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# BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

From Research to Practice

Wednesday, July 15  
11am PST | 2pm ET



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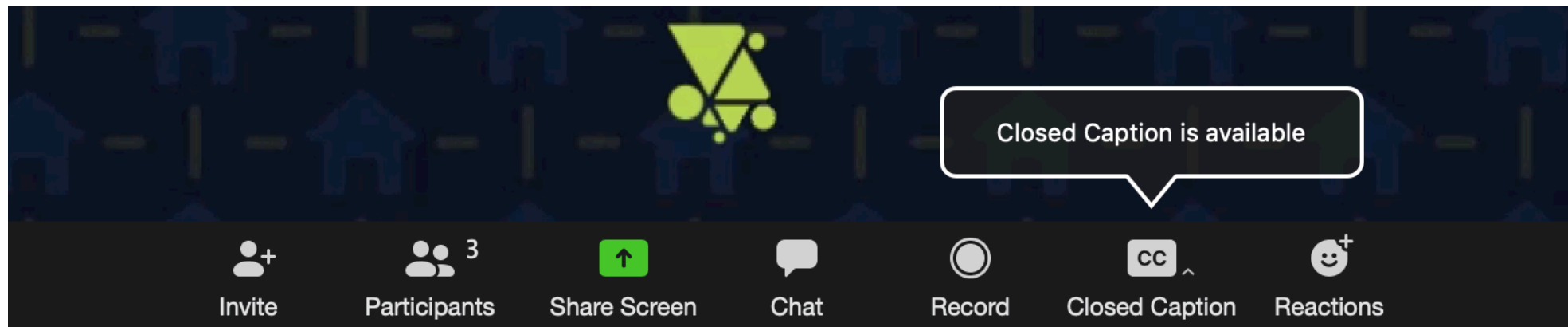
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# PreventConnect

- ▶ Domestic violence/intimate partner violence
- ▶ Sexual violence
- ▶ Violence across the lifespan, including child sexual abuse
- ▶ Prevent before violence starts
- ▶ Connect to other forms of violence and oppression
- ▶ Connect to other prevention practitioners



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# Objectives


- ▶ Describe characteristics of successful researcher-practitioner partnership
- ▶ Identify current bystander intervention research outcomes
- ▶ Critique current research literature on bystander intervention
- ▶ Identify ways to incorporate current research findings into practice

# CDC Technical Packages


STOP SV		
	Strategy	Approach
<b>S</b>	Promote <b>Social Norms</b> that Protect Against Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bystander approaches</li><li>• Mobilizing men and boys as allies</li></ul>
<b>T</b>	Teach <b>Skills</b> to Prevent Sexual Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social-emotional learning</li><li>• Teaching healthy, safe dating and intimate relationship skills to adolescents</li><li>• Promoting healthy sexuality</li><li>• Empowerment-based training</li></ul>
<b>O</b>	Provide <b>Opportunities</b> to Empower and Support Girls and Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthening economic supports for women and families</li><li>• Strengthening leadership and opportunities for girls</li></ul>
<b>P</b>	Create <b>Protective</b> Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving safety and monitoring in schools</li><li>• Establishing and consistently applying workplace policies</li><li>• Addressing community-level risks through environmental approaches</li></ul>
<b>SV</b>	Support <b>Victims/Survivors</b> to Lessen Harms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victim-centered services</li><li>• Treatment for victims of SV</li><li>• Treatment for at-risk children and families to prevent problem behavior including sex offending</li></ul>



# CDC Technical Packages

 Preventing IPV	
Strategy	Approach
Teach safe and healthy relationship skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social-emotional learning programs for youth</li><li>• Healthy relationship programs for couples</li></ul>
Engage influential adults and peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men and boys as allies in prevention</li><li>• Bystander empowerment and education</li><li>• Family-based programs</li></ul>
Disrupt the developmental pathways toward partner violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early childhood home visitation</li><li>• Preschool enrichment with family engagement</li><li>• Parenting skill and family relationship programs</li><li>• Treatment for at-risk children, youth and families</li></ul>
Create protective environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve school climate and safety</li><li>• Improve organizational policies and workplace climate</li><li>• Modify the physical and social environments of neighborhoods</li></ul>
Strengthen economic supports for families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen household financial security</li><li>• Strengthen work-family supports</li></ul>
Support survivors to increase safety and lessen harms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victim-centered services</li><li>• Housing programs</li><li>• First responder and civil legal protections</li><li>• Patient-centered approaches</li><li>• Treatment and support for survivors of IPV, including TDV</li></ul>

