

# The Campus Sexual Assault (CSA) Study

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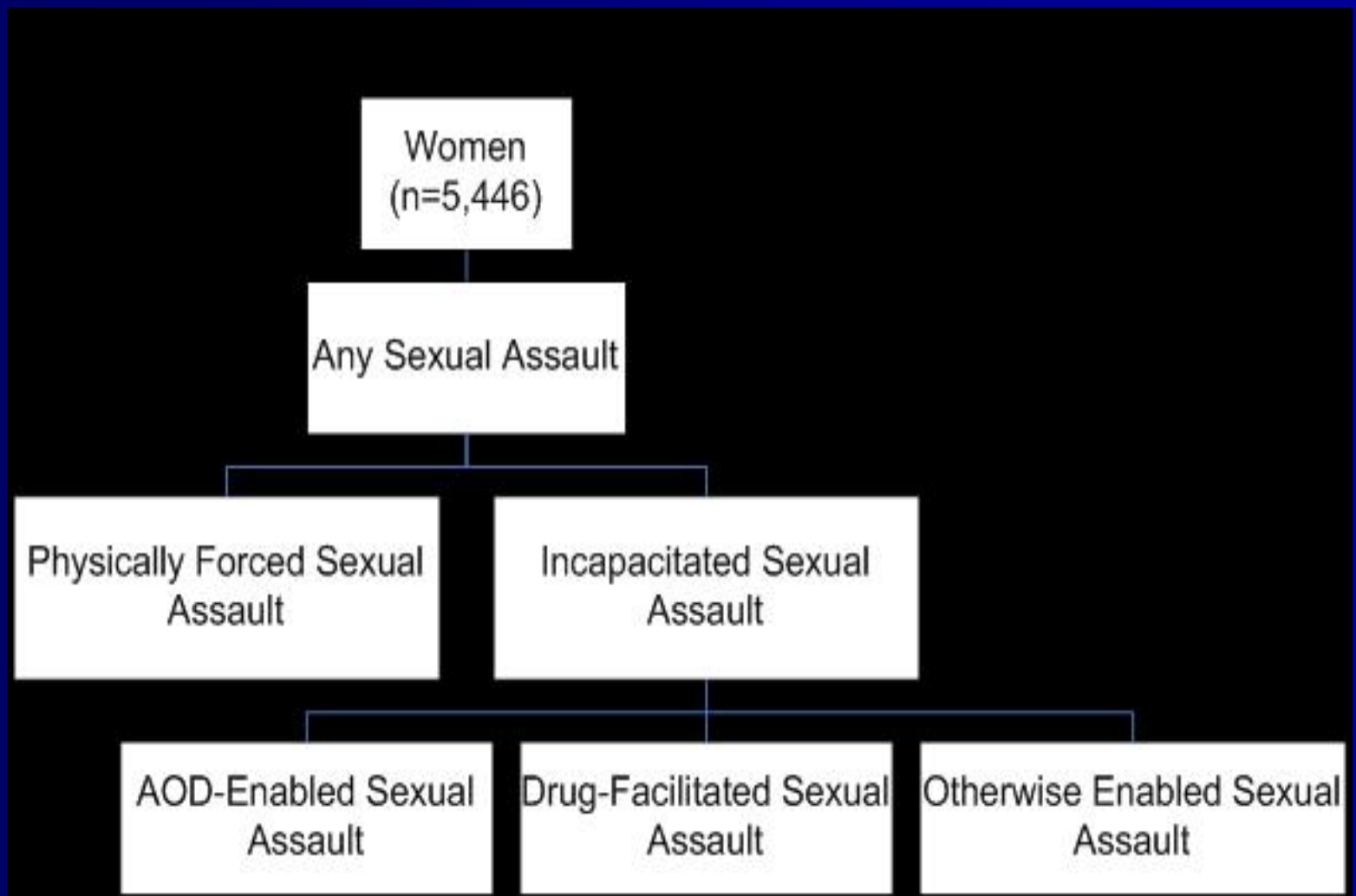
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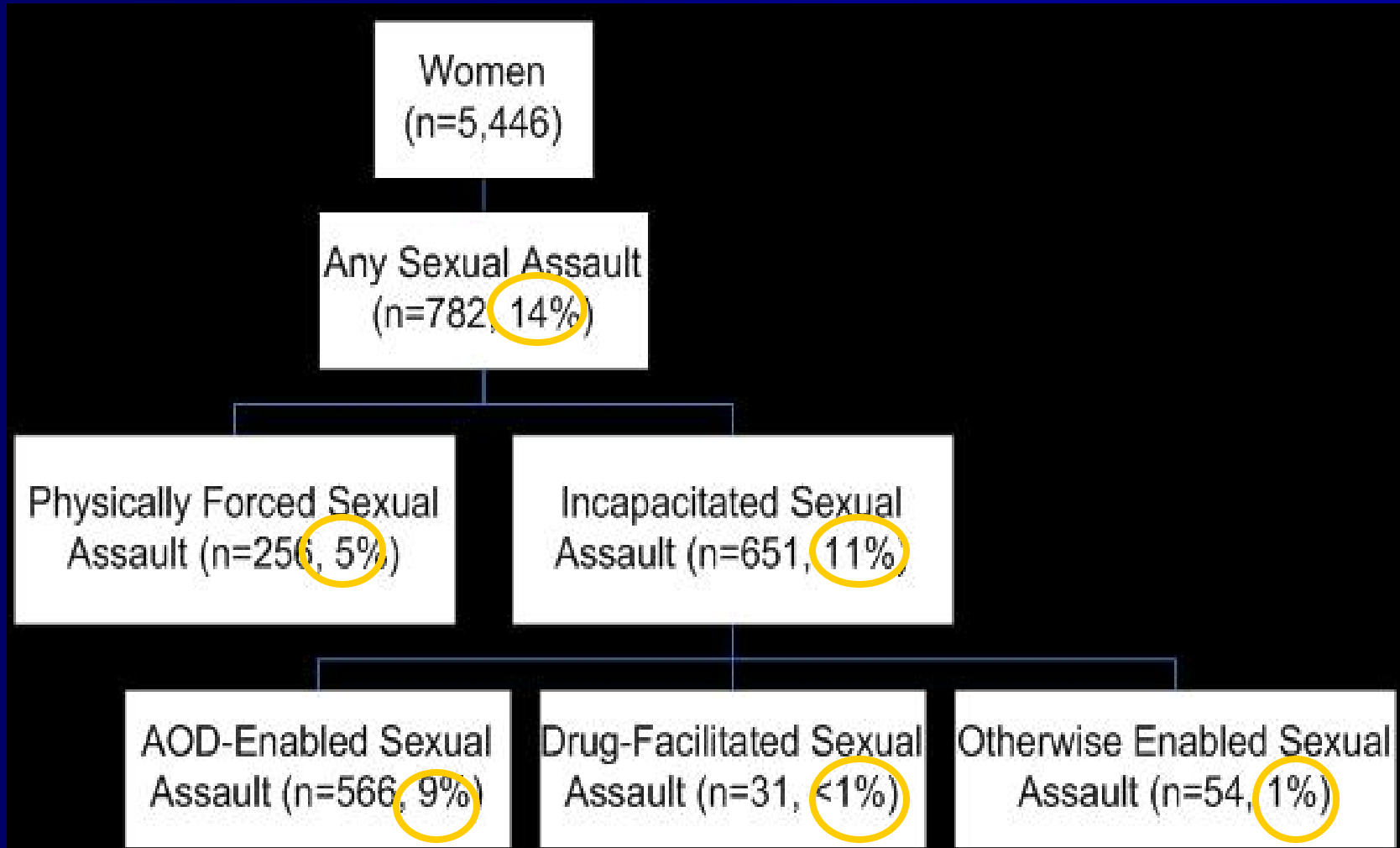
# CSA Study Overview

