you informally mention it to?

Again I'm not pointing to one specific traumatic circumstance but I have spoken about these things to friends and my mum at various times.

Usually not until some time after the event, and I haven't mentioned all of the incidents.

Stalking was reported to the police.

I discuss my experiences with friends all the time, my female friends and I often compare notes of our experiences.

With the assault I spoke to a nurse a year later after breaking down in surgery. With the help of a counsellor I'm plucking up the courage to report it to the hospital concerned.

The rest of the incidents - I reported one to my line manager, who dealt with it. The rest? Who can you tell and who cares? If you go to someone in authority, you just worry that they're going to judge you instead, e.g., she's too ugly for a bloke to have done that to her, I wouldn't do her, etc. It's just more misogyny.

I have tried to deal with it by speaking gently to the perpetrators, individually, and I find myself having to defend why this is inappropriate - they now see it as an issue I have rather than something they need to change but at least I have said my piece.

Across the various situations I mentioned, we have been in contact with - the police, CAMHS, Brook, school, counselling provided by the NHS, counselling provided privately.

My line manager

I reported it to the Personnel department who asked me to document the abuse and have my log witnessed by someone, but the whole company was scared of him so I wasn't able to get anyone to help me, even though most people knew what he was like and were very sympathetic to my situation.

Reported to police and share with a few family/friends

Who did you informally mention it to?

Relate Counselling and family

Police and local council.

they were so mad, I want to report it to my university too.

authority

Who did you report it? What was the outcome?

As stated in previous answer, no punishment just he was asked to write a letter of apology which I never received. This made me feel stupid for it even being reported in the first place as what was the point if there was no justice served? Looking back on it now, I regret not chasing this up more with the police but at the time I felt that my case clearly wasn't important.

As I couldn't find anyone willing to risk their job to back me up, I had to drop my case.

Who did you report it? What was the outcome?

I reported the drink being spiked to the police.

I reported the sexual abuse by my step brother to my mum who took me to a counsellor when I was 6.

The local council

Family

I told the police about the sexual abuse and I was continuously told that it would not be good to take it to court

I told my supervisors about my ex that was still in the lab I worked in and they disciplined him and told him if he is to harass me again he will be kicked off the course

Did you feel comfortable reporting it?

I felt that it was my fault somehow. I was worried about getting my ex in trouble and whether I could evidence his behaviour adequately to have the police do something.

my friends called the police on the night so it was them who initially reported it. The police then came to my house the following morning to ask for details, however due to having been drinking and being knocked unconscious the night before, I didn't feel so comfortable as I didn't know the answers to many of the questions!

I don't like confrontation. Also, he'd got me to such a state that I was beginning to believe that it was all my fault.

Supported and encouraged by family and friends

Did you feel comfortable reporting it?

Shame. Fear of not being believed. Thinking it might all be in my head.

It felt as if I must have in some way brought it on myself, even though very clearly I hadn't. The reason I felt this was simply because I had replied in a normal way to the man after he contacted me asking to attend one of my advice surgeries. Something had felt 'off' about the message from the start so I blamed myself for not spotting it or acting on my instincts even though I had no evidence.

Shame, guilt

Only to my supervisors as they know me personally and gave me my PhD opportunity.

worried get more trouble.

Are there any places in Milton Keynes where you feel misogynistic crimes are more prevalent?

I felt that it was my fault somehow. I was worried about getting my ex in trouble and whether I could evidence his behaviour adequately to have the police do something.

I'm not sure about this. I think I would probably guess that areas with more rates of crime are likely to be more prevalent of this. Such as drug related crime. Areas such as: Fishermead, Conniborrow, Crownhill, Eaglestone, Tinkers Bridge, Fishermead.

I'm not sure what is meant by 'misogynistic crimes' here. Criminal acts motivated by misogyny can happen anywhere (incl. online) - it is strange to think that a particular postcode attracts misogynists.

MK centre

Obviously, anywhere that emotions and tempers run high, so Xscape, 12th Street etc. Alcohol gives many people an excuse to act in ways they wouldn't when their inhibitions are lowered. But, personally, my experiences have mostly been in broad daylight in residential areas.

sorry, my experience of being punched in the face was at uni in Sheffield.

Acts of wolf-whistling happens in Newport Pagnell and near the bars in Milton Keynes.

Personally, I have found that its those who know you who take advantage more knowing when they can get away with these behaviours rather than a specific place.