# CDC Technical Packages

 Preventing ACEs	
Strategy	Approach
<b>Strengthen economic supports to families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthening household financial security</li><li>• Family-friendly work policies</li></ul>
<b>Promote social norms that protect against violence and adversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public education campaigns</li><li>• Legislative approaches to reduce corporal punishment</li><li>• Bystander approaches</li><li>• Men and boys as allies in prevention</li></ul>
<b>Ensure a strong start for children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early childhood home visitation</li><li>• High-quality child care</li><li>• Preschool enrichment with family engagement</li></ul>
<b>Teach skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social-emotional learning</li><li>• Safe dating and healthy relationship skill programs</li><li>• Parenting skills and family relationship approaches</li></ul>
<b>Connect youth to caring adults and activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentoring programs</li><li>• After-school programs</li></ul>
<b>Intervene to lessen immediate and long-term harms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhanced primary care</li><li>• Victim-centered services</li><li>• Treatment to lessen the harms of ACEs</li><li>• Treatment to prevent problem behavior and future involvement in violence</li><li>• Family-centered treatment for substance use disorders</li></ul>

# Implications in our current context

JUSTICE & LAW, NATIONAL, VIOLENCE & HARASSMENT

## Bad Cops and Bystanders: How Male-Dominated Cultures Keep Men Silent

6/17/2020 by **JACKSON KATZ**



A June 11 "Justice for George Floyd" protest in downtown Minneapolis. ([Tony Webster @webster](#) / Twitter)

A screenshot of a Forbes article. The top navigation bar includes 'Forbes', 'Billionaires', 'Innovation', 'Leadership', 'Money', 'Business', 'Small Business', and 'Lifestyle'. The article title is 'How Do You Intervene When You Witness Racism, Bias And Bigotry In The Workplace?'. The author is 'Janice Gassam', a Senior Contributor in Diversity &amp; Inclusion. The article is marked as an 'EDITORS' PICK' with 1,200 views, dated Jul 6, 2020, 11:37am EDT. The main image shows a hand holding a marker, writing the word 'DISCRIMINATION' in large, bold, black letters on a white surface. Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are visible on the left side of the article content area.

# How are you currently implementing bystander intervention strategies?

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# What experiences do you have with researcher-practitioner collaborations?

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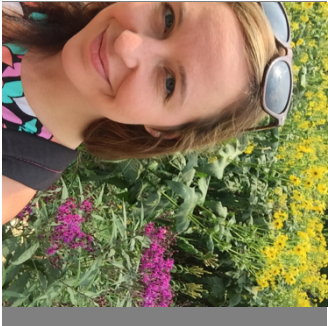
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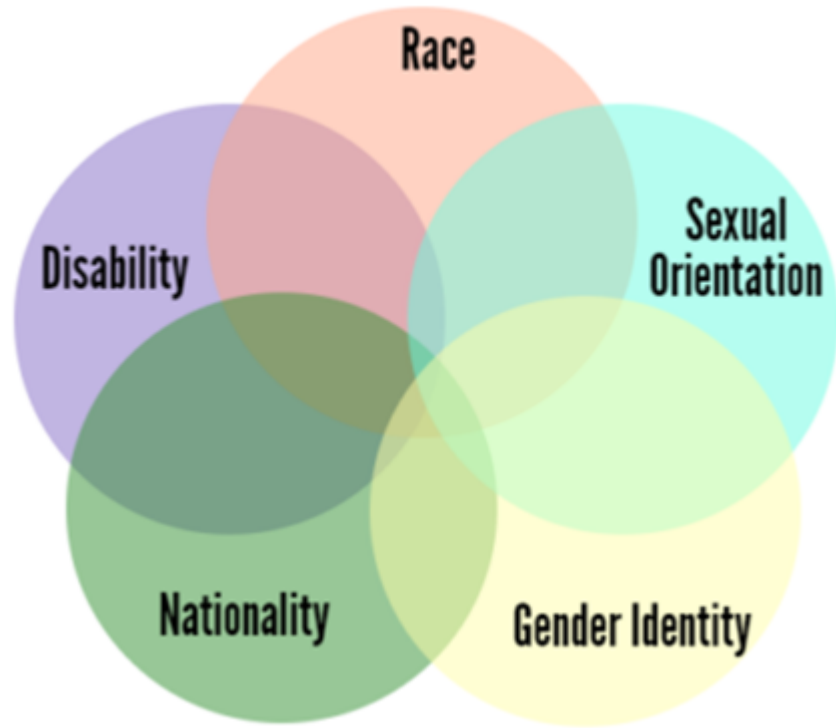
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## 3 Items in 30 Minutes