- Web-based survey administered to students at two, large public universities
- Data collected on the prevalence, context, and reporting of different types of sexual assault
- Number of respondents (response rate)
  - 5,446 women (42.8%)

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# Factors Associated with being a Victim of Sexual Assault

- Some factors vary by type of sexual assault experienced. For example:
  - # of sexual partners is associated with experiencing forced sexual assault
  - Fraternity party attendance and substance use measures are associated with experiencing incapacitated sexual assault
- Experiencing intimate partner violence and having been previous sexually victimized are global factors

# Major Take-Away Messages from the CSA Study

- Web-based methodology was effective and efficient
- Continuity between prior and subsequent type of sexual assault experienced
- Differential risk factors across sexual assault types
- Much lower prevalence of drug-facilitated sexual assault compared to AOD-enabled sexual assault
- Very few victims report their assault to law enforcement or service providers
- The role that alcohol plays in facilitating sexual assault is overwhelming
- Prevention messages must discuss alcohol and be delivered early in the college experience

# Thank you

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**Additional Slides**



# CSA Study Methodology

- Universities
  - 1 large public university in the South
  - 1 large public university in the Midwest
- Sampling frames included full-time, undergraduate, 18 to 25 year-old students
- Random samples drawn and recruited via email
- Respondents received \$10 Amazon.com gift certificate
- Number of respondents (response rates)
  - 5,446 women (42.8%)
  - 1,377 men (33.9%)

