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# LGBTQA+ Sex·U·Al Ha·Rass·Ment & Intercollegiate Speech & Debate Activities

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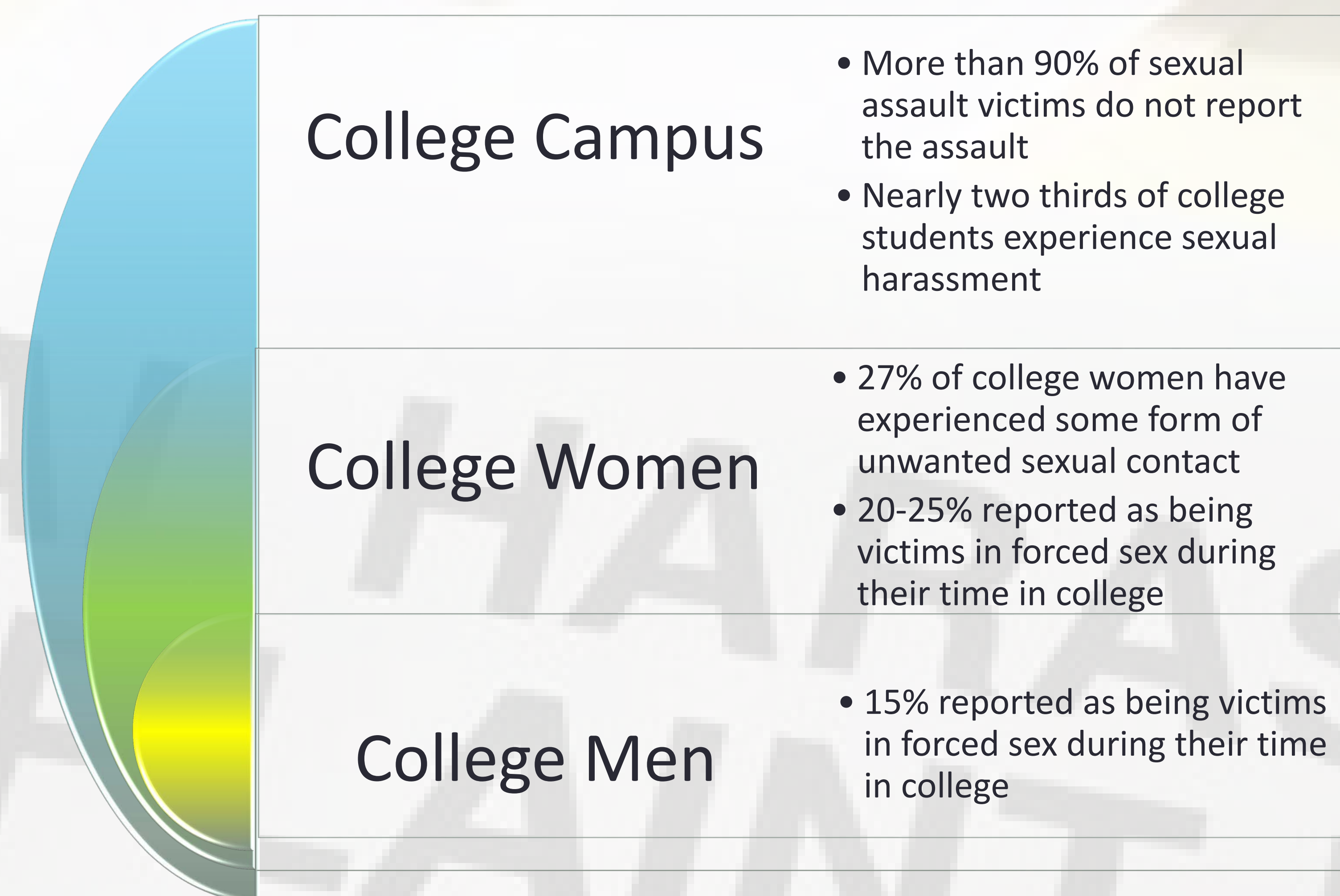
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## ABSTRACT/ BACKGROUND

- Even though sexual harassment has captured political attention, little Communication research exists on how Title IX influences and impacts sexual harassment and assault within the LGBTQ community.
- Previous research has explored heterosexual harassment in competitive Speech and Debate; however, same-sex interactions have not received the same level of scrutiny.
- There is a dearth of research regarding same-sex sexual harassment in the collegiate speech and debate community.

