

Paper / Project Topics

The following list is by no means exhaustive. You can assign topics from the list or offer it as a brainstorming tool for students.

1. The role of the bystanders in violence prevention.
2. Bystander dynamics, what keeps people from acting in high-risk situations?
3. The role of primary prevention in reducing the prevalence of partner violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.
4. The impact of high profile incidents of sexual assault on college campuses.
5. The psychological effects of rape victimization.
6. The mental health outcomes of partner or sexual violence perpetration or victimization.
7. The physical health outcomes of partner or sexual violence perpetration or victimization.
8. The portrayal of violence in the media, specifically partner violence, sexual assault and stalking.
9. The history and application of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
10. How gender socialization perpetuates partner violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.
11. Social media and sexual assault shaming.
12. The economic impact of interpersonal violence.
13. Rates and impact of male victimization experiences (which includes, but is not limited to child abuse).
14. Use of social media and other technology in stalking and partner violence.
15. Seven characteristics of a rapist (see research by David Lisak).
16. The cycle of violence associated with partner/interpersonal violence.
17. Outcomes in case law of famous domestic violence and rape trials.
18. Objectives and impact of federal Office of Violence Against Women (OVW).
19. The history of Title IX.
20. Major social justice or cultural movements and their application to reducing violence today. How does culture change happen.
21. Social norms that contribute to the sustainability of interpersonal violence.
22. Problems with rape and domestic violence legislation.
23. The impact of interpersonal violence from a global perspective.
24. Interpersonal violence in the LGBTQ community.

25. Popular rape myths and an analysis of why they are so difficult to dispel.
26. Medical injuries sustained by victims of domestic violence.
27. Use of the socio-ecological model in comprehensive violence prevention.
28. Applying the public health model to violence prevention.
29. Violence prevention interventions across the life span.
30. Best practices in sexual assault prevention on college campuses.
31. Evidence-based bystander approaches to violence prevention.
32. Marketing and branding applied to behavior and social norms change.
33. Diffusion of innovation and its application to behavior and social norms change.
34. Sexual aggression associated with sexual assault perpetration and repeat offenders.
35. The use of peer education in effective violence prevention strategies.
36. Community mobilization and violence prevention.
37. Neighborhood collective efficacy as a protective factor against partner or sexual violence perpetration or victimization.
38. Effective social marketing for violence prevention.
39. Developing effective messaging for violence prevention efforts on college campuses.
40. Environmental management associated with the prevention of sexual assault on college campuses.