1. **Effectiveness** of bystander intervention programs
2. **Research on race/ethnicity** in bystander intervention
3. **Outcomes and consequences** students experience

# One perspective - no endorsements



**Reference handout available at:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/BystanderResearch>**



1 of 3  
Effectiveness of  
bystander  
training



# How effective is bystander training?

**Qualitative studies** demonstrate **positive** attitudes, behavioral intentions, and bystander behaviors

(Barone et al, 2007; Foubert & Perry, 2007; Foubert, Godin, & Tatum, 2010; Foubert, Tatum, & Godin, 2010)

**Three meta-analyses** indicate **small to moderate effects** of bystander training on intentions and behaviors to intervene against sexual violence in mostly college populations.

(Katz & Moore, 2013; Jouriles et al., 2018; Hensmen et al., 2019)

# 1. Bystander education training for campus sexual assault prevention: An initial meta-analysis (Katz & Moore, 2013)

- **12 studies** with 2,926 college students who went through an average of **140 minutes of bystander training** found:
  - moderate effects on bystander efficacy (**0.49**, 95% CI= 0.31 to 0.66) and
  - smaller effects on reported bystander behaviors (**0.23**, 95% CI = 0.04 to 0.41)
  - no significant effect on decreasing **perpetration** (-0.28, 95% CI = 0.09 to -0.65)

## 2. Bystander programs addressing sexual violence on college campuses: A systematic review and meta-analysis of program outcomes and delivery methods (Jouriles, Krauss, Vu, Banyard, & McDonald, 2018)

- **24 studies** (anytime through August, 2017) of undergraduate studies with control groups and bystander outcomes at post/follow-up

- **Improved attitudes/beliefs** (effect **0.27**,  $p < 0.001$ )

- **Increased bystander behavior** (effect **0.39**,  $p < 0.001$ )

- **Additional outcomes**

- *Decreased effects over time, still significant at 3 months follow-up*

- *No influence of facilitator or audience gender*

### 3. Does the Gendered Approach of Bystander Programs Matter in the Prevention of Sexual Assault Among Adolescents and College Students? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (Hensmen Kettrey & Marx, 2019)

■ **14 studies** college and secondary schools (N=7881) (12 experimental/2 quasi); 12 measure bystander behaviors, 5 measure perpetration

–Effect on bystander behaviors (**0.28**, CI= 0.19-0.36)

–No effect on **perpetration** (0.11, 95% CI = -0.10 – 0.32)

–No effect of implementation group (online, single or mixed gender)

–No effect of gendered framing of sexual assault

4. Effects of bystander sexual assault prevention programs on promoting intervention skills and combating the bystander effect: a systematic review and meta-analysis (2020): **Significant effect on identifying situations warranting intervention**

# What about online programs?



# Theoretical mediators of **RealConsent**: a web-based sexual violence prevention and bystander education program (Salazar, Vivolo-Kantor, & Schipani-McLaughlin, 2019)

- Online format modeled after Alan Berkowitz's Men's Workshop
- Online, six 30-minute modules, for males
- Outcomes (CDC funded)

**Decreases in perpetration**

**Increases in prosocial bystander behaviors**

- See more: <https://cultureofrespect.org/program/realconsent/>

"Researchers are beta-testing the revised version. To find out how to participate in beta-testing, contact Dr. Laura Salazar at [lsalazar1@gsu.edu](mailto:lsalazar1@gsu.edu). The program will be commercially available soon."

