

# Trump's attacks on women

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Among the many alarming attacks the Trump administration is making against a wide variety of identity categories, one that isn't receiving as much focus is the coordinated assault on women. One attack is the systematic removal of support for survivors of sexual assault, a group not exclusively but primarily composed of women.

By placing abusers and harassers in positions of power, President Trump creates an environment hostile to women and amenable to control through gender-based violence. Grants and studies are being canceled, data is being removed from publicly accessible spaces, and programs to educate about and reduce sexual violence are being abandoned. Canceling DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) programs, of which women are significant beneficiaries, reduce the resources that empower women's independence and makes them more vulnerable to all kinds of injustice. False claims that immigrants drive sexual violence perpetuate unnecessary fear and distract from the truth that most survivors knew their attackers.

In many ways, the U.S. government has become an abuser who revictimizes survivors and emboldens those who would choose to harm women. The National Women's Law Center [has summarized some of the ways](#) the Trump administration has jeopardized resources that protect women and support survivors. The article contains links to a number of supporting materials. Women deserve better, and awareness is an important tool in Mercy's work on the Critical Concern for Women.