This is a general cultural issues therefore I could not name a specific location

Without personal experience, I wouldn't like to say.

Around Netherfields, Fishermead and the underpasses.

The clubs and bars
Some offices where there aren't unions or collective thinking on these issues

Red Ways - a lot of them are hidden from view by hedgerows, which makes them dangerous for women walking alone.

No

I was in a violent relationship in Milton Keynes. I lived in Granby Court, my boyfriend lived there and I moved in with him. There was one incident of domestic violence after which I became homeless. I returned back to my boyfriend and although he didn't hit me again, it was because I knew how not to upset him.

I don't know

I don't know MK

Did you feel comfortable reporting it?

Oxford Road in Reading, because people assume it's a place to find women who are stuck in prostitution. So most women are treated badly there.

Night clubs.

Friar Street at the weekend.

I am not sure and would not like to assume. But I suppose going on my work I would say where there is a large concentration BAME groups or deprivation areas. However as there are no statistics on this I cannot say for certain.

no

I don't know

I am not aware

More from certain ethnic groups than actual areas.
Oxford Road, Reading

Unsure- only recently moved to Berkshire.

Oxford Road area of Reading. Perhaps in the poorer districts, where ignorance can lead to these types of feelings in men.

n/a

My postcode, RG30 2SN, suffers from anti-social behaviour and crime in general, and has a history of prostitution and drug dealing.

uni

on university campus.

360 club at Reading University is a hotbed for predators. I'd say it's probably the same in the other nightclubs in town.

Are there any generic locations where you have greater expectation or fear for misogyny occurring?

Night clubs, when walking alone on a street

I would imagine Clubs, parks, entertainment areas.

Pub/nightclub
Taxi/bus queue (esp at night)
Walking through an underpass

near clubs and bars

In pubs.

Most woods and the centre

bars and clubs mainly.

clubs and bars
redways at night

In clubs

Transport, places where its hard to speak up.

Park, clubs and pubs, workplaces
Pub, street, club
Parks or clubs and bars late at night where people are drunk.
in a club and parks.
In the shopping centre
in the workplace, in a club or bar, at home
Misogynists seek out nightclubs utilising alcohol to exploit women. There is also a fear that areas which could isolate women such as parks and alleys can pose a threat.
Underpasses
night trains and buses as well as night clubs.
Under passes
The club, while walking down the street
Red Ways, as above.
Bars, gyms, shopping centres
I definitely feel very vulnerable in clubs and pubs at night and as such, I don't go to these places. I don't go out at night, unless I can stay in my car and not come out.
Pubs, clubs, entertainment venues where alcohol is consumed
Parks, redways away from main roads where there are no witnesses
Underpasses on the redways
Park, walking the street in the dark hours.

Are there any generic locations where you have greater expectation or fear for misogyny occurring?

After dark
Carparks
Alleys

A night club.
Late night going past a group of males (anywhere).

Well most of my experience in supporting women has shown that this mostly happens in the home environment. However if I had to think of locations outside of the home I would say maybe late at night in clubs, pubs, bars and on buses, trains or cabs. But this could also be in the workplace, parks or restaurants in the daytime too.

Workplaces
Dark nights
Anywhere where there is a lot of alcohol or street drugs
Social media

no

Pubs

Parks
Walkabout

Majority male environments - BUT I do not want to tar all men, I feel it is improving from when I was younger - men are better educated
club gym pub
I think it can happen in any locations but typical places of higher risk could be parks, high streets at night etc.
in some religious circles city centres trains in school
n/a
Friar Street
Clubs
Public transport, park, leisure facilities including swimming pools and cinemas.
club
In student housing areas. They seem to be a target.
Night clubs,
walking alone at night, in clubs, in taxis
Predominately male environments.
In clubs and bars, in schools and university, in people's places of work.
Clubs and public transport
Have been warned about Palmer park and that area as being dangerous for women. Cemetery junction too.

Have you witnessed misogyny? If so, did you intervene?

I'd like to think yes but I think I wouldn't truly know until it happens and depends on what the incident was.

E.g if it were a group of mix friends and the boys 'banter' was becoming inappropriate to a girl in the group, of have no problem shutting it down.

If it was something more serious e.g. I'd call for help before intervening because it might end up with me getting in trouble too - so would want to know there was back up.

Suspected DV and gave helpline and info

We have challenged the friend who belittles his wife but it is part of their modus operandi and she says she gives as good as she gets.