## CONSIDERATIONS



## METHODS

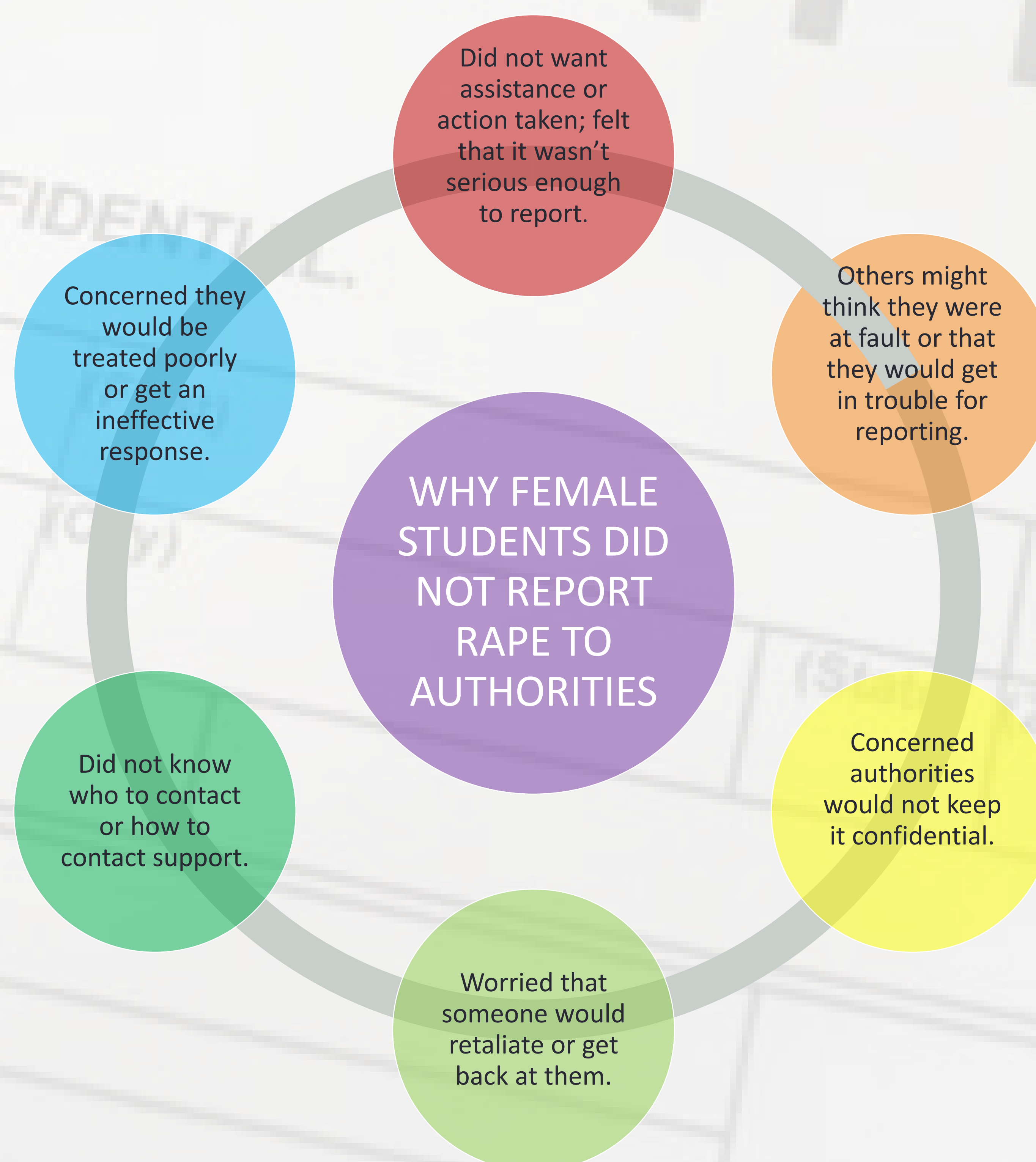
- Participants will be students from multiple speech and debate programs in the United States.
- By extending the work of Dr. Pamela Stepp on sexual harassment within the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) community, a more nuanced picture of sexual harassment inside extracurricular university activities can be expanded.
- Using a version of the Sexual Experience Questionnaire altered for LGBTQ participants, the conversations related to sexual harassment can be examined.

**LGBTQ STUDENTS EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND REPORT LOWER CONFIDENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLIMATE FOR PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.**

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**7% WERE REPORTED TO ANY SCHOOL OFFICIAL & 4% WERE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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**TOP 3 CITED REASONS SURVIVORS DON'T REPORT**

- 1. DON'T WANT TO REPORT/"IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS"** Consider saying: **"I believe you."**
- 2. OTHERS MIGHT THINK YOU WERE PARTLY AT FAULT** **"It's not your fault."**
- 3. FEAR OF RETALIATION** **"You are not alone!"**

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**THE ONLY Acceptable % IS ZERO**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT RATES SINCE ENTERING COLLEGE AND IN LIFETIME**

Category	College	Lifetime
Female	21%	34%
Male	7%	11%

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## OBJECTIVES

- What, if at all, are the sexual harassment experiences of LGBT+ students in intercollegiate Speech and Debate?

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