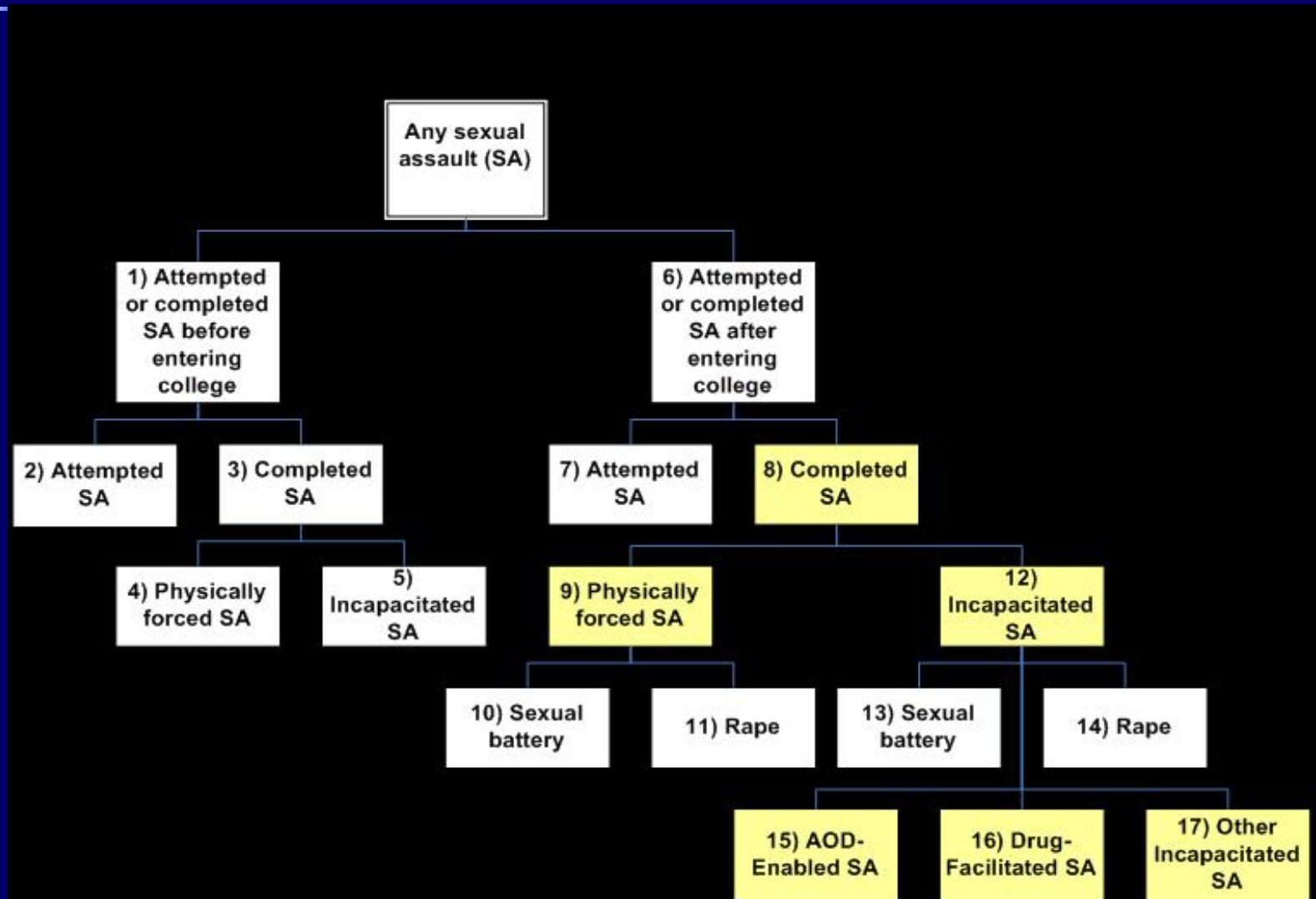
# CSA Study Survey Instrument

- Anonymous web-based survey (avg.=12 minutes)
- Survey content:
  - Demographics
  - School involvement
  - Substance use
  - Dating and consensual sexual activity
  - Nonconsensual sexual contact (victimization)
  - Perpetration of nonconsensual sexual contact (males only)
  - Educational module
  - Resources for students

