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# *Sexual Assault on Campus*

*The purpose of this project is to gain a better understanding of why students do not feel safe enough to report their sexual assault or seek help afterwards.*

*This project is set out to gather information from Utah Valley University Students pertaining to the issue of sexual assault on campus.*





*SECRETS*

# *Why choose such a sensitive topic?*



*Even though this issue is discussed regularly, it's important to keep gathering information because it's a recurring problem.*

*We want to research why so many students do not report their assaults on campus. There are scary statistics out there stating that this is a prevalent problem on college campuses.*

*We also want to know if students know there are resources for them if an assault happens.*

# Literature Review

## **Perceptions of Appropriate Punishment for Committing Date Rape: Male College Students Recommend**

### **Lenient Punishments**

This study showed that males in colleges believed that their peers convicted of rape should have lenient punishments.

### **On Campuses, 'Party Culture' No Longer Excuses Rape**

Fraternities are cracking down on rape on campuses. This review shows campuses trying to combat the party culture to fight sexual assault on campus.

### **Addressing Sexual Assault on College Campuses**

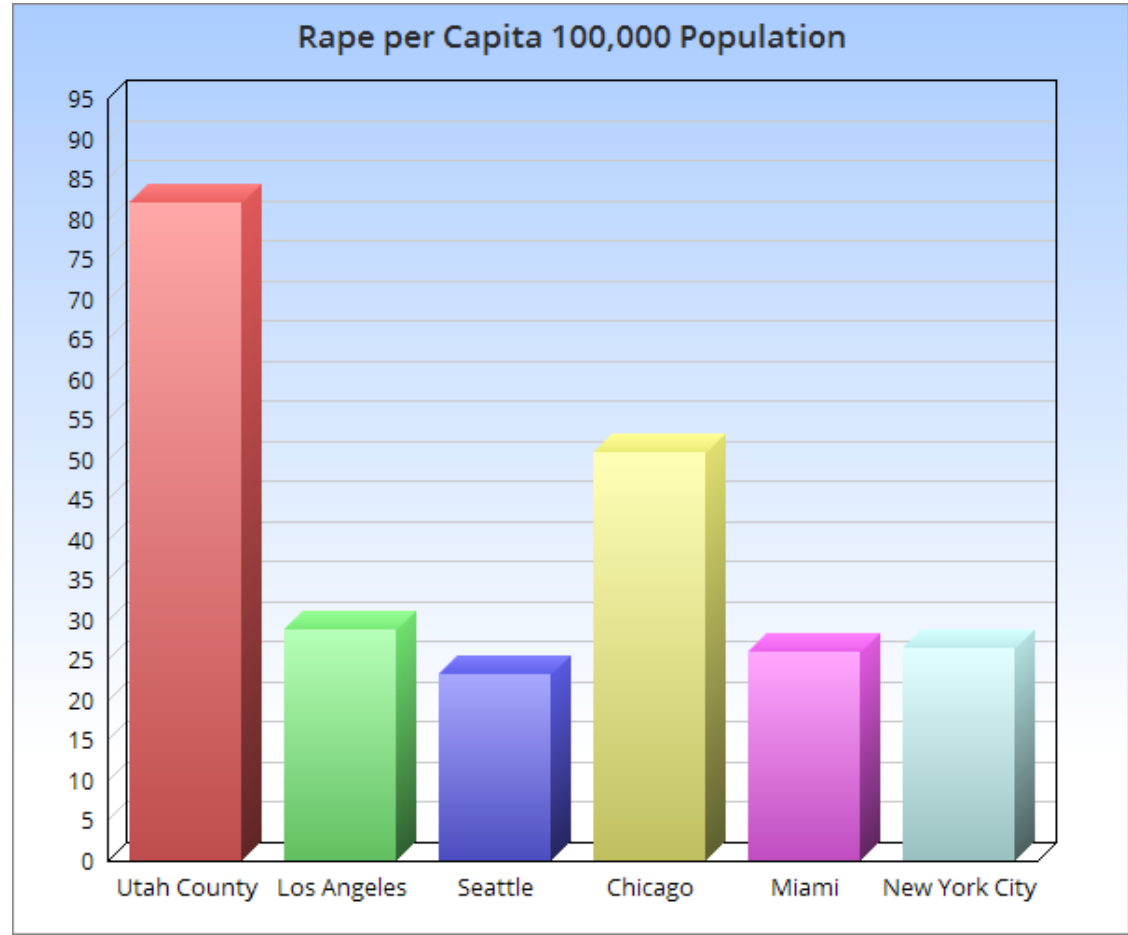
This article focuses on bringing an awareness week to campuses about sexual assault on campus

