

## **#MeToo News Article Analysis**

**Purpose:** During our first classes this semester, we discussed a variety of frameworks for talking about sexual violence (Crenshaw, Dworkin, MacKinnon, Alcott, Manne, Davis, etc.). Though we'll spend most of the semester analyzing *literary* representations of sexual violence, it is crucial that we mobilize our tools of literary analysis to study "real world" or "public" discourses about sexual violence. How do we talk about sexual violence in our broader societal conversations?

To this end, please choose any recent (2017-present) news discussion about sexual violence, sexual harassment, or #MeToo. This can be an article, video segment, or podcast from any source (CNN, *The New York Times*, *Democracy Now*, etc.).

In your short essay, please consider the following questions:

- what kinds of language do the authors use to describe sexual violence? What images, metaphors, terms, tropes, or other literary devices do they incorporate?
- what narrative(s) about sexual violence does the article rehearse, perpetuate, or challenge?
- does the article relate to/resonate with/conflict with any of the frameworks we have discussed (Crenshaw, Dworkin, etc.)?
- do the frameworks presented in your articles strike you as productive, problematic, or neither?

In your discussions, please incorporate specific quotations from your articles to form specific claims.

### **Details**

**-Due: M 8/31, before class, via Canvas**

**-Requirements:** This mini essay should be approximately 300-500 words long.

Please include an MLA 8<sup>th</sup> edition citation for your article at the bottom of your page.

**-Rubric:** This assignment is worth **25 points**. Do you engage with the above questions? Do you incorporate specific quotations from the articles? Is your writing clear and coherent?