# Intervene: Modeling Pro-Social Bystander Behavior in College Students through Online Video (Santacrose, Laurita, & Marchell, 2019)

## ■ **Intervene**

–Free, online, 20-minute video

–<https://health.cornell.edu/initiatives/campaigns-materials/intervene-bystander-campaign>

■ RCT; Study sample (n=1,243)

■ **Effective at increasing the likelihood of intervening (intentions)** versus control @ 4 weeks

–Greater increase in females

–No differences between undergraduate and graduate students in outcomes

–Situations involved *hazing, intimate partner violence, racial bias, and sexual harassment*



# Dissertation: Evaluating a Self-Determination Approach to a Text Message Intervention for Sexual Violence Prevention (Brickman, 2017)

## ■ **Text-messaging booster sessions** (from Green Dot participants)

Self-select to participate in control or intervention

## ■ **Two styles** of text-messaging (**autonomy-related** messaging versus **directive-based**)

12 sets of text messaging sent over 14 weeks, always Thursdays at 2pm

What might stop you from intervening in a possible sexual assault?

A)Embarrassment B)Not knowing when to act C)Not knowing how Text A,B, Auto  
or C to let us know.

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Embarrassment or not knowing how to act can stop someone from intervening Dir  
in a possible sexual assault. To overcome these barriers: [LINK]

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Going out this weekend? People find it helpful to think ahead about how they Auto  
might intervene in a possible risky situation. For tips: [LINK]

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Going out this weekend? Plan ahead for how you can intervene in a possible Dir  
risky situation. Get tips here: [LINK]

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# Outcomes (Brickman, 2017)

- Higher feelings in combined intervention (compared to control) of
  - ***autonomous choice regulation (ie- personal responsibility)***
  - ***competence (ie- self-efficacy)***
  - ***autonomy support (ie- community support)***
- Autonomy-based group (compared to directive) . . .
  - *More okay with **frequency** of messaging*
  - *More likely to **participate***

2 of 3  
Research by  
race/ethnicity

“Current research generally suffers from a **lack of diversity in the study samples** (Labhardt, Holdsworth, Brown, & Howat, 2017), **despite the diversity of most campus communities**” (Hoxmeier, O’Connor, & McMahon, 2018)

Few studies and mixed findings  
Initial evidence suggests variations in outcomes



**Undergraduate students as bystanders to sexual violence risks: differences in reported intervention opportunities and behaviors by racial identity**  
(Hoxmeier, O'Connor, & McMahon, 2018)

**This article reviews three papers in its background**

# Three previous studies within the Hoxmeier paper: Approach 1: “White” vs. “Other”

## 1. **White and “other” racially identified students**

(Diamond-Welch, Hetzel-Riggin, & Hemingway, 2016)

- **Variation in bystander behaviors** among White and non-White students

# Three previous studies within the Hoxmeier paper: Approach 1: “Group1” vs. White

## 2. African American and White bystanders (Brown et al., 2014)

- **African American** students self-reported **more prosocial bystander behaviors and fewer missed opportunities** to intervene than White students.

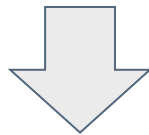


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- African American students self-reported more prosocial bystander behaviors and fewer missed opportunities to intervene than White students.