### **Only Yes Means Yes**

This article discusses education on campus for sexual assault.

# Utah's secret - Sexual assault skyrockets in Utah Co.

This is a real issue that needs to be addressed. 1 in 4 people are victims of sexual assault on college campuses across the nation. In Utah County, that number skyrockets according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report.



## Goals for this study

*Our goal is to bring awareness to this sensitive issue and show students there are resources to help them. We want to protect UVU by teaching the population how to be aware to prevent sexual assault and how to protect themselves with pepper spray, tasers, guns, etc.*

NOT ON MY CAMPUS



# Predictions

Because of the sensitivity of our subject, it is possible that victims of sexual assault would not be willing to disclose their traumatic story.

It is possible that our survey would require victims to relive traumatic events and trigger painful memories that they are trying to forget.

Statistically females are more likely to be a victim of sexual assault than males. If about half of our random surveys are given to males, than we can expect a smaller response rate.

Students already have a full plate and many of them don't want to spend any of their free time taking a survey.

Utah's culture

In conclusion we predict not receiving many responses.

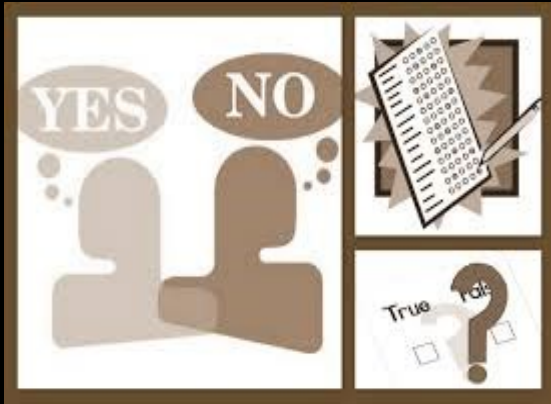


# qualtrics.

*Using Qualtrics, we created a survey of 31 questions that would take participants less than 10 minutes to complete.*

*Our survey consisted of questions aiming to get perspective from students who have been victims of sexual assault while a student of Utah Valley University.*

*Our informed consent explanation shows up at the beginning of the survey, along with a list of resources for victims. Also, our survey was completely anonymous to ensure confidentiality.*



# Data Results Continued

Out of the 500 students that were randomly selected to take part in our survey we had 76 (15%) responses, of that 76, 5 victims were all caucasian females between the age of 18-24.

## Find Confidence Interval

Confidence Level:  95%  99%

Sample Size:

Population:

Percentage:

Confidence Interval:

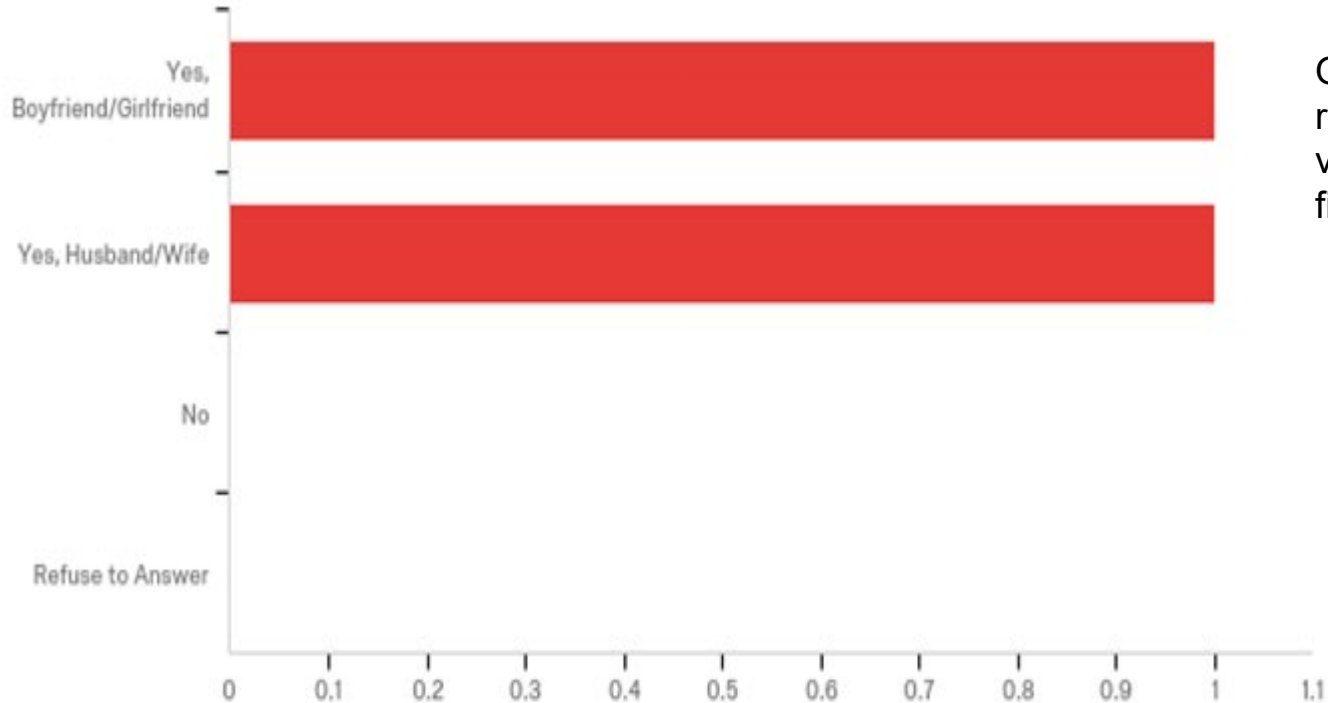
# Data Results



Q2 - While a UVU (Utah Valley University) student, have you been a victim of Sexual Assault? By sexual assault we mean vulgar comments, forcible touch, forcible penetration or forcible oral sex

