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As every young American, who is about to start university, knows that is it an exciting but nerve-racking time. Every college student should be focused on getting good grades and making friends. No young person should have to worry about being sexually assaulted in college.

The fact of the matter is that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 16 men will be sexually assaulted during their college careers. More than 90% of those sexual assaults will go unreported because there is a lack of awareness and understanding about sexual assault in American culture.

This research looks at the root causes of sexual assault that our society needs to address. Perpetrators of sexual assault are completely responsible for their actions, but education could help prevent sexual assault in the future. Things to be addressed that contribute to the lack of education about sexual assault are lack of sex education in the United States, toxic masculinity, media that contributes to rape culture, and party culture due to the United States' drinking age. All of these things play a part in the high rates of sexual assaults on college campuses across the country.

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