

"ONLINE ABUSE AND HARASSMENT: GENDERED VIOLENCE"

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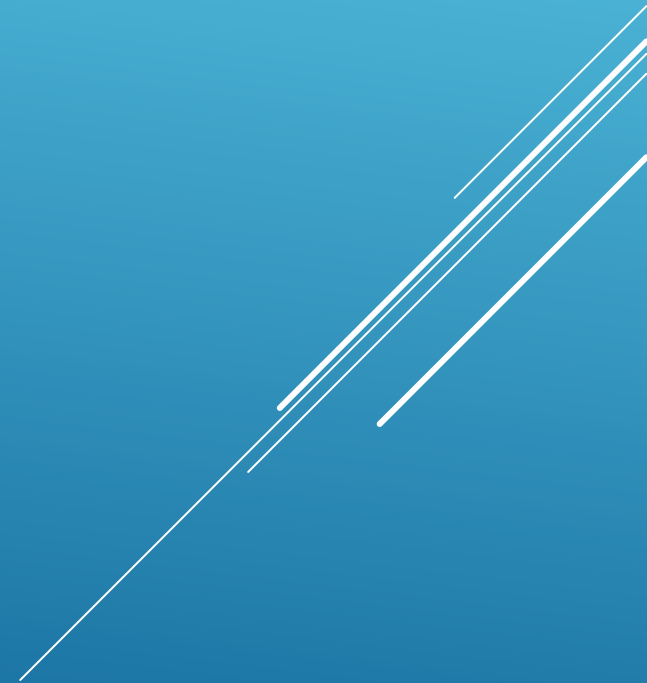
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- ▶ Since the advent of the Web 2.0 era rape threats, cyberstalking, image-based abuse such as “revenge porn,” and other forms of gendered violence online have become increasingly prevalent, toxic, and harmful.
- ▶ The problem of gendered cyberhate has received extensive international media coverage, as well as being the subject of calls for urgent intervention from organizations such as the United Nations (UN), Amnesty International, and various international human rights associations.

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Gendered cyberhate includes sexually graphic invective, hyperbolic yet plausible rape and death threats, and/or persistent, unwanted sexual advances from senders who tend to become aggressive if they are ignored or rebuffed.
- ▶ Gendered harassment and abuse online can be situated along a spectrum of violence and harm ranging from “mildly irritating” at one end to “unambiguously criminal” at the other.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS



- ▶ Cyberbullying
- ▶ Doxing/doxxing
- ▶ Cyberstalking
- ▶ Google bombing
- ▶ Rape video blackmail
- ▶ Revenge pornography
- ▶ Sextortion
- ▶ Swatting
- ▶ Wikipedia vandalism
- ▶ Mob attacks (aka “dog piles”)

MANIFESTATIONS

Please note that this list is not exhaustive!

Further, the listed practices are not exclusively directed against women and girls but may also be evident in attacks perpetrated against men and boys.

POTENTIAL REMEDIES

- ▶ One suggestion involves the formulation of new categories of criminal offences.
- ▶ Civil remedies could also be useful in forms such as protection orders and litigation against individual offenders, as well as class action law suits against software designers and platform operators who create and maintain unsafe environments.

While gendered cyberhate is a complex and difficult problem, researchers, experts, and other commentators have proposed a number of potential avenues for interventions and remedies

THANK YOU!