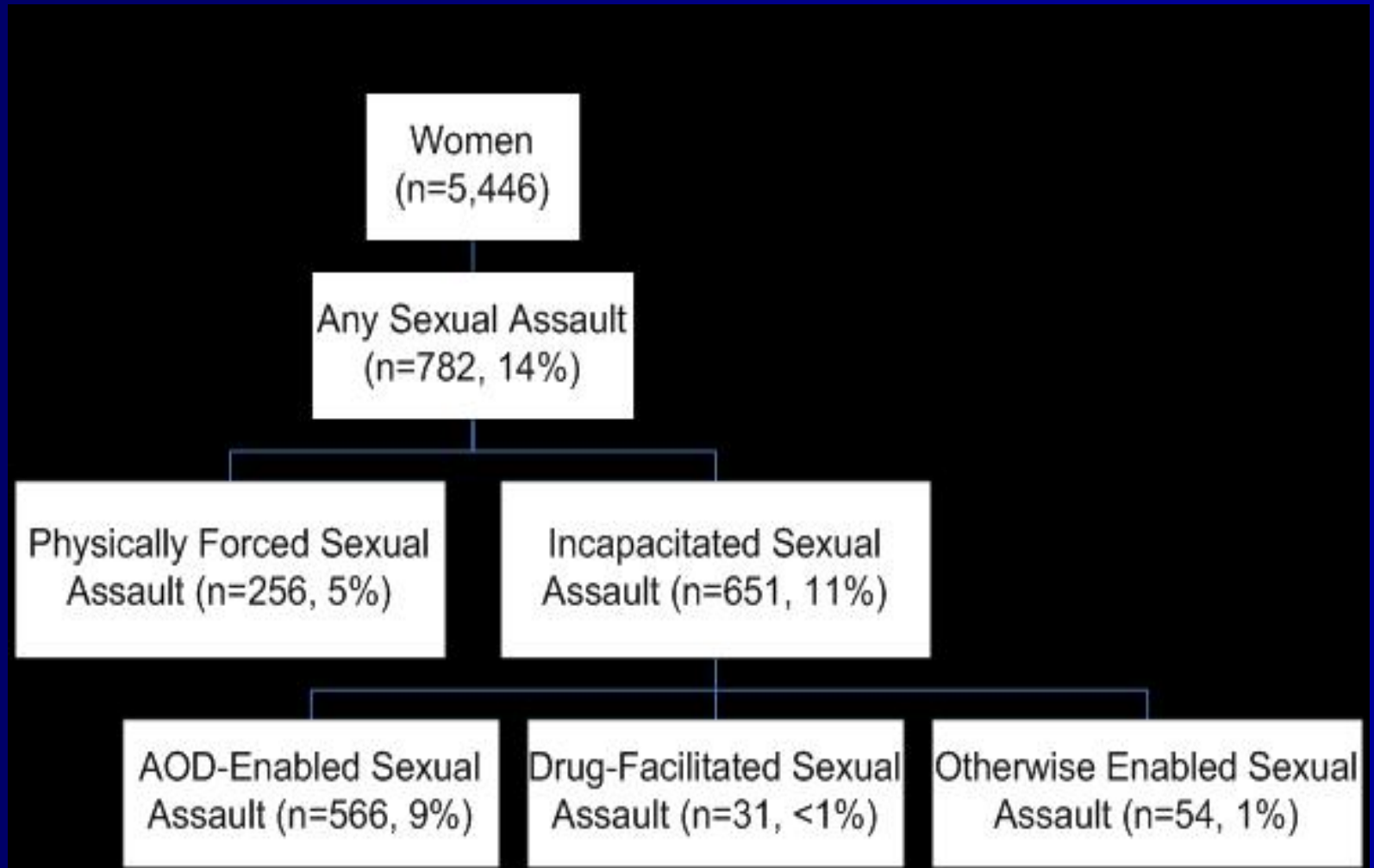
# CSA Study Findings

- Prevalence of completed sexual assault since entering college
- Risk factors for completed sexual assault since entering college
- Context and reporting of completed sexual assault since entering college

# Sexual Assault Typology for CSA Study



# Prevalence of Completed Sexual Assault since Entering College



# Risk Factors for Sexual Assault

Independent Variables	Forced (n=130)
<b><i>Prior Sexual Victimization</i></b>	
Victim of forced sexual assault before college	<b><u>6.62</u></b>
Victim of sexual assault when incapacitated before college	0.44
<b><i>Substance Use Since Entering College</i></b>	
Get drunk	0.88
Given drug w/out knowledge	1.98
Used marijuana	0.92
Used drugs other than marijuana	1.68
Drunk during sex	0.72
<b><i>Lifestyle Activities During College</i></b>	
Attend fraternity parties	1.19
Number of male sexual partners	<b><u>1.37</u></b>
<b>Threatened/humiliated or physically hurt by dating partner</b>	<b><u>7.36</u></b>
<b><i>Demographics</i></b>	
Years in College	<b><u>1.18</u></b>
Black	1.43
Hispanic	2.01
Other	0.92

# Risk Factors for Sexual Assault

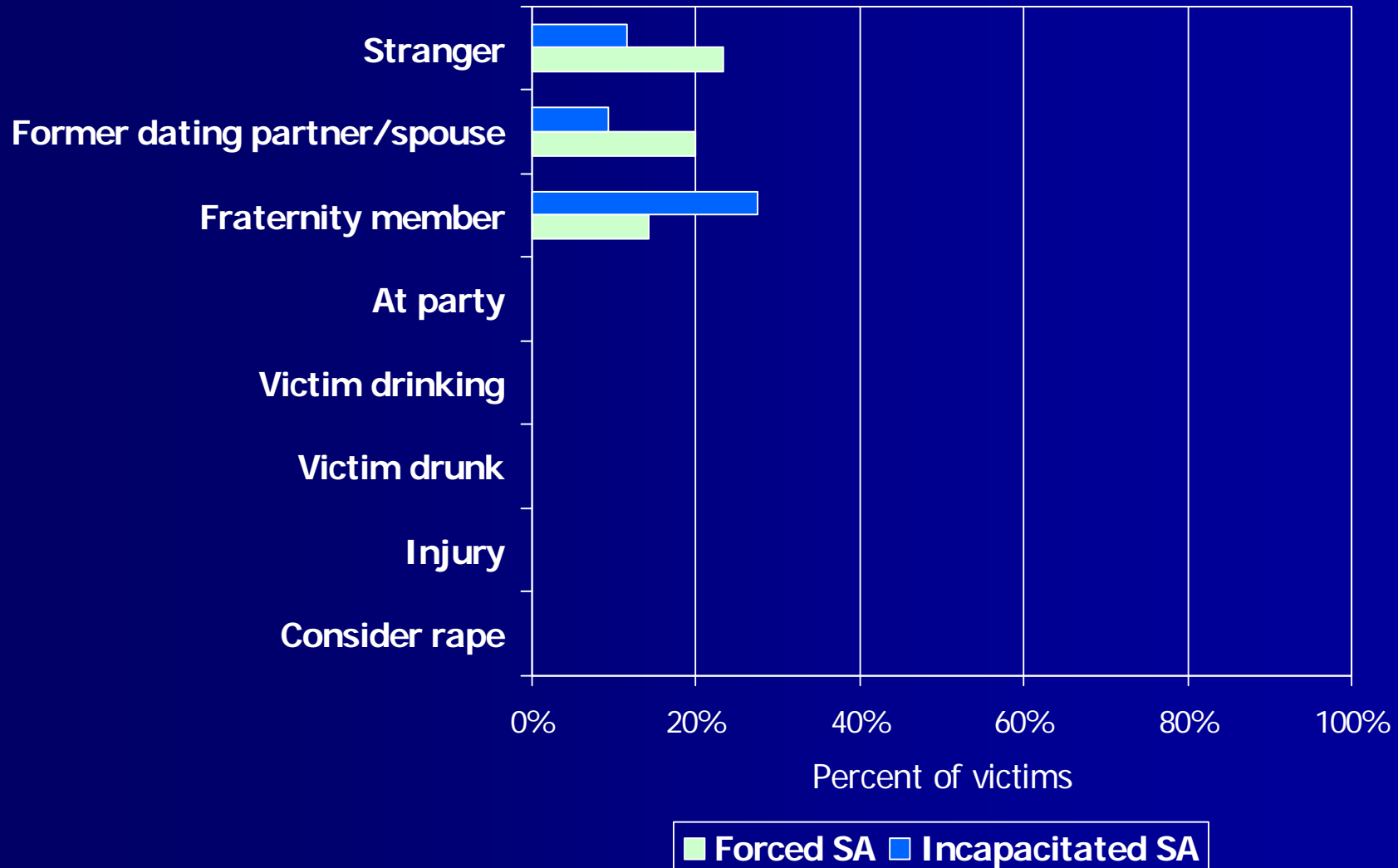
Independent Variables	Forced (n=130)	Incapacitated (n=525)
<b><i>Prior Sexual Victimization</i></b>		
Victim of forced sexual assault before college	<u>6.62</u>	0.84
Victim of sexual assault when incapacitated before college	0.44	<u>3.74</u>
<b><i>Substance Use Since Entering College</i></b>		
Get drunk	0.88	<u>1.73</u>
Given drug w/out knowledge	1.98	<u>2.84</u>
Used marijuana	0.92	<u>1.50</u>
Used drugs other than marijuana	1.68	0.93
Drunk during sex	0.72	<u>1.50</u>
<b><i>Lifestyle Activities During College</i></b>		
Attend fraternity parties	1.19	<u>1.35</u>
Number of male sexual partners	<u>1.37</u>	1.09
Threatened/humiliated or physically hurt by dating partner	<u>7.36</u>	<u>2.17</u>
<b><i>Demographics</i></b>		
Years in College	<u>1.18</u>	<u>1.15</u>
Black	1.43	0.91
Hispanic	2.01	0.85
Other	0.92	0.74