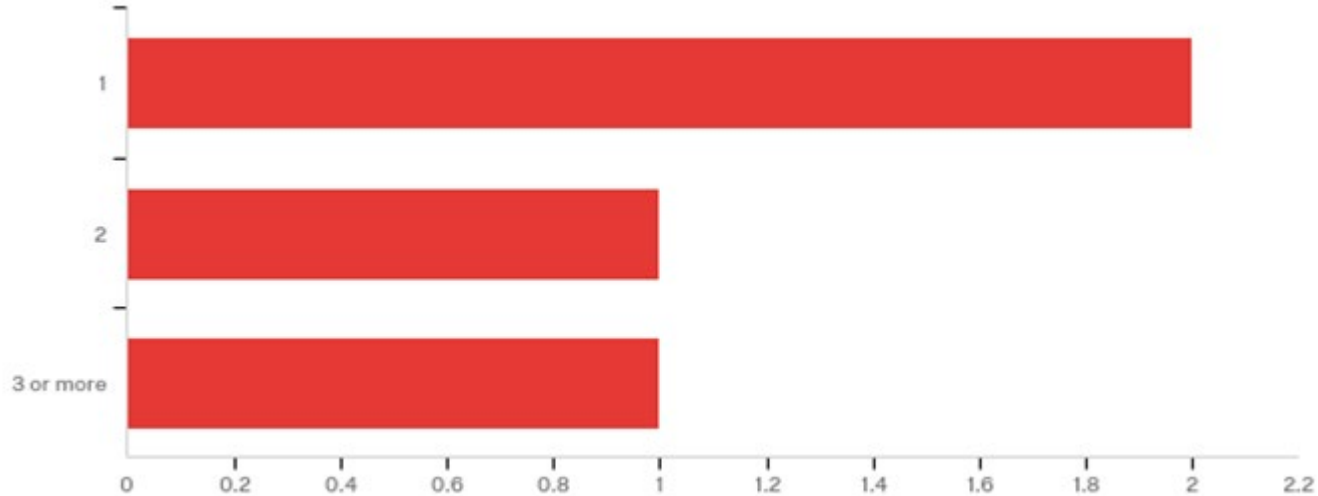
Yes	6.58%	5
No	93.42%	71
Total	100%	76

## *Did the victim know the offender?*

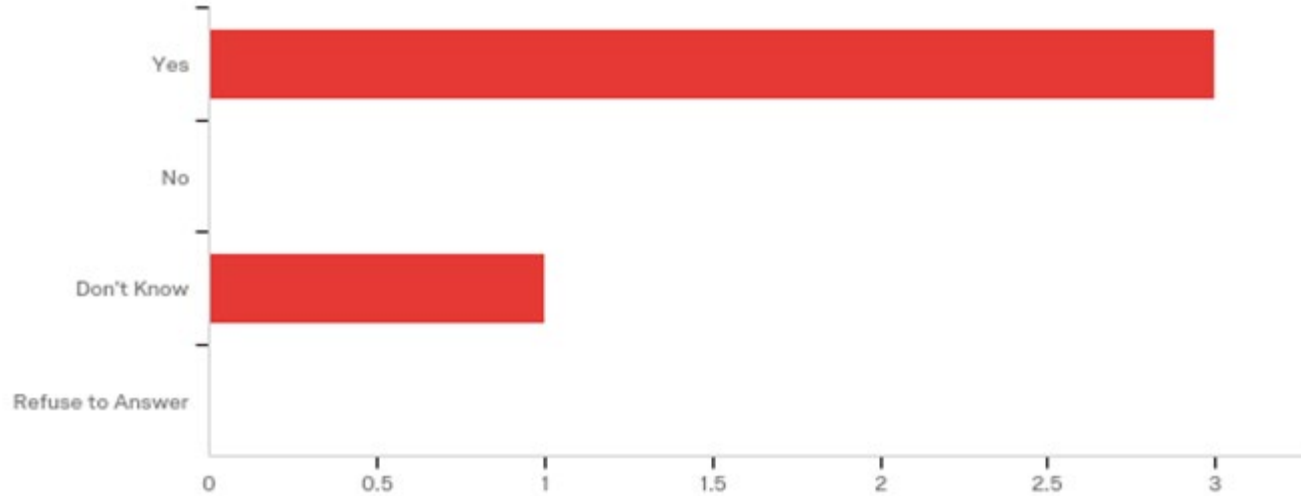


Of the 5 we had respond to being a victim only 2 of them finished the survey.

