Perceived Sexual Harassment Among Female Students at a Zimbabwean Institution of Higher Learning

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Abstract

This study analysed perceived sexual harassment experiences and responses among 136 female students (aged 19 to 40) randomly drawn from an institution of higher learning in Zimbabwe. A Sexual Harassment Questionnaire (SEQ) was administered to the participants. Data were summarized using descriptive statistics. Thirty-one percent (42) of the students acknowledged having been sexually harassed. About 69% (94) of the students appeared not to recognize sexually harassment that may have occurred to them. Only a minority of the students (7%) reported the harassment. Sexual harassment policies may help mitigate the experience of sexual experience by college students in Zimbabwe.