

# CHANGE YOUR CAMPUS

## Five Ways To Start Talking About Sexual Exploitation In College

America is suffering from systemic sexual exploitation.

Campus sexual assault, sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, pornography, and more, are impacting individuals and communities across the country—and these issues quickly become overwhelming to the point that individual action feels impossible.

That's where the National Center on Sexual Exploitation comes in.

**The National Center on Sexual Exploitation is a non-profit in Washington, DC, that is dedicated to exposing the links between all forms of sexual exploitation.**

### Why is it important to address the full spectrum of sexual exploitation?

Evidence supports the fact that child sexual abuse, prostitution, pornography, sex trafficking, sexual violence, etc., are not isolated phenomena occurring in a vacuum. Rather, these and other forms of sexual abuse and exploitation overlap and reinforce one another.

For example, we know that child sexual abuse often predates an individual's entry into prostitution,<sup>1</sup> and that sexting makes adolescents vulnerable to revenge porn or sexual extortion.<sup>2</sup> We also know that pornography is often made of sex trafficked women and children,<sup>3</sup> and increases the demand for buying sex.<sup>4</sup> Further, females who consume pornography are at greater risk of being a victim of sexual harassment or sexual assault.<sup>5</sup>

The list of connections goes on and on.

### What can you do to combat and educate about sexual exploitation on your college campus?

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation has outlined 5 action items that can get you started as you work to advocate for sexual justice—a term NCOSE defines as mean freedom from sexual exploitation, objectification, and violence.



#### 1 Host An Event On Your Campus

Invite the National Center on Sexual Exploitation to speak at your campus about the below topics:

- The Public Health Crisis of Pornography;
- Prostitution: Sexual Exploitation, Not Employment;
- Stop Trafficking Demand: The Link Between Pornography and Sex Trafficking;
- The New Normal: The Threat of Sexual Predation in Dating Relationships;
- The Industry of Sexploitation: The Links Between Strip Clubs, Prostitution, Pornography, and Sex Trafficking;
- The Power of Online Activism: How the Dirty Dozen List Changes Corporate Policies.

To inquire about speaking engagements email [public@ncose.com](mailto:public@ncose.com)

#### 2 Take A Stand Against “Sex Week” Events

Sex Week is an annual series of events held on many campuses around the country. Most of these events normalize and portray hardcore pornography, prostitution, stripping, and other forms of exploitation on college campuses. Some schools even include lectures on sex by nude instructors and demonstrations encouraging students to engage in BDSM, or violent torture sex.

If your campus holds these events, you can take a stand. You can access a model letter to send to University officials and see tips for garnering support both on campus and from college alumni at [endsexualexploitation.org/sexweek](http://endsexualexploitation.org/sexweek).



### 3 Write An Article For The School Newspaper

You can educate your campus and build a resume of advocacy by writing an editorial about the issue of sexual exploitation for your college.

You can quote the National Center on Sexual Exploitation's statements to the press about current issues at [endsexualexploitation.org/press](http://endsexualexploitation.org/press), and you can learn more and find relevant research at [endsexualexploitation.org/publichealth](http://endsexualexploitation.org/publichealth), [endsexualexploitation.org/prostitution](http://endsexualexploitation.org/prostitution), and [stoptraffickingdemand.com](http://stoptraffickingdemand.com).

### 4 Host An "Online Action Party" Using The Dirty Dozen List

You can take online actions against the twelve mainstream companies and organizations named on NCOSE's Dirty Dozen List for their facilitation of sexual exploitation.

At [DirtyDozenList.com](http://DirtyDozenList.com) you can email corporate executives, sign petitions, and share targeted messages on social media. These actions have proven to result in policy changes at Google, Hilton Worldwide, Walmart, and more! We believe no corporation or group should profit from, or promote, sexual exploitation.

Consider hosting an "Online Action Party" and gather a group of your friends to all take actions on [DirtyDozenList.com](http://DirtyDozenList.com) at the same time.

### 5 Support Your Peers

Sometimes the most influential thing you can do, is support an individual you know.

Whether you know someone who struggles with pornography or who has experienced sexual abuse in their past or while at college, you can make a difference by actively supporting them. For useful tools, visit NCOSE's Resource Center: [endsexualexploitation.org/resources](http://endsexualexploitation.org/resources)

**As a college student, your voice and actions can make a difference!  
Thank you for taking a stand.**



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