INTRODUCTION

CAN'T YOU SEE ME is a 20 minute Video that brings the viewer face to face with: the facts, the emotions, and the consequences of rape. The program developed and purchased from World Research Incorporated (WRI) may be used effectively at many age levels; however, the program is aimed at public and classroom presentations from the high school level and above.

The producers feel it is most important that the users of the Video be prepared for an emotional response to this program. You may need to direct some people to counseling, so have your local resource assistance listing available or a member of a local crisis center present at the time of showing. The impact reaches beyond rape victims. It also touches those who have experienced many types of abuse whether physical, mental or emotional. It may cause some to release inner anxieties as they begin their healing process.
SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After review of the presentation, the following are suggested discussion questions. The objective is to encourage discussion that will cause the group to examine its attitudes that will lead to possible solutions to the problem that impacts our whole society.

1. Why is rape a crime?

2. What constitutes an act of rape?

3. What are "our" attitudes toward women? Their feelings? Respecting them? Protecting them? Their sexuality? (What are your attitudes?) Do any specific attitudes affect the problem of rape in our society? How?

4. Does anyone deserve to get raped?

5. What causes one person to rape another person?

6. Is this a personal problem or a group problem?

7. Has a decay in American values increased rape? Have values in America decayed? Support a position and show a positive or negative relation to rape in our society. (Excellent debate question)

8. Have there been any societies in the past with little to no rape problem? Which ones? Why or why not? How about today? (Research project)

9. Why does rape violate personal freedom and destroy lives? Why does it cause confusion and pain? Why do people close to a rape victim also suffer?

10. What rights to victims of rape have? What do you think they should have? What does the current law say? (Research your local community)
11. What rights do we, as individuals, have in a free society? List them.

12. What is the appropriate role of government regarding solving the problem of rape?

13. What is the penalty for a convicted rapist in your state?

14. Why aren’t a larger number of rapists being prosecuted? Is it because of our legal system? Support your position of why or why not. Is it because of "peer pressure" not to report a rape? (Explain) Is it because of lack of support and embarrassment to the victim? (Explain)

CONCLUSION

CAN'T YOU SEE ME, is a Video for controlled or supervised use and its suggested strategies are presented as an answer; not the only answer. The best summary of the program comes from Daniel T. Loeffler, President of W.R.I., the producers.

"The objective of CAN'T YOU SEE ME, is to challenge our current attitudes, review our values, and spur discussion among adults and students that will lead to positive solutions to this plaguing problem in our society....and to help rape victims and their families onto the road of recovery."
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