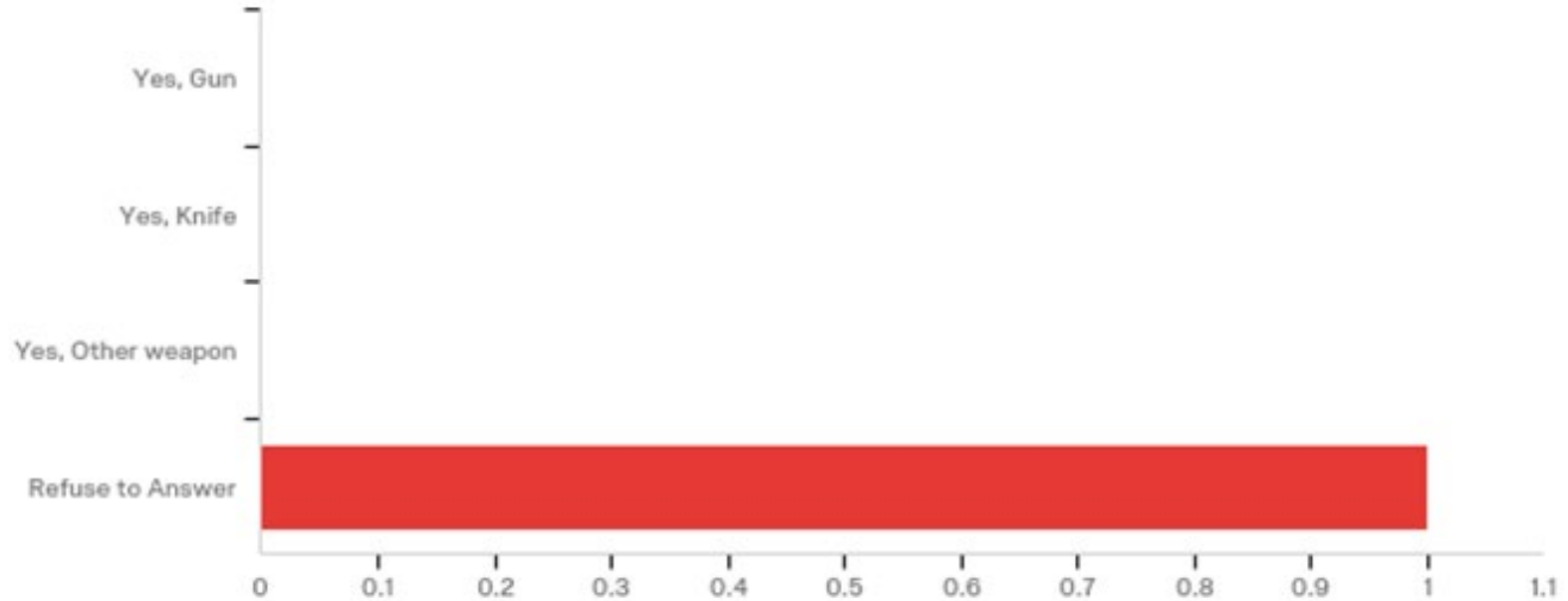
***- While a UVU (Utah Valley University) student, how many different TIMES has someone made you or tried to make you have any kind of sexual intercourse against your will? (Sexual intercourse includes sex, oral sex, anal sex, or penetration with fingers or objects.)***