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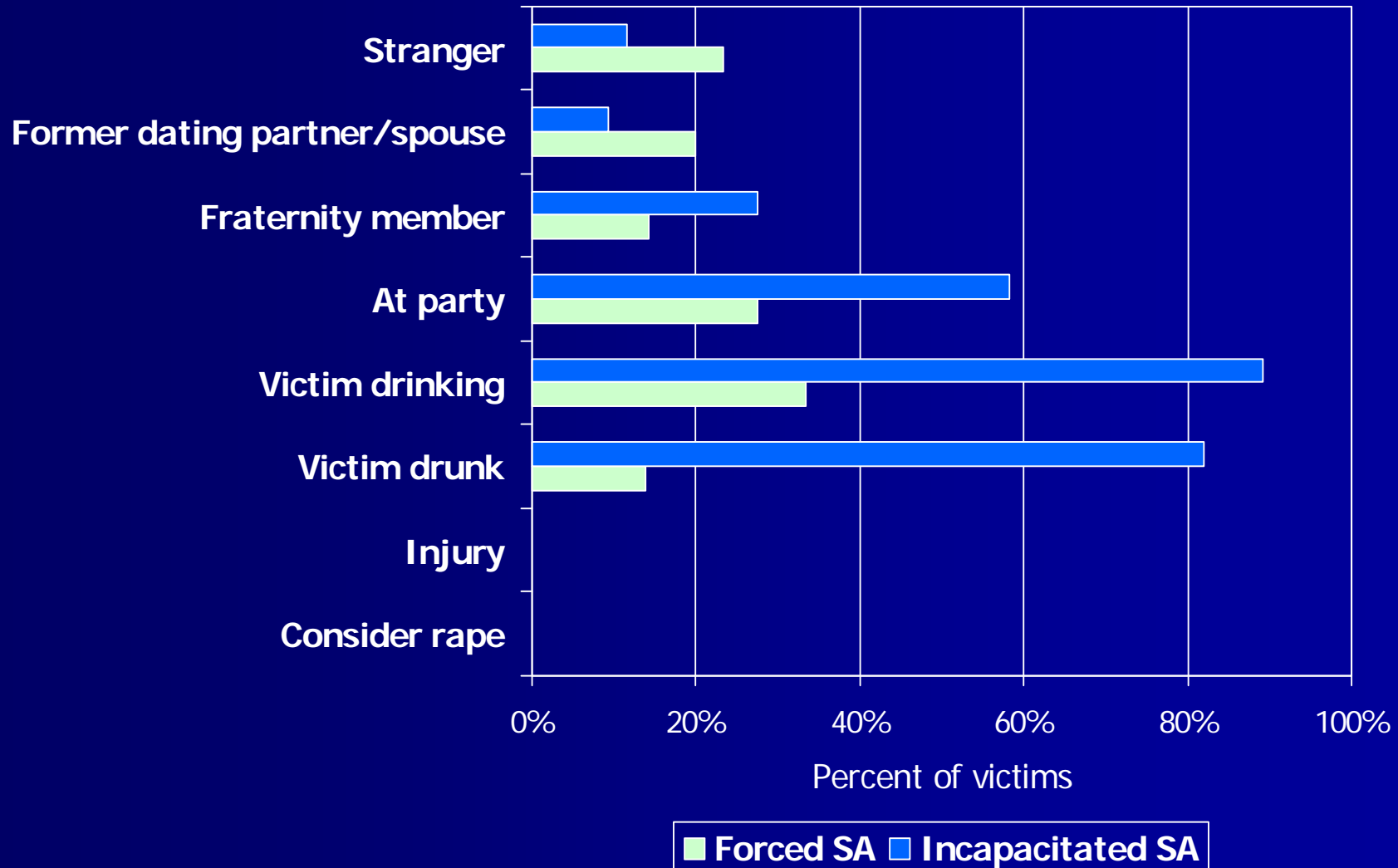
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<b><i>Prior Sexual Victimization</i></b>			
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<b><i>Substance Use Since Entering College</i></b>			
Get drunk	0.88	<u>1.73</u>	<u>1.67</u>
Given drug w/out knowledge	1.98	<u>2.84</u>	<u>6.73</u>
Used marijuana	0.92	<u>1.50</u>	0.91
Used drugs other than marijuana	1.68	0.93	1.13
Drunk during sex	0.72	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.48</u>
<b><i>Lifestyle Activities During College</i></b>			
Attend fraternity parties	1.19	<u>1.35</u>	1.35
Number of male sexual partners	<u>1.37</u>	1.09	<u>1.27</u>
Threatened/humiliated or physically hurt by dating partner	<u>7.36</u>	<u>2.17</u>	<u>5.19</u>
<b><i>Demographics</i></b>			
Years in College	<u>1.18</u>	<u>1.15</u>	1.15
Black	1.43	0.91	0.79
Hispanic	2.01	0.85	0.48
Other	0.92	0.74	<u>1.96</u>



