



Fact Sheet: The Obama Administration's Commitment to Combating Teen and Dating Violence

The Administration is committed to strengthening efforts to reduce dating violence against teens and young women ages 16-24. Young women in this age group face the highest rates of dating violence and sexual assault. Last year alone, one in ten teens was hurt by someone they were dating. While in college, nearly one in five women will be the victim of a sexual assault. Because even one incident is too many, Vice President Biden launched the 1 is 2 Many initiative in September 2011. 1 is 2 Many uses technology and outreach to spread the message about reducing dating violence and sexual assault among teens and young adults.

More Facts on Teen Dating Violence and the 1 is 2 Many Campaign

- Despite the significant progress made in reducing violence against women, young women continue to face the highest rates of dating violence and sexual assault.
- According to a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control, which studied the prevalence of intimate partner violence over a lifetime, approximately 80% of female victims were raped before the age of 25. Nearly 70% of female victims first experienced intimate partner violence before age 25.
- Dating violence can negatively affect **health and success throughout life**. Teens who are victims are **more likely to be depressed** and **do poorly in school**. They may **engage in unhealthy behaviors**, like using drugs and alcohol, and are more likely to have eating disorders. Some teens even think about or attempt suicide.
- Teens who are victims in high school are **at higher risk for further victimization** during college and may carry the patterns of violence into future relationships. Approximately 1 in 5 women who have ever experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

Steps Taken by the Obama Administration to Combat Teen and Dating Violence

- In September 2011, the Department of Justice announced the expansion of the **National Dating Violence Helpline** to be available around the clock by text, online chat, or phone, so that teens and young adults can reach out in the way they feel most comfortable.
- In July 2011, Secretary Sebelius of The Department of Health and Human Services announced **Apps Against Abuse**, a challenge to technology innovators to find new ways to reach teens and young adults to prevent dating violence and sexual assault. Today, the winning apps - Circle of 6 and OnWatch - are available for free and have already been downloaded more than 20,000 times.
- On April 4, 2011, Vice President Biden and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan introduced **comprehensive guidance to help schools, colleges and universities better understand their**

obligations under federal civil rights laws to prevent and respond to the problem of campus sexual assault. The new guidance makes clear the legal obligations under Title IX of any school, college or university receiving federal funds to respond promptly and effectively to sexual violence.

- The Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education has **resolved multiple investigations with groundbreaking agreements to comprehensively address sexual assault on campuses.** These agreements have included measures to change the culture at schools and colleges to reduce sexual violence through the implementation of climate checks and monitoring that allows the Office of Civil Rights to hear about the situation on the ground directly from students. This year, the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights will give more than 40 technical assistance presentations related to how Title IX applies in cases of sexual harassment and sexual violence to colleges, trade associations, bar associations, and state agencies, this year.
- In January 2012, the Department of Justice **modernized the FBI's Uniform Crime Report definition of rape,** which will lead to more comprehensive statistical reporting of rape nationwide. The new definition is more inclusive, better reflects state criminal codes, and focuses on the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape. The revised definition includes any gender of victim or perpetrator, and includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of temporary or permanent mental or physical capacity, including due to the influence of drugs or alcohol, or because of age.
- On June 21, 2012, the 1 is 2 Many campaign **launched a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) about dating violence.** Due to the fact that young women today ages 16 to 24 experience the highest rates of violence at the hands of someone they know, the PSA's target audience is men of this same age group. Joining the President and Vice President in the PSA, which will air this summer on the ESPN Networks, the Fox Sports Networks, MLB Network, and NFL Network, are Joe Torre, Major League Baseball Executive Vice President, Baseball Operations, and Manager of four World Series championship teams, David Beckham of the LA Galaxy, Eli Manning of the New York Giants, Jeremy Lin of the New York Knicks, Evan Longoria of the Tampa Bay Rays, Jimmy Rollins of the Philadelphia Phillies, and ESPN correspondent Andy Katz.

Additional Resources

- DOJ's Office of Violence Against Women: Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Resources, <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/areas-focus.html>
- CDC: Injury Center, Violence Prevention, Teen Dating Violence, http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teen_dating_violence.html
- HHS Office of Women's Health, <http://www.womenshealth.gov/about-us/>
- HHS Family and Youth Services Bureau, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/programs/fv.htm>

1 is 2 Many Dating Violence Public Service Announcement

by Cynthia Hogan

Last year, Vice President Biden launched the 1 is 2 Many initiative to focus on a troubling fact—women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rates of relationship violence. Having worked to fight violence against women for almost two decades, the Vice President knew that overall rates of domestic violence have been falling, and he heard the numbers about young women as a call to action. He asked the Administration to focus on how we can engage young women and young men in preventing dating violence and sexual assault at their schools, where they work, where they hang out, and where they live.