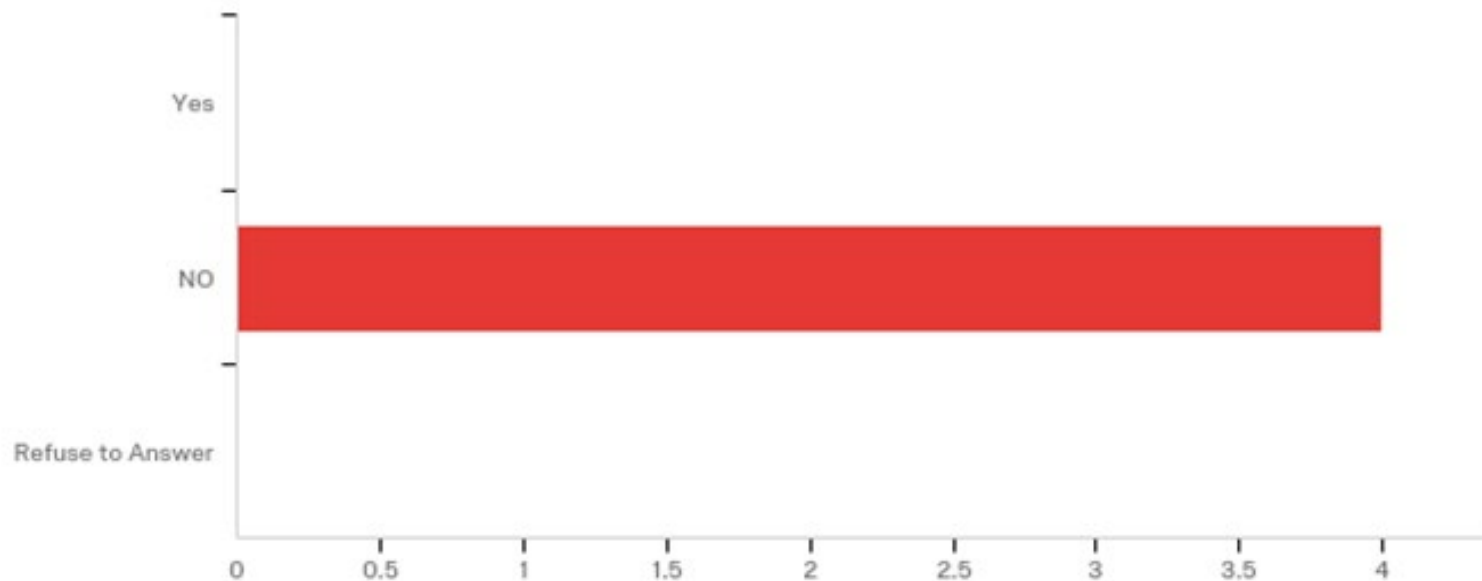
**While a UVU (Utah Valley University) student, Have you ever been stalked? By this we mean someone following, calling, or trying to make contact with you on more than one occasion when you didn't want them to and it made you feel scared?**