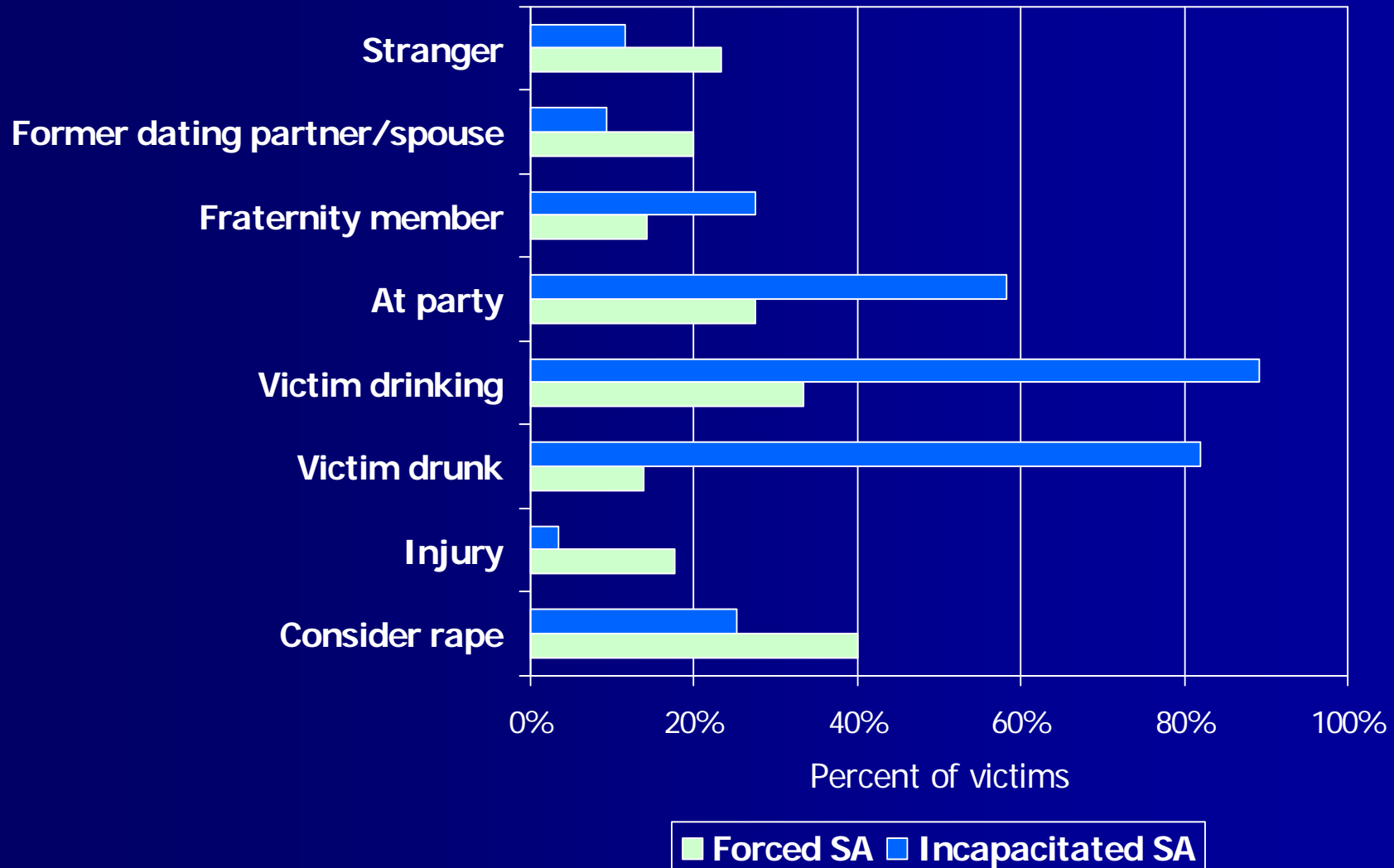
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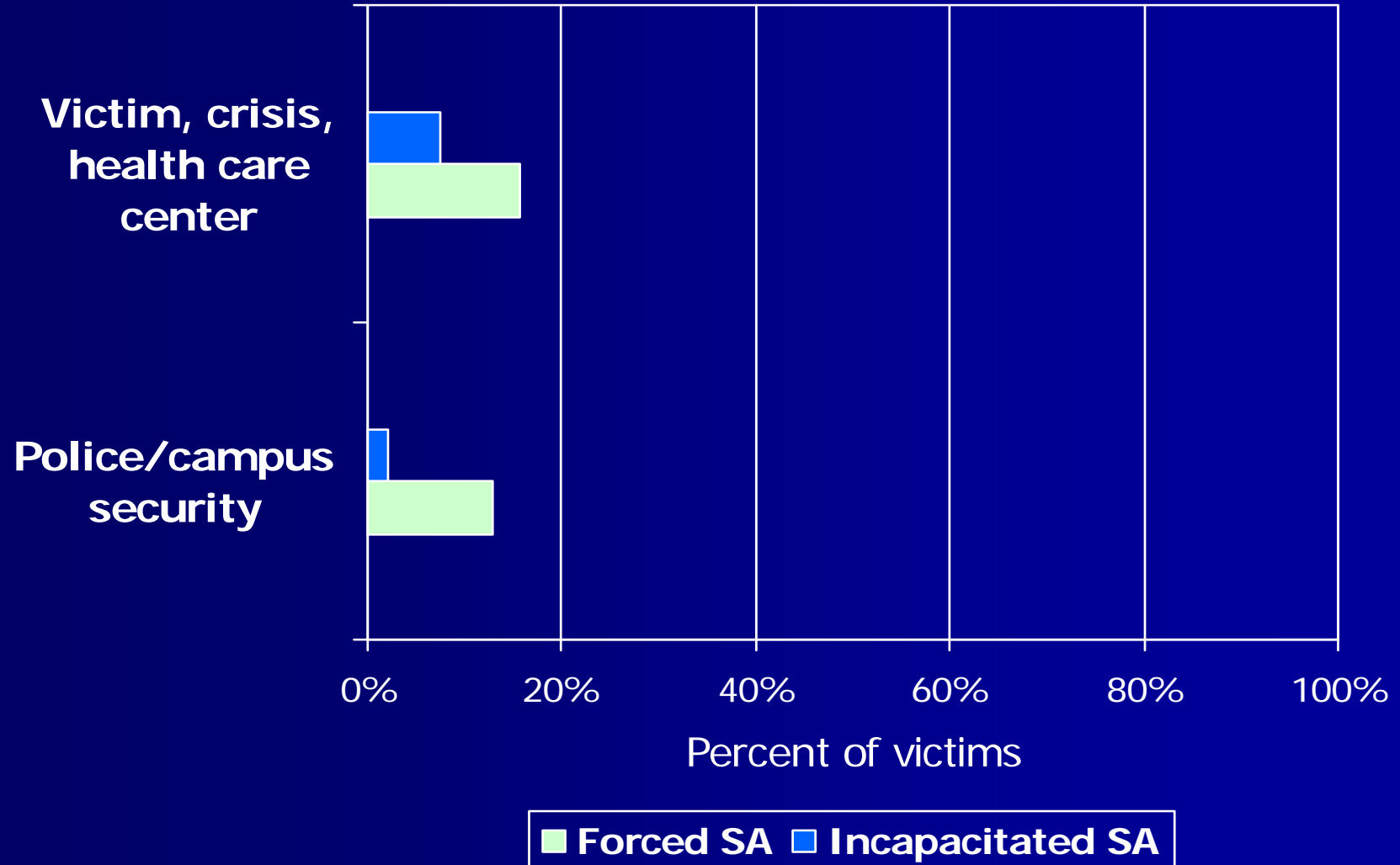