I have seen it happen and shouted at the man on one occasion, and spoken to the women on several others. This is easier to do on behalf of other people than to defend myself!

I have witnessed women objectifying men and I have challenged it and been told ""They're strong enough to cope with it"" and ""They like it really"". If men said these things they'd be torn to shreds.

When friends have been touched without consent or been shouted out I have always felt more comfortable than the victim in confronting the perpetrator verbally - probably more comfortable than when I have been the victim.

when at uni I often witnessed my friends be groped in bars/ leered at etc. but it happened so often it unfortunately became normalised. As I have grown older I am getting better at calling it out and being confident in myself to know when to intervene.

I've had situations at work where colleagues have told misogynistic anecdotes and I've spoken up to ensure they know to show respect.

Same examples as before but when happening to female friends or other women called the men out for what they were doing, informed the bouncers/security of the establishment and asked for them to be removed

A man made a few comments about his wife on the late train home, we then intervened and he then made some very sexist remarks towards my partner. Eventually most of the train told him to be quiet.

I have supported a few female friends to deal with misogyny. I have also intervened a couple of times to stop teenage groups belittling girls. I am also a sports coach and have on numerous occasions stopped boys (some in primary) using language toward girls that was patronising and / or belittling.

I had a ""discussion"" with an employee in a shop when he made a comment about me ""being brave letting my wife shop on her own"".

There's more, but definitely not as many interventions as incidents witnessed. Generally I take the piss out of the person and try to highlight how stupid what they just said instead of addressing it directly as misogyny.

When I was younger and more naive so no intervening.

I reported it within the workplace afterwards

We were at the bar and one of my friends began to jeer the woman working behind the bar. He asked for her number, she declined, and he came back to the table and began to spit venom about the lady and calling her misogynistic names with another friend. I told him to stop and chastised him in front of the rest of the group. Luckily another friend chimed in and they began joking about how seriously he took his rejection.

I feel comfortable challenging misogyny and sexism. These incidents however, have always been minor but serve to dispel gender stereotypes.

Manny cases I have simply challenged with 'what does gender have to do with that?' which can spark a discussions around gender inequality.

I often will step in if I feel young girls are being treated inappropriately and may not feel comfortable to respond themselves. If I have witnessed anyone shouting/harming anyone (irrelevant of gender or age) I also will intervene. Also, wherever possible I try to adjust people's thinking around these things.

Once in central MK, a couple got into a fight. The man grabbed his partner by the arm and start pulling her without her consent. Myself and another couple intervened and asked him to leave. She was visible shaken up and nervous so I offer her a tea and a chat on a local coffee shop. Apparently they had broken up months before and he had started to follow her everywhere. She had reported it to the Police.

I feel like misogyny usually happens when the female is without an ally

Maybe, I possibly have and have not fully realised it at the time

Intervened to support victims of verbal abuse from partner in the street
Offered safe place to female friends experiencing domestic abuse

I haven't witnessed violence but have witness verbal mistreatment of women or verbal jokes at women expenses. I tend to intervene and explain.

Are there any generic locations where you have greater expectation or fear for misogyny occurring?

I try to intervene when I can ... so I'll shout if someone says something to a young girl if we're out on the street.
I'll try to speak to anyone else in a nightclub (not that I get to go much these days!) to see if they're OK, and then pursue the person who touched / grabbed them.
If I see inequality in the workplace I'd try to address it, but that is more difficult.

I have experienced it myself. But for those women I have supported who experienced this we have supported them and referred them to the right agencies such as BWA to get support.

Supportive comments where I felt safe to do so
Backing another woman up

I spoke with the people concerned in a non judgemental way and discussed healthy relationships
working with students in high school to help them become aware of what they are dishing out and what they are experiencing.
Well, statistically, probably, depends how broadly you define it, but nothing extreme.
I have heard a woman screaming a few doors down where I lived near Alexandra road, reading, so I called the police and they came to investigate
I've had guys come up to my friends and grab them before so I've slapped them.
I saw someone harassing a woman in the street, I approached as though I was her friend and discretely asked if she needed help.
By helping the victim to explain to the person what it was they were doing that was oppressing the victim
I have witnessed older men catcalling at me and my friends (when we were underage). Did not intervene, we left as quickly as possible.
Challenging the behavior on behalf of another woman. It is easier to stand up for another woman than for yourself.
Seen various examples of abuse and harassment against women online and try to step in when I can. Haven't witnessed anything in person.