**White men** were the  
least likely  
to intervene



**African American women**  
were the  
most likely  
to intervene



# Three previous studies within the Hoxmeier paper: Approach 3: Multiple group comparisons

## 3. Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, African American, & White students (Hoxmeier et al., 2017)

■ Compared to White students:

– **Asian/Pacific Islander** students reported:

- **less intent** to intervene
- **fewer opportunities** to intervene
- but **no difference in missed intervention opportunities**

– **African American and Hispanic** students reported:

- **more missed intervention opportunities**  
– (but with low African American sample)

# Students as Prosocial Bystanders to Sexual Assault: Demographic Correlates of Intervention Norms, Intentions, and Missed Opportunities (Hoxmeier & Acock, 2020)

## Replicated result . . .

Compared to White students:

- ***African American and Hispanic*** students reported:
  - **more missed intervention opportunities**

## Undergraduate students as bystanders to sexual violence risks: differences in reported intervention opportunities and behaviors by racial identity (Hoxmeier, O'Connor, & McMahon, 2018)

- **Non-Hispanic White students report more opportunities to intervene** –(in four of six opportunities, adjustments for gender & school year).
- Only one significant finding in bystander behavior.
  - ▶ After adjusting for covariates, **Asian American students** (AOR = 0.46, 95% CI = [0.27, 0.78]), had significantly **less odds of reporting they “did something” when hearing “rumors that a friend forced someone to have sex,”** compared with Non-Hispanic White students.

# Interpersonal Violence Among African American Young Adult Women and Violence Interruption Process as a Bystander Intervention

(McKendrick, 2020)

- ▶ **The StandUP! ManUP! Program**
- ▶ The **Violence Interruption Process (VIP)**: “**focused on sociocultural contexts in the African American community to interrupt patterns of violence**” based in **liberation theory**
- ▶ Bystander training at a HBCU in male only and mixed gender groups (n=406). **Outcomes in males only.**

# Interpersonal Violence Among African American Young Adult Women and Violence Interruption Process as a Bystander Intervention

(McKendrick, 2020)

- ▶ Positive changes in attitudes from questionnaires (coded)

“Attitude changes among male participants were particularly attributed to **identifying ways in which persons had experienced violence in their lives**. Participants reported that this **helped them in empathic understanding**. . .

Making changes and **stopping violence in the community as a community** may be effective practice in violence intervention processes.”

# Considerations and Questions

**Research suggests variations** in opportunities, intentions, and behaviors across racial/ethnic groups

**Intersections with gender** are critical!

1. How do outcomes vary based on **campus demographics**?
2. How well do bystander **“situations” in surveys represent real life** encounters across racial/ethnic groups?
3. How does intervening and measurement need to **adapt to social distancing and “new normals”**?

# Polling question

How much of this information is new to you?



3 of 3  
Outcomes &  
consequences



# Adverse Consequences to Assisting Victims of Campus Violence: Initial Investigations Among College Students (Krauss, Jouriles, Yule, Grych, Sargent, & Banyard, 2017)

- Two studies

- **16% and 20%** of those who intervened reported a **negative consequence**

## List of consequences:

- ▶ Harassed, physically hurt, verbally threatened, got into trouble
  - ▶ (most with one negative outcome experienced multiple negative outcomes)

# Bystander interventions for sexual assault and dating violence on college campuses: Are we putting bystanders in harm's way? (Witte, Casper, Hackman, & Mazheruddin, 2017)

- 19 scenarios, yes/no for each:

- Good*

- Proud*

- Empowered*

- Neutral*

- Bad*

- Regretful*

- Scared*

- Traumatized*

- Embarrassed*

## Bystander interventions for sexual assault and dating violence on college campuses: Are we putting bystanders in harm's way? (Witte, Casper, Hackman, & Mazheruddin, 2017)

- Compared to those who did not intervene, students who intervened were more likely to feel
  - good (all 19 events)
  - proud (n=16/19)
  - empowered (n=9/19)
- Compared to those who did intervene, students who did NOT intervene were more likely to feel
  - neutral (all 19 events)
  - bad (n=11/19)
  - regretful (n=10/19)

Bystander interventions for sexual assault and dating violence on college campuses: Are we putting bystanders in harm's way? (Witte, Casper, Hackman, & Mazheruddin, 2017)