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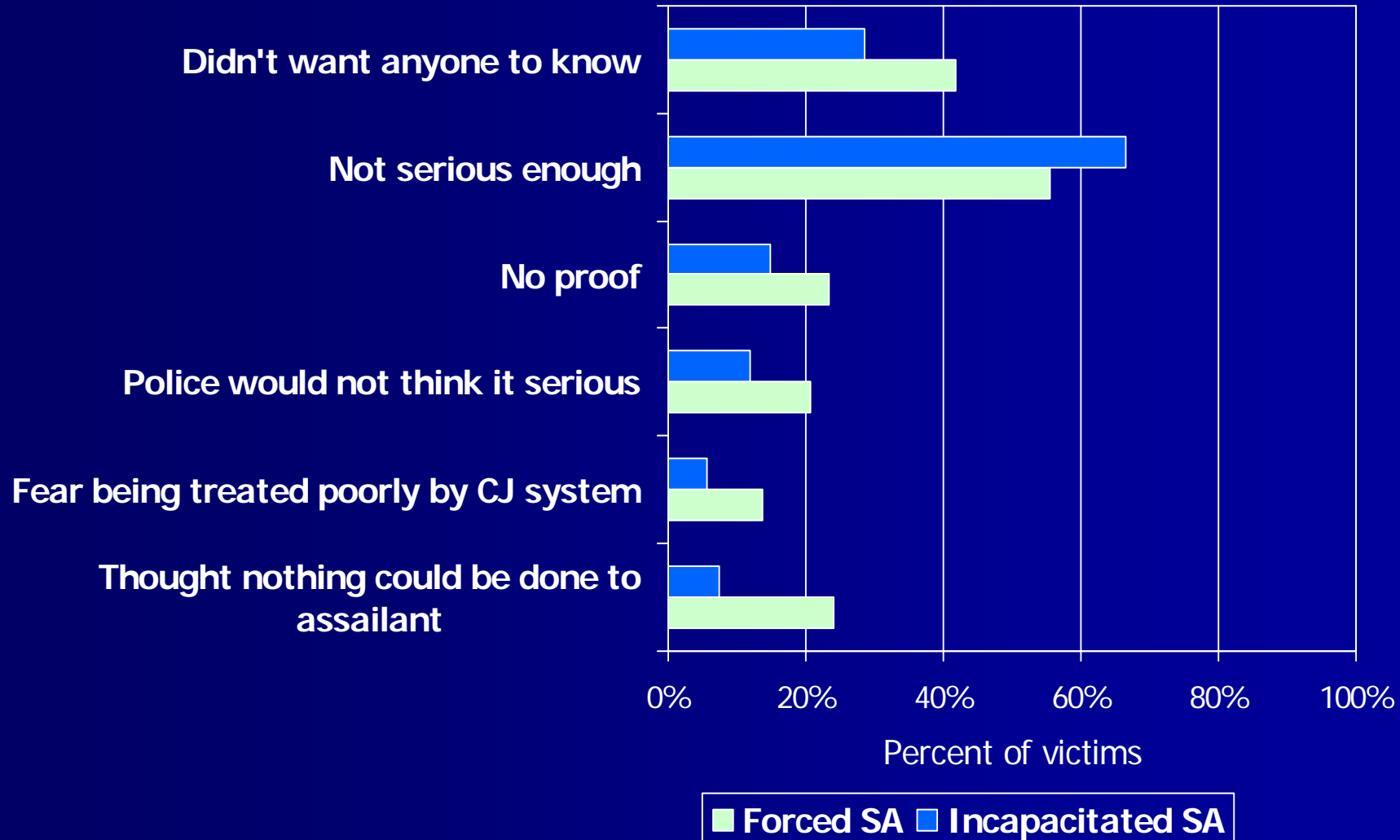
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# Reporting Sexual Assault