What do think the direct impacts/ consequences of misogynistic crime could be for the victim?

Depends on the crime but maybe anxiety, PTSD, feeling unsafe
Fear. Low self esteem. Physical/emotional injury
Adverse affects on mental/physical health.
mistrust of institutions
Anxiety about being in the types of places where it occurred; distress; unpleasant thoughts about it and impact on daily life following the incident; anxiety about being visible or conspicuous in public.
Psychological, long-term; changes in behaviour/ everyday life patterns; impact on participation on public life.
Lose trust in other men. A sense of questioning of their place in the world/how others view you. Loss of confidence
losing confidence to go out anywhere public; losing general self confidence and perhaps self harming; feeling shame
Fear of men. Fear of going out. Loss of confidence and self-esteem.
Wide-ranging - from loss of confidence in their ability to conduct their daily business, to time drains of spending time considering how to mitigate misogynistic behaviour when they leave the house (not the job of a victim to try to second guess or workaround the perpetrator but, realistically, they are the ones that have to spend time thinking how they can avoid such behaviour in the future) to changing how they live their lives because of the fear of things happening again (new walking routes, choosing different shops, never leaving the house alone, etc).
the biggest thing should be education. Similar to a drivers awareness course, people should be educated on these matters and really understand the core of the problem. I think that is the only way to future proof and resolve the problem.
the same as other hate crimes - prison sentences, being banned from certain areas i.e clubs and bars
It can obviously vary depending on each case but on the whole it can be very damaging towards mental health, especially if victims think that comments made towards them are what the majority think.
Community service, training (like speed awareness)

Loss of confidence. Mental health issues and possibly leading to suicidal thoughts. Lack of progression at work. Isolation and being withdrawn.
Justice, and finally validation that they're not 'just making a fuss' which is the common reason for people not to report misogynistic crimes. We shouldn't be the people having to spell out why it's wrong!
living in fear, scared to go out, worried about walking alone etc.
Becoming scared to go back out. Loss of confidence in their abilities. Changing the clothes they wear/activities they take part in to avoid things happening again - because the narrative is always that the female has caused the male to behave this way, not that males just shouldn't behave like this regardless of what females do/wear
depression, low self-esteem, stunting personal and professional growth
Feeling powerless and limited in their day-to-day lives.
My daughter decided not to formally report the sexual assault she was victim of, as she felt it wouldn't go anywhere, and would come down to 'he said/she said'. She also worried about the ongoing implications of doing such a thing - and wanted it to go away quickly. The direct impacts on her have been - self esteem plummeting, mental health issues - anxiety, depression, self harming. She has a fear of relationships now, and doesn't like people in her personal space (including those she loves and trusts). And that is all in the immediate - I am sure there may be other impacts which will surface as she gets older.
Mental health issues such as depression. Fear of leaving the house.
mental and emotional stress and anxiety
they could be raped/assaulted, not promoted for a job, it's probably why the glass ceiling exists, it could give them a low opinion of themselves
It could be that the victim becomes afraid of anything and anybody, afraid to come out of the house and fear being outside. I believe that the direct impact of misogyny and the way it isn't recognised as a crime, has huge consequences on one's health. It may lead to depression and mental health illness.
horrific, psychological and hurtful
Women live in fear for their safety, women are prevented from fulfilling their potential by fear.
fear, lowering self-esteem.
Better support, clearer guidance and expectations on actions to take, less likelihood of victim self-blaming. Add weight to making it socially unacceptable.
PTSD, lack of trust, mental health issues
The recognition that it is very wrong and the possibility to have it formally addressed or at least challenged and reported.

What do think the direct impacts/ consequences of misogynistic crime could be for the victim?

Loss of self-esteem and self-worth
Shame
Self-hatred
Blaming herself
Fearing for her future

trauma
shame
patterns of imbalanced power relationships

If the victim was able to get a conviction for the person who had abused her it would help her to feel that she could have faith in the law, justice had been done and feel safer. It could not take away the pain she had gone through or the suffering but at least she would feel that there was something that could be done.

