Male Engagement in Sexual Violence Prevention
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ENGAGING NEW VOICES
Domestic violence and sexual assault are everyone’s issue. It’s time we all speak out to stop the violence.
No more excuses.
No more silence.
No more violence.

NO MORE
"IT'S JUST A WOMEN'S ISSUE"
Why intersectionality can’t wait

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Mourners arrive to mourn the death of Sandra Bland at the DuPage African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lisle, Ill.  
(AP Photo/Christian K. Lee)
Describe how MMH affected you.

Explain what you learned from MMH.

What have you done differently since you have seen MMH?

What will you do now that you have seen MMH?
Redefining masculinity. Several participants addressed redefining of the concept of masculinity. Specifically, a 26-year-old, White, heterosexual, male, graduate student responded,

This film allowed me to better understand the effects of gender expectations on young men of color, specifically, Black men. This film brought up issues that are of concern for all men in changing expectations of masculinity and our ability to support survivors of violence. I think of this as another tool to help educate men of color and white men that a new form of masculinity should be allowed in the world.

Engaging and educating. Respondents reported that they engaged and educated others about the topic through conversations, showing the film to others, or recommending the film to others. A 29-year-old, African American, heterosexual, female, graduate student expressed,

I have been able to engage college students more effectively in what sexual assault is and what it means to be an advocate for awareness. It also assisted me in encouraging individuals to seek assistance if faced with concerns with the particular issue.

Many people stereotypes, men like me who care about the issue of sexual violence and want to help with prevention. One 25-year-old, White, heterosexual female, graduate student expressed,

I learned that men actually care about the issue of sexual assault. It was interesting to find out that most men want to stand up to their friends and say “hey, don’t talk about a female like that,” but that the majority of them just don’t, whether because of fear, embarrassment, etc.
I learned that we all play a role in perpetuating the system as it is. Standing silent is also playing a part. Education is key. Letting men know that it is ok to be uncomfortable with the way some talk about women. It is ok to want to defend others. It is ok to be an ally. It is ok to not objectify women. That is not where power comes from—31-year-old, Asian, heterosexual, female graduate student.