

sex & rape tv style

A young woman is walking down the street at night. She is very voluptuous and dressed provocatively in a short skirt and tight sweater. A strange man on the opposite side of the street who happens to be out for a walk, sees her and is overcome with passion and lust. He has recently been released from San Quentin and so has been sexually deprived for several years. He has a strange, evil glint in his eye, a scar across his cheek and is obviously defanged. He runs over and grabs her and threatens her with a knife. At first she resists, then his masculine brute force makes her limp with desire.

...misleads us all

FOR THE REAL PICTURE
MATCH THE NUMBERS

Let's focus on the facts

- 1 Not only young women are raped. Known victims range in age from 4 months to 92 years.
--Newsweek Nov. 10, 1975
- 2 Most rapes do not happen outside. 57% of rapes occur inside, usually in the rapist's or the victim's home.
--Against Rape Medea and Thompson.
- 3 There is no correlation between a woman's dress, physical appearance and who is assaulted. Men who rape tend to select a victim they feel they can easily intimidate. "They are not looking for an erotic experience. They are out to attack and humiliate women in general."
--Dr. Joseph Peters, Director of the Center for Rape Concern at Philadelphia General Hospital.
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- 5 Most rapes do not involve strangers. About 60% of all rapes are committed by someone who is familiar to the person raped. These rapes often occur in a climate of trust and are as devastating to the woman as are rapes by strangers. 20% of college women surveyed answered "yes" when asked "have you ever had intercourse without your consent and against your will".
--Chronicle of Higher Education.
- 6 Most rapes by strangers are not spur of the moment attacks. Most are carefully planned in advance of the attack.
--Resources Against Sexual Assault, UCSC Rape Prevention Education Program.

- 7 Rape is not motivated by sexual desire. Rape is motivated by anger, contempt for women and a need to dominate, control and humiliate. The rapist gets off on the sense of power he feels from seeing another human being powerless. Any positive sexual feelings are absent.
--Resources Against Sexual Assault, UCSC.
- 8 Rapists are not sexually deprived. Most have regular sexual outlets with girlfriends and wives. "They are married, young, employed and living a life that one would not describe as typical of a person who is mentally ill."
--James Selkin, Director of the Center for the Study of Violence at Denver General Hospital.
- 9 A rapist is not distinguishable by his looks or intelligence. Most rapists who have been studied rate normally on psychological tests except for a slightly higher rate on expressing anger. They can look like the boy next door or any well-respected member of the community.
--Against Rape Medea and Thompson.
- 10 Most rapists are not armed. Most threaten to use violence or force and they exploit the fact that many women are easily intimidated and lack self-defense skills. A smaller percentage (23%) use guns or knives.
--Against Rape Medea and Thompson.
- 11 Only in movies and books are women shown enjoying being taken by force. These male fantasies suggest that men approach sexual relations with women through power and conquest rather than with mutual and shared pleasure. Too often men need to dominate women in order to feel good about themselves. To get beyond a rape culture we need to explore new roles and new ways of relating.
--UCSC Rape Prevention Education Program.