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@PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias Okay, as promised, some links. @Burgerfacemcta1

This is from Canada:

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 This was in Psychiatric Times: https://t.co/nnIzbeBcJT

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 This is from a uni counseling center, and is a good overview of gendered victim-blaming for male victims: https://t.co/Z0OfchkhbB

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 This is tangentially about male victims of sex crimes and discusses gendered bonding and what men can admit. https://t.co/i39UPRWtU4

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 Finally, RAINN has a summary, similar in theme to the UTK counseling center above: https://t.co/LnHEz7GxHS

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 The issue isn't "are men victimized?" (yes). It's, sex crimes are gendered: the feelings of shame *differ* for male and female survivors.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 The Canadian link delves the deepest into coping mechanisms, and they're incredibly gendered, and therapists should recognize this.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 Oh, and even though it's not about men, here are some resources about lesbian abuse survivors - because, again, this is gendered.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 This paper is quantitative and not qualitative, but, it finds abused lesbians experience internalized homophobia. https://t.co/138u7bXfet

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 Here's a 2-page brochure, mentioning the queer-specific abuser tactic, "sleep with me to prove you're really queer." https://t.co/z4dnJ6wyWj

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 RAINN again mentions queer survivors, and it's useful to compare-and-contrast with their page for male survivors. https://t.co/VIhwZAtHMw

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 Finally, IHE has an article with a few examples of queer sexual assault on US uni campuses. https://t.co/o0guPLtVp2

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 I bring all of this up because to me at least, the natural segue from descriptive statistics is to talk about the victims and their needs.

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@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 And in particular, therapists need to recognize this and not just search-and-replace what they know of M/f victims to M/m, F/m, F/f, or ?/?.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 So now that I've stopped talking about the interesting topic that is sexual assault, let's transition to the less interesting topic of SSC.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 SSC *did not do any of this*. That post led with descriptive statistics and then segued to mocking #MeToo.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 And as it happens, even that meta mockery is wrong. The post was written more than a month after the revelations about Kevin Spacey.

@ondakondratiev @PlzBeSensible @mattyglesias @Burgerfacemcta1 SSC's worst problem is, it discusses topical social issues rarely and shallowly. That's too blue/red tribe. It prefers meta-commentary.

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