It leads to fear, shame and a sense that you should shrink into yourself.
Could have profound effect on someone - silence them, make them feel they will never be good enough, make them feel that there is no point trying
losing their children having records at social services that could prevent them from fostering in the future having professionals looking down on them
Better support for victim, more effective punishment for perpetrator, recognition
Forced to talk about their experiences and be Belittled by authorities, judge, for being ""too sensitive""
Loss of self esteem, mental health crisis, fear of not being able to carry on life as it should be
poor mental health & wellbeing anxiety & stress
I think women feel the impacts for years afterwards, it damages their confidence, lead to counselling, self hate, it makes them feel ashamed and as if they have done something wrong for simply existing when they have just been unlucky to meet the wrong person, or be in the wrong place at the wrong time through no fault of their own. It makes them fear for their safety and worry about things happening again.
damaged self esteem depression and anxiety - short and long term.
devastating, lack of confidence with others or going out, feeling unsafe and lack of trust with men
Hugely depends on the crime: physical injury to mental trauma.
To have justice, to feel like there are consequences to something that made you feel so vulnerable
Post traumatic stress, depression, inability to work.
maybe just a warning for minor offences - calling girls names for sexuality, bullying, talking about what people do with their bodies online,
feeling like a second class citizen, feeling unsafe in our own communities
Fear in everyday life, being uncomfortable around males in positions of power in work Feeling scared being alone outdoors
physical and mental harm, fear (of men, of being alone, of going out at night, etc), mental health issues, low self esteem
Loss of opportunities / freedom through fear / shame. Damage mental health.
Isolation and refusal to leave the house. Severe knock in confidence.
Physical harm, emotional harm, trauma, lack of support, being accused of exaggeration or lying about what happened to them, social exile
Psychological harm
Trauma, fear, humiliation
depression, lack of confidence, not a good example for the future.

How do instances of misogyny make you feel?

Frustrated, mostly because they often aren't recognised as misogyny and girls get victim blamed for being a slag or drama queen.

Depends on the occurrence from uncomfortable to angry. I feel that instances are too casually displayed on the television

To be honest I have not seen this directly but if I have ever come across this on social media it makes me cross and worries me.

Angry and scared.
As if I live in backwards, unequal society.
Frustrated that it still happens despite the fact that many people consider that we live in a country where equality is seen as important.
Angry, fearful, worried, ashamed if I don't speak up
Sick, to be frank. It seems to me that people who hate women are mentally deficient.
Like there are double standards.
angry and sad
Angry and outraged
It is normalised behaviour. It makes me feel unsafe
Furious, helpless and despairing at the world.
fed up, tired and frustrated.
enraged scared baffled that people still think that behaviour is acceptable
I find it very embarrassing that men still possess this view towards women.
Sad
Disgusted, angry and motivated to address.
Sad. Frustrated.
Tired and angry, it's 2020 and there's so much to be done. Also when you're doing this make sure that you include women in the development process! As it's still mainly men in the decision making positions, however women need to be involved in the development to make sure it's truly effective and impactful.
worried and fearful.
It's degrading. The loss of confidence and self-worth. The feelings of helplessness, that nobody will believe you or do anything. Worse, that they will believe you but, because it's so prevalent, you just hear 'yes, that happened to me/my friend, but what can you do? Don't bother making a fuss'. You get scared to be in shared spaces - some places no longer have female-only toilets (generally) so I won't go there because it doesn't feel safe.
Reading comments online under a rape article like 'if my girlfriend was raped by one man I'd probably stand by her, if there was more than one then I'd want to know what she'd been up to' - I mean, what the hell is wrong with society. Always, always victim blaming - always the woman must have done something, not that the men shouldn't have committed rape. The Brock Turner verdict just shows how little women's worth is placed against a man's achievements.
Women share these experiences with each other in a way they won't with men. We once had a conversation in a mixed group at work (4 women, 2 men) the men were shocked at our experiences and also how much we all knew about trafficking, DV and crimes against women - they just hadn't clocked these things in any detail, let alone the depth of anger from their female colleagues
angry, frustrated, sad
Disappointed in our culture and the male gender, angry for the victims and frustrated for women.
angry
Angry, betrayed and injustice
angry, sickened, upset
Uncomfortable. Sometimes angry.

Today, they make me feel emotional and angry. In the past, it was pure fear. Reading articles relevant to my research I find myself crying, or shouting.

ashamed

horrible, disbelief

Sad and frustrated that this continues.

Confused - I don't understand why people think it's ok
Fearful, if in my local area.

enraged and upset

How do instances of misogyny make you feel?

