

## Online Harassment Climate at GW Survey

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

Participants are eligible to win a \$50 gift card.

Questions about this research may be addressed to the Principal Investigator: Rachelle Heller, [sheller@gwu.edu](mailto:sheller@gwu.edu).

Your consent is being given voluntarily. You may refuse to participate in the entire study or in any part of the study. You have the right to not answer questions you do not wish to answer. If you decide to participate in the study, you are free to withdraw at any time without any negative effect on your relations with The George Washington University or with any other participating institutions or agencies.

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1. Are you 18 years of age or older as of today?\*
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
  2. Are you currently enrolled undergraduate student at the George Washington University?\*
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
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### FOR all who answered 'YES' to 1 AND 2; else skip to end

3. As a college student, would you say you need to make information available about yourself online in order to market yourself on the internet, or is that not something you need to do?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No Answer/Other
  
4. Do you have an account on a professional networking website (such as LinkedIn)?
- a. Yes
- b. No
  
5. Do you have an account on a social networking website (such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram)?
- a. Yes
- b. No
  
6. In general, how often do you post about you, your life, or your thoughts on some form of social media?

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- a. Multiple times a day
- b. Once a day
- c. 2-3 times a week
- d. 2-3 times every month
- e. Once a month
- f. A few times every year
- g. Less than once a year
- h. Not applicable

7. When you think about your online experience compared with offline experiences, would you say...

|   | Yes | No | Not applicable |
|---|-----|----|----------------|
| a. The online environment allows people to be more anonymous            |     |    |                |
| b. The online environment allows people to be more critical of others   |     |    |                |
| c. The online environment allows people to be more supportive of others |     |    |                |

8. Do you think each of the online environments below are more welcoming toward men, more welcoming toward women, or about the same for both?

|   | More welcoming toward men | More welcoming toward women | About the same for both | Not applicable/ Don't know |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Social networking sites/apps             |                           |                             |                         |                            |
| b. Online dating websites/apps              |                           |                             |                         |                            |
| c. Comments section of a website            |                           |                             |                         |                            |
| d. Online gaming                            |                           |                             |                         |                            |
| e. Online discussion sites such as Reddit   |                           |                             |                         |                            |
| f. Messaging apps/websites (Skype, Groupme) |                           |                             |                         |                            |

### Online Experience with GW-affiliated forums

*Here are a few questions about your experiences with official and unofficial online forums affiliated with GW.*

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9. Do you follow, like, or subscribe to any official or unofficial social media pages, groups, newsletters, accounts, blogs, websites, or online forums affiliated with GW?
- a. Yes
  - b. No

**If Answer to 9 = YES:**

10. On an online GW-affiliated official or unofficial social media page, group, newsletter, account, blog, website, or online forum, have you ever witnessed any of the following behaviors directed at a particular person or group of people, **including** behaviors directed at you? *[Check all that apply]*

|   | Selected | Unselected |
|---|----------|------------|
| a. Someone being called offensive names                                       |          |            |
| b. Someone being physically threatened  |          |            |
| c. Someone being diminished, mocked, or ridiculed                             |          |            |
| d. Someone being harassed for a sustained period                              |          |            |
| e. Someone being stalked  |          |            |
| f. Efforts to purposefully embarrass someone                                  |          |            |
| g. Someone being sexually harassed  |          |            |
| h. I haven't witnessed any of the above behaviors in the forums listed above. |          |            |

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**If Answer to any of 10=YES:**

In the open response question below, please be as detailed as possible, but do not include any names of people or other personal identifying information to ensure your and others' anonymity.

11. Can you describe what harassment behaviors you have witnessed on an GW-affiliated online entity in your experience(s) of this kind?

12. On which GW-affiliated online entity did your experience(s) occur?

*[List all that apply]*

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**For all survey takers:**

### Online Experience

*Here are a few questions about your experiences online.*

13. While at GW, have you ever witnessed any of the following behaviors directed at a particular person or group of people online, **excluding** behaviors directed at you?  
*[Check all that apply]*

|   | Selected | Unselected |
|---|----------|------------|
| a. Someone being called offensive names   |          |            |
| b. Someone being physically threatened  |          |            |
| c. Someone being diminished, mocked, or ridiculed                                   |          |            |
| d. Someone being harassed for a sustained period                                    |          |            |
| e. Someone being stalked  |          |            |
| f. Efforts to purposefully embarrass someone  |          |            |
| g. Someone being sexually harassed  |          |            |
| H. I have not witnessed any of the above behaviors directed at someone else online. |          |            |
| i. Other (Please Specify)   |          |            |

14. Have you ever witnessed any of the above harassment behaviors directed at a particular person or group of people online?
- a. Yes
  - b. No

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**If Answer to 14=YES:**

15. When did this harassment experience occur?
- a. Still occurring now
  - b. Within the past 12 months
  - c. More than 12 months ago

16. In which of the following online environments did this occur? *Check All that Apply.*
- a. Social networking sites/apps

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- b. Online dating websites/apps
- c. Comments section of a website
- d. Online gaming
- e. Personal email account
- f. Online discussion site such as Reddit
- g. Messaging apps/websites (Skype, Groupme)
- h. Other (please specify)

In the open response question below, please be as detailed as possible, but do not include any names or other identifying information to ensure your and others' anonymity.