# Was a gun, knife, or other weapon used during this event?

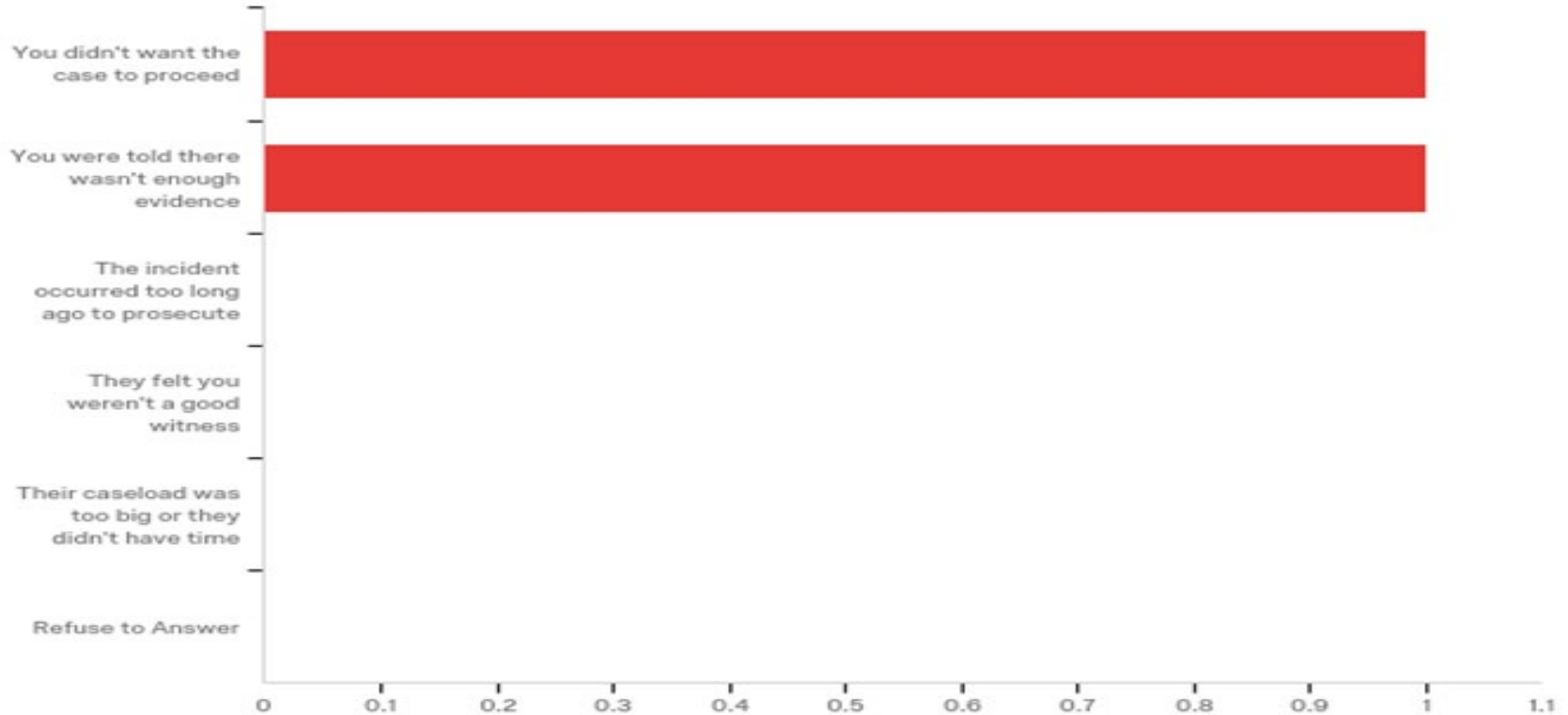


***Since the attack , did you seek any medical treatment/examination such as; a rape kit,  
a physical examination?***





## *Why weren't charges filed in this incident?*



## How did you feel after the assault?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Dirty	75.00%	3
2	Ashamed	75.00%	3
3	Humiliated	100.00%	4
4	Guilty	50.00%	2
5	Sad/Depressed	75.00%	3
6	Angry	50.00%	2
7	Scared	50.00%	2
8	On Guard	25.00%	1
9	Suicidal	25.00%	1



