



THE BADASS QUARTERLY

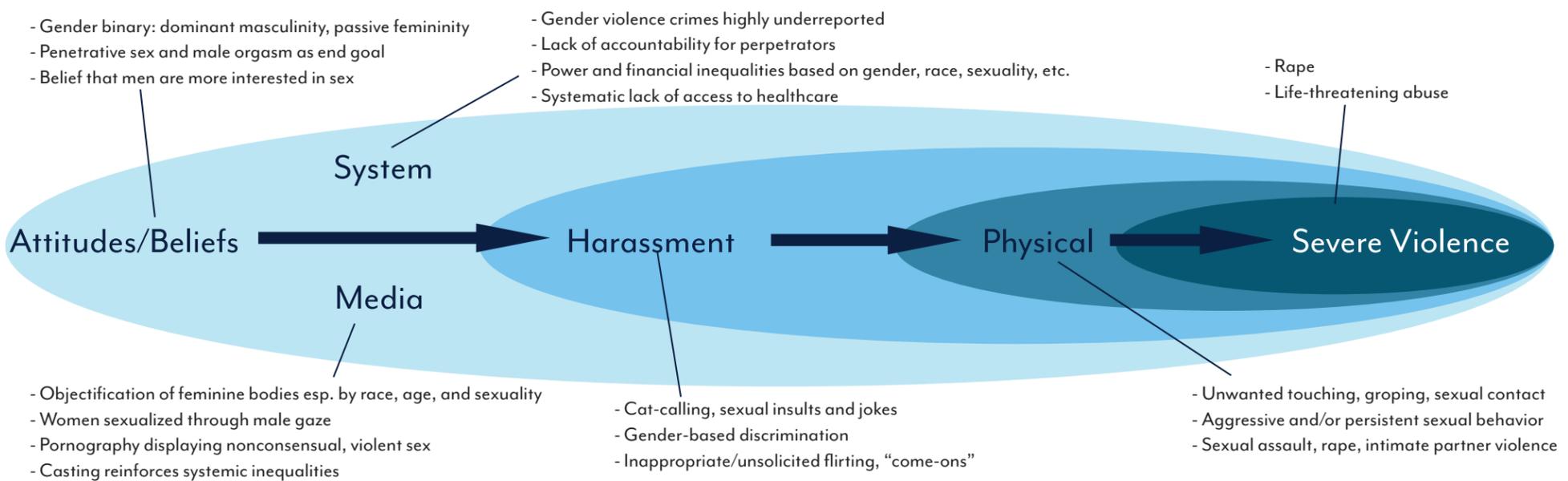
A periodic publication of the BADASS Active Bystander Campaign & the Wellness Resource Center

Take action to make sure CC is a safe, accepting, and fun place to spend your college years

The BADASS campaign focuses mainly on preventing violence, responding to people in distress, and fostering inclusivity. This edition addresses the gender-based violence spectrum.

Be Aware: What is the Spectrum of Gender-Based Violence?

The Spectrum of Gender-Based Violence refers to the range of behaviors that fall under the category of gender violence and discrimination. These range from harmful beliefs about gender roles to verbal harassment to rape. The spectrum acknowledges that though incidents of discrimination and violence vary in severity, they all reinforce one another. Comments and jokes that sexualize or objectify people based on their gender, sexuality, race, etc. also normalize discriminatory and violent behaviors. Similarly, excusing any predatory or sexually aggressive behavior ultimately excuses gender-based violence itself. Be aware of all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination.



Decide to Act

Each of us has the responsibility to take action when we see injustice or harm. Creating an inclusive community requires supporting people who have been victimized by gender-based violence by actively challenging the culture that supports it.

You are not alone if you have experienced violence.

Confidential Campus Resources:

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:

Office 719-227-8101

On-Call Advocate: 719-602-0960

The Counseling Center: 719-389-6093

The Chaplain: 719-389-6638

The Butler Center Gender and Identity Development

Specialist: 719-389-6198

Student Title IX Assistance and Resource Team:

start@coloradocollege.edu

Say Something: You Can Help End Gender-Based Violence

Say something to intervene in all aspects of gender-based violence, even its "less harmful" manifestations, because it is the things we do and say every day that create our overall culture.

- Discuss sexual experiences and expectations with people you trust.
- Challenge people to push their assumptions about gender and sexuality.
- Respond to sexist, racist, or homophobic jokes. Say, "I don't get it" or "Why is that funny?"
- Respond to victim blaming comments. Remember that sexual assault is never the survivor's fault and refocus accountability on perpetrators.
- Believe and support survivors. Prioritize their comfort in social settings.
- Pay attention to power dynamics. Intervene in a potentially predatory or dangerous situation. You can do simple things like strike up a conversation with a potential victim or lead them away. Let someone know when you think their behavior is unacceptable.

Remember the 3 D's of bystander intervention: Direct, Distract, Delegate

We have two BADASS certifications coming up:

Monday, September 10th at 5 pm in Gaylord Hall: BADASS Social Host Training for students living off-campus

Thursday, September 27th at 5 pm in McHugh Commons: Basic BADASS Active Bystander Training

Dinner will be served. Email mbass@coloradocollege.edu to sign up.

Please reach out to the Wellness Resource Center if you have any questions about our BADASS campaign or gender-based violence. Find us on the CC website, facebook, and instagram.

BE AWARE. DECIDE TO ACT. SAY SOMETHING.

