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Hi everyone -

Here is the Idaho Coalition's statement and we are open to any feedback that shifts focus to the issues of sexual assault and gender violence:

We have collectively failed the 18-year-old young woman who reported she had been raped and the thousands of girls and young women in Idaho who have been or will be sexually assaulted this year. We cannot change our culture fast enough to protect you.

No one ever deserves to be raped. Unfortunately, the Idaho Coalition receives calls most every week from young women in our state who have been sexually assaulted or raped. The 2017 Idaho Risk Behavior Survey reports 21 percent of female high school seniors report having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to. We cannot turn away from the unimaginable trauma in our communities - 1 in 5 Idaho high school senior girls reports having been raped.

Sexual assault is a societal problem that affects all communities. Sexual assault is common in our society because of our cultural beliefs and what we consider to be "normal" or "acceptable." In our culture, men are given more value and power than any other gender. This leads to high rates of sexual violence.

Sexual violence does not happen in isolation. It is supported by larger forces or systemic oppression, like patriarchy. Sexual assault often happens because the person committing the violence wants to feel powerful, in control and feel they have a right to get what they want by any means necessary, including sexually assaulting someone else. Often, the people who commit sexual assaults hold positions of power, privilege and dominance in society and receive messages, from the time they are very young, that they have a right to take what they want if it is not given to them. This leads to high rates of sexual violence, mostly perpetrated by cis-gendered, heterosexual white men over the age of 30. When these acts of violence occur in our communities, we are all harmed.

If you are a survivor, you are not alone. Reach out for help to your local sexual violence program or call the National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673.

Kelly



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Hi Again,

If you get any calls, you can direct them to Kelly Miller. Kelly will share stats on rape in our state and that it doesn't discriminate and it is not a "refugee" issue but a societal issue.

Kelly will proactively call back reporters who leave you messages. Please feel free to forward reporters calls on to Kelly. My hope is we can steer the narrative on this story, so it doesn't become a national news story.

Tara



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