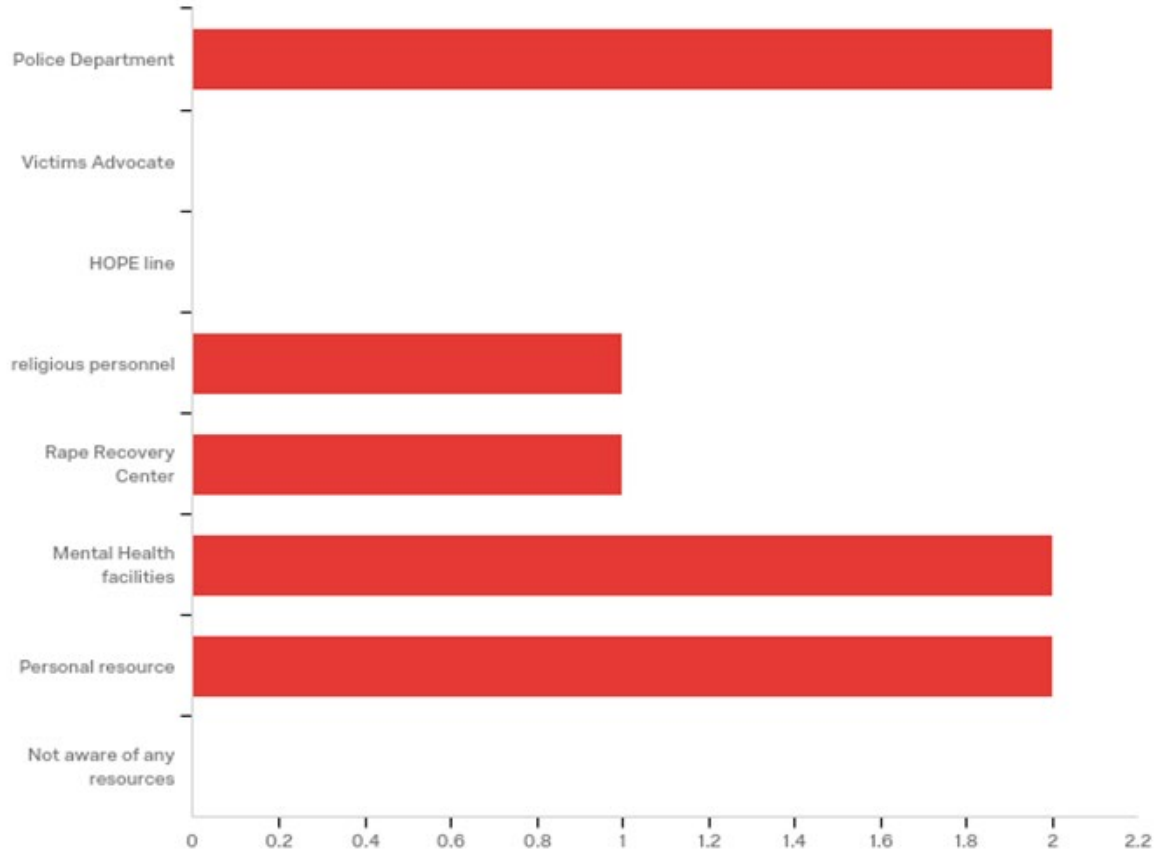
# Who have you told?

Answer	%	Count
Who have you told?	25.00%	1
Faculty Staff	0.00%	0
Parent/s	25.00%	1
Sibling/s	25.00%	1
Friend/s	50.00%	2
Significant other	0.00%	0
Other (Please Specify)	25.00%	1
Total	100%	4

## How many other UVU students do you know that have been a victim of Sexual Assault?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	1	0.00%	0
2	2	100.00%	3
3	3	0.00%	0
4	4	0.00%	0
5	5 or more	0.00%	0
6	0	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	3

# What resources are our victims aware of?



# Resources

## **Police Departments**

*UVU-* 801-863-5555

*Provo police-* 801-852-6210

*Orem police-* 801-229-7000

**Rape Recovery Center-** 801-467-  
7273

**HOPE Line (UVRMC)-** 801-  
375-4673

**Wasatch Mental Health-** 801-  
373-7393

**Rape Crisis Center-**  
801-356-2511

**UVRMC Counseling Services-**  
801-357-7525

**Wasatch Mental Health-** 801-  
373-4766

**Victim Services** 801-851-8364

## **Victims advocates**

*Provo-* 801-852-6375

*Orem-* 801-229-7128

*American fork* -801-763-3020

*Lehi-* 385-201-2113

# Ways to protect yourself

1. Gun
2. Knife/Razor blade
3. Pepperspray
4. Flashlight
5. Whistle
6. Keys
7. Baton/ASP
8. Bludgeon
9. Fire extinguisher
10. Alarm
11. Always close your blinds
12. Install motion lights around windows & doors
13. Avoid being alone
14. Avoid dark places
15. Avoid being **too** drunk or **too** high
16. Always keep an eye on your drink
17. Avoid alone time with a stranger or new friend



## To protect yourself:

Never accept drinks from a stranger or leave your drink unattended.



# Conclusions

Our results indicate there is a hidden problem of sexual assault on campus at UVU. We had a 15% response rate, with 8% of that response being victims. With that 8%, 4 of the victims knew 2 other students who had been sexually assaulted.

This study needs to be conducted frequently to keep on top of sexual assaults on campus.

We can help UVU students take on campus assaults by teaching them ways to prevent it, and informing them of resources available if they found themselves a victim.