



THINGS NIGERIANS THINK, DO, AND SAY TO ENABLE RAPE CULTURE

- Assuming that rape can be solved by improving the behavior of potential victims rather than improving the thinking and behaviors of potential rapists. E.g. Teaching women how to not get raped
- Believing that men can't be raped or that only 'weak' men can be raped
- Victim blaming. This includes questions like, what were you doing there? Why were you there? What were you wearing?
- Classification of rape into 'real rape' and 'assumed rape', with 'real' rape being a forced attack by a male stranger, on a female who has not been drinking, and/or acting, dressing, or speaking in a sexual manner
- Tolerating and downplaying Sexual Harassment
- Thinking that it is okay for a man to forcibly have sex with (rape) his wife. This promotes the damaging belief that a woman is nothing but an object of pleasure who has no right to consensual sex
- Blaming a woman for her husband's cheating. In doing this, you are saying that she indirectly caused him to be tempted either by denying him sex or by losing her appeal. You not only absolve the man of blame, responsibility, and accountability but reiterate the believe that her sole purpose is his pleasure
- Labeling maids, nannies, and house girls 'seductresses', when their 'oga' sexually violates or abuses them. In this case, you are not an enabler but AN ACCOMPLICE
- Asking victims to forgive and forget without any concrete action towards punishing their attackers
- Blaming the devil: when you do this, you are absolving the attacker of their crime
- Believing that a woman's body and sexuality should be policed, regulated, and dictated by anyone but her
- Equating or attaching a person's worth to their sexual experiences
- Objectification of women's and men's bodies
- Using misogynistic language
- Making and enjoying sexually explicit/degrading jokes
- Believing that 'boys will be boys.' This encourages a generation of men who believe that irresponsibility, a lack of self-control, and the disrespect of the female human, are all intrinsic masculine traits
- Defining Masculinity as dominant and sexually aggressive
- Defining Femininity as submissive and passive
- Inflating fake report statistics
- Refusing to take rape and sexual abuse seriously
- Believing that only promiscuous people are raped or abused