As part of that initiative, the Vice President asked young men and women to share their own ideas on how to educate everyone about healthy and respectful relationships. A number of responses contained practical suggestions about improving security and accountability, and giving everyone access to the best information. The Vice President has highlighted the importance of using newer technology by sending the first official text to the recently expanded National Dating Abuse Helpline. Young people can now reach out to the Helpline via text or chat 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Administration also issued the “Apps Against Abuse” challenge, to spur development of mobile applications to reach young people and keep them safe. The winning apps, Circle of 6 and On Watch, make it quick and easy to check in with friends about where you are and what you need, transmit your location via GPS, and connect you to the right resources to get help.

But the Vice President also heard from young people who said that solving the problem of this violence will require us to reshape cultural views about what it means to “be a man” and who has the responsibility to help stop abuse. For example, Brennan, from Hilo, HI, wrote: “I think it'd be great to come up with profiles of men in our cultural histories who have taken stands to prevent violence and abuse. Respecting women should not be a threat to masculinity, but rather a fulfillment of true manhood.” We couldn't agree more.

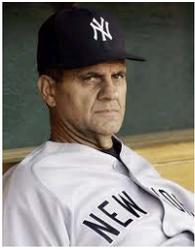
We also know that research shows that men overestimate how accepted this kind of violence is by other men. And so we thought the best way to get the truth out was to make sure young men hear from other men they respect. We thought about male role models we know, like former Yankees manager Joe Torre, who grew up in a home where his dad abused his mom and who talks movingly about how devastating witnessing the abuse as a boy was for him. We talked to professional athletes who epitomize strength and physical achievement who agree that this violence is wrong and that men must help end it by speaking out. A number of them have now joined the President and the Vice President in a public service announcement that will air this summer on the ESPN Networks, the Fox Sports Networks, MLB Network, and NFL Network.

In this PSA, Joe Torre, David Beckham, Jeremy Lin, Evan Longoria, Eli Manning, Jimmy Rollins, and Andy Katz ask all men to step up, talk about how wrong it is, and help end the violence. Watch the video here at www.whitehouse.gov/1is2many where you can also catch up on the latest on the administration's efforts to address youth dating violence and sexual assault.

National Dating Abuse Helpline: *If you or someone you know needs help, text "Loveis" to 77054 or visit Loveisrespect.org.*

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Participants in 1 is 2 Many Public Service Announcement



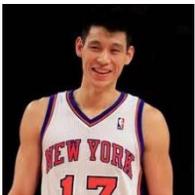
Joe Torre, Major League Baseball Executive Vice President, Baseball Operations, and Manager of four World Series championship teams

Joe Torre is a former professional baseball player and manager, and the current Executive Vice President for Baseball Operations for MLB. A nine-time All-Star, he played in MLB as a catcher, first baseman and a third baseman. Joe managed the Mets, Braves, Yankees, and Dodgers after his playing career. The Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation seeks to educate and end the cycle of child abuse in homes and communities.



David Beckham, LA Galaxy

David Beckham has played for Galaxy since 2007. Previously, he played for Manchester United, Preston North End, Real Madrid, Milan, and the England national team, for which he holds the appearance record for an outfield player. David has served as a UNICEF ambassador, and the Victoria and David Beckham Charitable Trust supports initiatives for sick and disabled children.



Jeremy Lin, New York Knicks

Jeremy Lin joined the Knicks for the 2011-12 season and led a winning streak by New York in February 2012, causing days of "Linsanity." He is the first American of Chinese or Taiwanese descent to play in the NBA. The Jeremy Lin Foundation is dedicated to providing financial, educational, and spiritual assistance to underprivileged individuals.



Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay Rays

Evan Longoria is a third baseman for the Rays, where he made his major league debut in 2008. That same year, he was named American League Rookie of the Year and named to the American League team for the MLB All Star Game.



Eli Manning, New York Giants

Eli Manning plays quarterback for the Giants. Eli was the Super Bowl XLII MVP in 2008. Eli undertook a 5-year campaign in 2007 to raise \$2.5 million for the construction of "The Eli Manning Children's Clinics" at a children's hospital in Mississippi, an initiative he started after doing relief work in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



Jimmy Rollins, Philadelphia Phillies

Jimmy Rollins has played shortstop for the Phillies since 2001. He was MVP in 2007 and has a career high of 47 stolen bases in 2008. His Jimmy Rollins Family Foundation supports young adults living with arthritis as well as the prevention of child abuse. Jimmy is the proud new father of Camryn Drew, born on May 21, 2012.



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