# Reasons for not Reporting Sexual Assault to Law Enforcement



# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- I was coming in and out of consciousness and the boy kept trying to have sex with me even though I repeatedly told him no. I don't think he succeeded.
- I wasn't passed out and it wasn't clearly forced. I knew that I didn't want to do it, I said I didn't, but I felt like I had to and I was definitely too drunk to stop it.
- It was not rape (I did not say no), but I was blackout drunk and do not remember what happened and had no comprehension of what was going on (3 times in 3 years).

# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- It was a normal date, we had dinner and then went to his frat house. he just didn't understand the word "no." he started getting forceful and I realized words weren't cutting it so I fought my way free and left. Luckily I was strong enough from messing around with some of my friends and older brother that I could kinda handle myself in the situation. I have been very cautious since not to put myself in that situation again.

# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- He tried to persuade me all night as we were drinking. It wasn't until morning when I was still drunk and woke up to his touch. I said no in my stupor but he kept going. I just laid there. I left immediately after I was able to regain my senses. It took me a while to figure out it was rape. You often see movies where the girl screams no and fights back. I didn't understand that what I went through was the same. I did not want it and said no, but I didn't fight back. It was like a nightmare that I was trying to wake up from. Even after I admitted to myself that it was rape, I could not report it. I barely convinced myself, I knew no one else would believe me.



# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- It took me well over six months to finally admit what had happened. I doubted myself for a long time, was convinced (although I distinctly remember saying no) that maybe I had said yes at some point. My way of "fixing it" was to make it my choice, I made it my choice by dating the guy for two months. I freaked out over Christmas but didn't want to understand why. It finally came out over the summer, but it was not until next year I was 100% positive I had said no. One of my other friends said this guy had done the same thing he did to me to one of her sorority sisters. I broke down for a couple of days, just kind of went numb.

# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- One time during sex with a boy I was seeing, I told him I didn't want to go on anymore, and said no several times, but he continued to have sex with me. He didn't physically hold me down, threaten, or drug me. But I did feel used, disrespected, helpless, and like I had lost control. I don't know if this constitutes rape, but I do feel like it was not consensual after I said no, even though I didn't try to physically make him stop. I'm confused about what to think happened because I feel like I could have done more to make him stop.

# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- Following the incident I tried reporting it but the police sucked. They tore me apart more emotionally than I would have ever expected.
- This happened 1 block from campus. He broke into my house, raped me and abducted me. He was not a student at the University, and the University was not compassionate by any means to my situation.

# Comments from CSA Study Respondents

- I didn't know after the incident whether to think of it as rape but I said no repeatedly and was ignored and finally gave in with intense guilt and shame afterward.
- I was a virgin when the one sexual contact by force happened that actually ended in sexual intercourse. I didn't think I got raped at first because he was my friend and he didn't punch or choke me when it happened. He just didn't listen when I said no and tried to move away and forced himself on me. Since I didn't get hurt I didn't consider it rape at first.
- I didn't have the confidence to say no repeatedly. I said it once or twice, but was still not heard. I didn't want it to get violent so I thought if I just laid through it would eventually end and be a past in my life. I contracted genital herpes and now it is a constant reminder. Even two years later.