### What about mental health?

- **Increased witnessing and intervening** = associated with PTS symptoms
- **Witnessing** is associated with depression symptoms, **but not when intervening in these event**
- Authors posit a “**bitter-sweet**” **outcome model**: that many bystanders feel good about intervening but are at risk for traumatic stress symptoms

## Beyond the Situational Model: Bystander Action Consequences to Intervening in Situations Involving Sexual Violence (Moschella, Bennett, & Banyard, 2018)

### What are the reactions of potential victims and perpetrators?

■ Qualitative analysis of open-ended responses of intervening; (n=150; 62% female; 91% White)

#### 1. **Victim positive: 30%**

- ▶ “She was happy.” “My friend was grateful.”

#### 2. **Perpetrator negative: 31%**

- ▶ “He was mad.” “The male did not react very well.”

#### 3. **Stopped behavior: 13%**

- ▶ “He backed off.” “They listened.” “*The subject proceeded to find a different girl to dance with*”

## Beyond the Situational Model: Bystander Action Consequences to Intervening in Situations Involving Sexual Violence (Moschella, Bennett, & Banyard, 2018)

### How do bystanders perceive the reactions of potential victims and perpetrators (based on strategy used)?

- **Direct** interventions elicited more **positive** responses by both victims and perpetrators compared to all other responses combined

Direct: Victim positive (41% vs 22%)

Direct: Perpetrator positive (12.7% vs 1.1%)

# Rose's podcast with NSVRC on measurement

## *Ask the Researcher*

### Measuring Bystander Intervention



<https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/what-can-you-learn-10-minutes-about-measuring-bystander-intervention>



# Qualitative coding experience

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# Examples of Bystander Scenarios and their coding

Scenario (Action)	Strategy1	Strategy2	Strategy3	Strategy4	Detail	Vict_Approach	Perp_Approach
Actively intervene (ie- protect the person who could be harmed, stop the aggressor): : Help them home if they are a friend or find someone nearby that can help	Get help other	Help victim			Medium	Supportive	
Actively intervene (ie- protect the person who could be harmed, stop the aggressor): : Save the person	Help victim				Low	Supportive	
Actively intervene (ie- protect the person who could be harmed, stop the aggressor): : Create a distraction to take my friend in a safe place finding a false excuse so that the person leaves my friend	Distraction				Low	Supportive	
Actively intervene (ie- protect the person who could be harmed, stop the aggressor): : Take them out of the situation. Help them home	Help victim				Medium	Supportive	
Actively intervene (ie- protect the person who could be harmed, stop the aggressor): : move the person	Separate				Medium	Supportive	
Use body language (ie- silent stare of disapproval): : Stare	Body language				Medium	Supportive	
Say something: The person pressuring them to drink: Hey, they said no, dude, back off. It's cool if they don't want to drink more.	Say disapproval				high	Supportive	Assertive
Say something: The group directly (if I was in a group): Stop	Other				Low		Assertive

# Hear more at the American Public Health Association

Read the abstract here: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/471832>

## 4371.0 What would you do? A qualitative analysis of bystander strategies to prevent sexual violence and racism in undergraduate students

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*Abstract*



Tuesday, October 27, 2020



5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Mountain Time**

What findings from the recent research on bystander intervention can you incorporate in your practice?

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# Researcher-Practitioner Partnership

Successes, challenges, and next steps

# Study results also at APHA!

- ▶ Link to abstract: <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/471881>

5044.0 Bystander training to prevent sexual violence and racism among college students: A theory-based analysis of a cluster randomized control trial

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Abstract



Wednesday, October 28, 2020



8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Mountain Time

# What will it take to strengthen collaborations between researchers and practitioners?

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# Resources



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## *Ask the Researcher*

### Measuring Bystander Intervention



<https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/what-can-you-learn-10-minutes-about-measuring-bystander-intervention>

# Previous web conferences



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/06/bystander-intervention-building-the-evidence-base-for-sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention/>



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