Angry and sad

angry

They make me feel outraged that this sort of behaviour is still happening. But then at the same time there is a lot in the world that is still happening which should. There are many protected characteristics each of them protected by the Law. However crimes against these still take place on a daily basis and many of them are not reported. People are suffering in silence.

That we have a long way to go - that there is an underlying disrespect for women

uncomfortable and afraid

Angry, worried

Like there is no equality.

Unhappy that people are so short sighted that they don't understand that everyone should be valued.

angry
frustrated
disappointed

It makes me feel really sad that such evil people in the world exist to practice it and it is really sad that it is so common and happens to so many females.

sick

sick, lack of education of these men, they need to learn to respect women.

cross

Angry, upset, uncomfortable

Obviously I find them distasteful, distressing and disappointing.

less than men

preyed upon, anxious, disgusted.

Stamped on, oppressed, small

Does not affect me.

upset and angry

angry, frustrated, upset, stupid

Frustrated by society
Angry, upset, helpless
Angry.
sick, the world is 'wonderful'.

What things does fear of misogyny stop you from doing OR what behaviour do you advise others to change?

Doesn't stop me as per say but there's definitely behaviours that me (and my friends) have adopted in a bid to feel safer:
 Calling someone when walking home alone at night, or somewhere not very busy or in a taxi alone
 Being conscious of where are drinks are on nights out
 Always staying in groups on nights outs / at festivals

I would certainly advise young women not to dress provocatively going out alone at night and at my age I think the idea of sharing a bed with a man, drunk or sober, would be an invitation to have sex - it certainly would have been when I was a lass.

I'm more cautious when I'm walking alone at night.

Avoid pubs and other places where louts gather.

getting taxis and go out in night on my own

walking alone (especially in the evenings)
 biking by myself
 taking taxis on my own unless I have to

Walking home alone, taking public transport alone after dark.

I avoid walking home alone in certain places/at certain times. I encourage my female friends to do things in groups. I basically tailor my lifestyle to make me feel safer at all possible times.

running alone when it is dark or after about 8pm in the winter
 walking home alone in the dark

Walking home alone, travelling by myself, taking shortcuts where there are less people, intervening in confrontations for the fear of being physically attacked or sexually assaulted, sitting in train carriages with just one other man, carrying my keys in my hand constantly so I have a weapon should I be attacked,

after a night out, I wouldn't EVER go in a taxi alone as I have a constant fear that they can drive me to any place and then could do something bad to me in a quiet area where I wouldn't know where I am.

Rarely walk alone in the dark. I also stay away from the red ways after hearing horror stories of women being raped there at night. I also avoid underpasses for the same reason.

I avoid walking alone after dark. I avoid mixed sex facilities. I'm very careful about medical procedures and always request female staff

I don't advocate other women change their behaviour - I feel bad enough that I've changed my own.

I don't talk as much to my colleagues in team meetings and try to keep my head down.
 I avoid being alone with any one colleague which makes my job difficult.
 I have to make more of an effort physically to look professional.

Always walking in pairs and making sure my female friends text when they arrive safely at home.

Walking home alone
 Walking in the dark
 Walking in remote places alone
 Going out at night
 Drinking in public - nightclubs etc.
 Parties at people's houses

Letting people know when you are in a taxi alone, tracking whereabouts
Tracking my daughter's location when she is travelling home, using public transport

I walk or go anywhere at night alone
I don't drink alcohol when I go out
I am very careful with my drink when I am in a club so that no drugs can be put to it when I am not looking
I don't wear clothes that can catch too much attention
I have taken self defence classes and encourage others to do so
I don't take night buses or trains
I don't chat online with anyone I don't know

running in a crop top, going near the weights in the gym, using a pedometer device and loading my walks to social media, crossing the street when you see a group of men

Walking alone

I tend to dress for a very long time, unsatisfied with every piece of clothes I put on me from the fear that I stand out. I used to try to blend in as much as I could and not be recognised. I have a general shyness that even when I approach people I know, I fear to say hello and I pretend that I don't see them. I much more prefer my own company. I fear crowds of people and even where my husband stands in a group of men, I am fearful to approach him. I would never approach a group of men I don't know and avoid even walking past them. Until my therapy, I used to bite my nails and there was no treatment that could help. I was also very critical of myself and I suffer with OCD. Everything at my home must be perfect.