17. Can you describe what harassment behaviors you have witnessed in your experience(s) of this kind?

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### For all survey takers:

18. While at GW, which, if any, of the following have occurred to you, personally, or a group of people you belong to ONLINE? *[Check all that apply]*

|  | Yes | No | Not applicable |
|--|-----|----|----------------|
| a. Been called offensive names                   |     |    |                |
| b. Been physically threatened                    |     |    |                |
| c. Been diminished, mocked, or ridiculed         |     |    |                |
| d. Been harassed for a sustained period          |     |    |                |
| e. Been stalked                                  |     |    |                |
| f. Had someone try to purposefully embarrass you |     |    |                |
| g. Been sexually harassed                        |     |    |                |

19. Have you ever witnessed any of the above harassment behaviors directed yourself or a group of people you belong to online?
- a. Yes
  - b. No

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### If Answer to 13=YES:

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20. When did this harassment experience occur?

- a. Still occurring now
- b. Within the past 12 months
- c. More than 12 months ago

In the open response questions below, please be as detailed as possible, but do not include any names or other identifying information to ensure your and others' anonymity.

21. Can you describe what harassment behaviors you have witnessed in your experience(s) of this kind?

22. Overall, how upsetting was this experience, if at all?

- a. Extremely upsetting
- b. Very upsetting
- c. Somewhat upsetting
- d. A little upsetting
- e. Not at all upsetting

23. In which of the following online environments did this occur? *Select All that Apply.*

- a. Social networking sites/apps
- b. Online dating websites/apps
- c. Comments section of a website
- d. Online gaming
- e. Personal email account
- f. Online discussion site such as Reddit
- g. Messaging apps/websites (Skype, Groupme)
- h. Other (please specify)

24. Thinking of the person or people who committed the harassment, how did you know them?

*[Check all that apply.]*

|              | Yes | No |
|--------------|-----|----|
| a. Friend    |     |    |
| b. Roommate  |     |    |
| c. Classmate |     |    |

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| d. Family member   |  |  |
| e. Co-worker   |  |  |
| f. An acquaintance   |  |  |
| g. An acquaintance that attends the same university as I do        |  |  |
| h. A stranger/someone I had never met before                       |  |  |
| i. I don't know the real identity of the person or people          |  |  |
| j. Other (Please specify) *DO NOT INCLUDE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION* |  |  |

25. Did you do anything to respond to the behavior or did you just ignore it?

- a. Responded
- b. Ignored it
- c. No answer

26. How did you respond? Please elaborate.

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27. Have you ever had an online experience of this kind that hurt your reputation?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No answer

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## Personal and Demographic Information

28. What is your citizenship status?

- a. United States citizen
- b. U.S. permanent resident/Refugee
- c. International/Foreign

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### IF US Citizen or permanent resident:

29. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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30. What is your racial or ethnic identification? (Select all that apply.)

- a. American Indian or Alaska Native
- b. Asian
- c. Black or African American
- d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- e. White
- f. Other (please specify)

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**For all:**

31. What is your gender identity? [Single select question]

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

32. I have a disability

- a. Yes
- b. No

33. What is your sexual orientation? [Single select question]

- a. Bisexual/Pansexual
- b. Gay (Male)
- c. Heterosexual/Straight
- d. Lesbian (Female)
- e. Questioning/Unsure
- f. Other (please specify)

34. Current undergraduate education classification:

- a. Freshman
- b. Sophomore
- c. Junior
- d. Senior

35. What school in GW do you belong to?

- a. Columbian College of Arts & Sciences [Arts and Humanities]
- b. Columbian College of Arts & Sciences [Social Sciences]
- c. Columbian College of Arts & Sciences [Mathematics and Natural Sciences]
- d. College of Professional Studies
- e. Elliott School of International Affairs
- f. Milken Institute School of Public Health
- g. School of Business
- h. School of Engineering & Applied Science
- i. School of Media & Public Affairs
- j. School of Nursing
- k. The Corcoran School of the Arts & Design



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36. Which of the following applies to you?

|  |          |              |
|--|----------|--------------|
| a. I am a member of a student organization on campus       | Selected | Not Selected |
| b. I am a member of a Greek organization on campus         |          |              |
| c. I am a member of a multicultural organization on campus |          |              |

37. To be eligible for the gift card drawing, please enter your first name and GW email address. Your name and email address will not be kept with your survey information. Your information will be separated and coded. You are not required to enter your name and email.

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| First Name: |  |
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| Email: |  |
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If you would like to further discuss the topics in this survey with a trained professional (unaffiliated with this study), the University Counseling Center (UCC) provides 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include:

- crisis and emergency mental health consultations
- confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals

Website: <http://counselingcenter.gwu.edu/>

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