

#NotAllMen

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Guidelines

1. Do not invalidate another person's opinions or experiences.
2. Keep it civil.
3. Please listen to the moderators.
4. Be open and honest.

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Those against #NotAllMen

It is a reactive, defensive hashtag that invalidates women's experiences and does not resolve the actual issue at hand.

Some also say that it creates an environment where women now have to congratulate and show appreciation for men who choose not to rape, even though that should be the given.

Those who use #NotAllMen

Those who use #NotAllMen feel unfairly lumped into a category with rapists and assaulters, because they are not rapists or assaulters.

Other Information

Other responsive hashtags to #MeToo that were led and created by men exist: #HowIWillChange, #AskMoreOfHim.

These hashtags are different in that they look towards preventing sexual harassment and violence vs. who is to blame.

Current Events

- Sarah Everard
 - Victim of gender-based violence
 - Many protests calling for change have happened after the news of her death
- David Dobrik and James Charles
 - Popular social media influencers
 - Recent allegations against them in either perpetrating sexual assault or being complicit while it happened
- Andrew Cuomo
 - NY Governor
 - Multiple recent sexual misconduct allegations against him which he has denied
- Matt Gaetz
 - Representative for Florida
 - Accused of spreading inappropriate pictures/videos and sex trafficking

Discussion Qs

- What is the effect of using #NotAllMen? What are the positive and negative effects?
 - How can we, as a society, recognize the good in men without the use of a defensive/responsive hashtag? In other words, how can we acknowledge that not all men are predators or assaulters without having to use #NotAllMen? Do we even have the responsibility to acknowledge this?
 - How can men participate positively in supporting and empowering victims of sexual assault (which includes other men)?
 - Is it fair to say that it is men's responsibility to prevent these common cases of assault?
- Many politicians and public figures like Andrew Cuomo, James Charles, and David Dobrik have faced public backlash due to misconduct allegations against them. How do you think they should respond to allegations? What do you think about how they have responded to it so far?
 - How should public figures balance believing people when they speak out vs. handling allegations against them?
 - Can you ever forgive an offender? Should we ever forgive offenders?
 - What is the effect of having public figures be accused of sexual misconduct? What is the effect of public figures being found guilty of it?