Now I am older the impact is less so, but I would avoid walking alone late at night, will aim to park my car near those of my friends/colleagues so we can walk to cars together, carry keys in my hand to feel like I have some protection. I will not walk alone on redways and prefer to walk near busy roads when somewhere unfamiliar. This prevents me going for recreational walks or runs on my own. I am also cautious of inviting unknown tradesmen to my house and find it uncomfortable being in an unfamiliar environment with unfamiliar men.

Walking home in the dark, avoiding some underpasses (day and night).

walk alone, especially in the dark hours and in deserted areas. Visit certain areas of the city (whatever city).

What things does fear of misogyny stop you from doing OR what behaviour do you advise others to change?

changes how I dress
changes how I speak to some people if I think they're sexist

Walking home alone late at night.
Taking public transport late at night on my own.
Going out on my own late at night

Walking home alone, meeting male constituents alone in my political role, meeting potential male customers in my workplace role.
Dressing differently to avoid attention.

Walking home after dark especially,
Joining organisations which are overwhelmingly male - which is often where a lot of the power is.
Not too much more

Avoid walking home alone and try to support other females who have experienced it and do not know what to do.

Walking alone in lonely places during the day.
walking alone in all places at night.
visiting local pubs and clubs alone.

might advise against the walking home alone, but depends a bit on where in Reading. I'm male but I wouldn't walk home along oxford road myself at night anyway.

it makes me want to stop having sex because the more I do the more guys talk about it

walking alone at night, dressing the way I would like to, getting drunk. I walk with my keys in my hand at night and constantly think about how I would defend myself. I am hypervigilant and it is exhausting.

I do not go out walking alone in the dark, especially if there are no main roads on my way home. I decide not to dress certain ways as I may experience inappropriate shouting from men across the street

Walking home alone
Getting too intoxicated or fear of being taken advantage of or attacked

walking home alone in the dark, taking public transport alone at night, getting too drunk in public, leaving your drink alone, splitting up from friends whilst out

Avoiding situations where women are in the minority.

Walking at night alone. Wearing revealing clothing in public, especially in evening unless with a group. Cross the road when approached by large groups of men.

Walking home alone, doing my job effectively

Walking home alone at night, won't listen to music at night, try and remember details about someone if they show scary signs in case I have to file a police report or get hurt

I avoid leaving the house on my own in the dark. I feel scared walking home from university in the dark and have gotten 2 buses into town and then back to my road before to avoid a 15 minute walk in the dark. Covering drinks in clubs/pubs. Carrying a rape alarm if I have to go out at night. Checking all the locks. Sending my location to friends/family when I'm out. Sending the registration number of a taxi to friends/family if I have to use one. Using public transport where possible rather than taxis/Uber.

Thank you for taking part. Any other comments?

10. Have you experienced any of these or do you worry about them happening to you?
(Tick all that apply): (I think this question might be more useful to have the misogyny context added) anyone answering this could potentially say yes to any incidents on the list but not be directly related to misogyny). I hope this makes sense.

Is there an equivalent survey for the objectification and abuse of men, or is this in itself another form of that?

Please add this as mandatory education in schools. This is the only way to really resolve the issue. Children need to understand when young so that their values and morals are aligned with what is needed to change in society. Sex education, racism and sexism are 3 big things that fundamentally need to be taught at an earlier age. I believe this will have a huge effect on society. Rather than punishing a little too late, educate from young.

Like I said, please ensure that women are helping to form this.

Of all of the inappropriate behaviours done upon my person, somehow it has always circled back around to be my fault. For this to end, or at least subside, people need to start leading with empathy to understand how the other person feels in any situation, rather than with their own gratification.

Misogyny needs to be seen as a hate crime. It is despicable that the number of unconvicted rapes is so high in this country. More needs to be done to protect women fleeing from domestic abusers.

I feel the police could do more to make people aware of offences relating to emotional abuse e.g. coercive control. Not many people (especially young women) are aware of them.

I think until conviction rates for rape, sexual assault and other cases are higher, the emotional impact of reporting will continue to put women off from reporting crimes. This is especially the case for crimes committed within families, such as child sexual abuse. The responsibility of breaking the silence is too much for many women when they are socialised to prioritise the family unit and not themselves.

Q25 is difficult to answer as the pandemic may lead to an increase in certain types of misogyny (e.g. domestic violence) but a reduction in others (e.g. physical/verbal abuse in public places) so I didn't feel able to answer that question in a useful way.

Thank you for taking part. Any other comments?

Please kindly enforce strongly, protect us. Expand education.

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