

**"Sexual Harassment of Female students in Universities"**



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## **Abstract**

Sexual Harassment of female students in universities is a serious issue. It has several damaging consequences for both the victim and the institution where it is taking place. Victim's health, educational performance and social standing suffers whereas the university incurs institutional liability. But despite its significant presence and impact, sexual harassment is often ignored in Pakistani universities.

The thesis aims to explore the antecedents & consequences of sexual harassment in universities thereby generating awareness for this taboo issue. Scholarly journal articles of Pakistani and foreign authors have been consulted & reviewed for the thesis. Their findings highlight the gender-specific nature of sexual harassment and the toll it takes on all concerned. Attempt has also been made to identify the risk factors that indirectly contribute to harassment.

A thorough, two-step survey was conducted to take the input of students from three different universities. The findings and analysis of the survey indicated lack of awareness about the issue. Tendency to attribute the blame to the victim was also observed. Moreover causes of victim's silence were also explored.

In the end, several recommendations have been presented with the hope that this menace is eradicated, once and for all, from the sacred houses of learning.

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