

How Do You Define Sexual Violence? How Do You Think Sexual Violence Is Defined By The Penn State Administrators and/or in institutional discourse? Is this the definition inadequate and, if so, How Would You Leverage Your Role To Change It?

From the time that I could accurately comprehend what sexual violence was, the definition has remained the same. Sexual Violence means that an individual is forcing or manipulating another individual into acts of unwanted, nonconsensual sexual activity. Simply put, Sexual Violence is someone not stopping when they are clearly told NO for any reason including being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fear of the individual, etc. Although (The) Pennsylvania University's definition of sexual violence is similar to mine, I believe the definition above should be integrated into the University's in the hopes of penalizing perpetrators to the highest extent. In fact, if I am elected to the position of Representative to the College of The Liberal Arts, I will push EXTENSIVELY for an amendment to the definition of "Sexual Violence" at the highest level of the incoming administration of President-Elect Neeli Bendapudi.

What Do You Think Penn State And/Or Our Local/State/Federal Government Can Do To Decrease The Incidence Of Sexual And Relationship Violence?

For starters, the federal, local, and state governments need to work together to provide detailed analysis of the trends, demographics, and factors of the rising cases of sexual and relationship violence in our county so that in depth, comprehensive plans to combat these occurrences could be fabricated and enforced by not only said governments, but by student leaders and student organizations.

Do You Plan To Advocate For The Aforementioned Chances? If so, How?

Why of COURSE I plan to champion atop the changes and proposals I'm campaigning upon especially when it comes to sexual violence. I have been told various times throughout the run-up to my campaign announcement that I need to focus on issues and prospects related to the College of The Liberal Arts if I wanted to win, however, what most people don't get is that inhabitants of not only the College of The Liberal Arts, but all academic colleges are all facing similar problems that are not limited to academics. Rape, domestic abuse, homelessness, death, displacement, depression, anxiety, etc are all factors that play into 98% of the lives of students attending University Park alone. Essentially this question asks do I plan to actually work towards the campaign promises I am about to spend three weeks repeating? Or will I get elected and sit in my dorm? And the answer is wholeheartedly YES, I plan to advocate for, defend, and stay true to the pieces of legislation I sign/endorse, the individuals who give their all to my cause, and to my peers who plan on fighting right alongside with me.

What Steps Have You Taken To Bring Anti-Sexual-Violence And/Or Social Justice Work Into Your Education, Workplace, And/Or An Organization That You Have Been Involved With And/Or Personally Become A Better Advocate?

I have an extensive background in the world of public service. I began giving back to my first community in 6th grade when I ran for student class president. However, after analyzing this question I found that all throughout my primary schooling career, I unknowingly ignored opportunities to further the conversation regarding Sexual Violence, and have lived with the regret ever since graduating. Now that prominent movements such as the #MeToo movement have transpired and finally brought Sexual Violence issues to the forefront, my only hope is to capitalize on the success of others by continuing the conversation, and continuing to walk the path that provides us with results! So to be totally honestly with you, I have not done but publicly to end Sexual Violence, but with my potential new position, I hope to deter SV not only on our campus but in our county as well!

If Elected, What Organizations Will You Maintain Relationships With? Will You Start Or Maintain A Relationship With Anti-Sexual Violence Organizations? If So, How?

During my first 30 days in office, I plan on meeting with almost every leader of student well-being organizations all across campus. From UPUA and Black Caucus, to Women in Stem and Lion's Pride, cooperation among leaders is the best way to mobilize and work towards our shared pillar goals of equality, empathy, and unification. Now that I am thoroughly aware of the work that Sonika Kohli and her counterparts in the Schreyer Gender Equity Coalition do, I hope to launch an initiative based solely around the destruction of Sexual Assault and all that pertains to the subject in order to create a more inclusive, safe, progressive campus environment that works for all of us, not just a percentage of us.