

## Letters to a President

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Dear President of the United States, Joe Biden,

We are living in a revolting world, yet you have the power to change it!

A staggering 97% of women aged 18-21 have experienced sexual harassment in public spaces. 45% of women say that reporting it would not change anything. This is due to a lack of education. If these vulnerable women were taught that it is not their fault and that they should not be embarrassed, then maybe the 4 out of 5 rape victims that subsequently suffer from chronic physical or psychological conditions would reduce. We could help them to re-build their lives that an uneducated, violent man destroyed. You have the power to save lives!

And NO, it is not ALL men, however it is enough men. It is enough men to not know the difference between the colleague who is innocent and the boss who desires to take advantage of you. Not all sharks attack you; nevertheless, you still would not go swimming with a great white. In your letter to the Stanford sexual assault victim you said, "what you endured is never, never, never, NEVER a women's fault." So, whose fault is it then? Is it the male who so desperately could not help himself or is it the fault of the education system which innocently failed to teach men to keep their hands to themselves, and that women are far from objects, but living beings, no less superior to men?

Every day you do not act against this insanity, 88 innocent babies are born from rape. Every minute you do not use your power to end this noxious behavior, 28 girls are forcefully married as children. Every second you sit back and ignore your toxic world, 571 innocent girls worldwide are raped or subject to sexual violence. EVERY SECOND! I'll just let that sink in...

We must act now! If nothing is done the 97% will increase to 100% that means that every woman in the UK aged 18-24 will have been sexually assaulted. Just think about those close to you, your wife, Jill and your daughter Ashley. You have the power to protect not only your family but women all over the world. Do you want to go down in history as the man who stopped sexism for good? The man who changed the views of men towards women. If not, then hopefully the next president will. Why wouldn't you use your

power to convey the voice that cannot be heard? To express the emotions of your people, and to change the future of generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

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