

In 4 North American women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime. 80% of assaultants are friends and family of the victim. Every 17 minutes, a woman is raped in Canada.

# SEXUAL ASSAULT

Almost 70% per cent of Canadians say they know **AT LEAST ONE** woman who has experienced this type of abuse.

## IN CANADA

**1-2%** of "date rape" sexual assaults are reported to the police

**1 in 6** boys is sexually abused before age 17

**1 in 5** sexual assaults involve a weapon of some sort

date rape is 60% of reported rapes

43% of all Canadian women have been sexually harassed at work.

8% of those who are harassed at work report it

**83%** of disabled women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime

**57%** of aboriginal women have been sexually abused

Winnipeg police look for possible link between sex assault on Rinelle and the killing of Tina Fontaine



**Tina Fontaine**  
Murdered August 2014. Tina's body found in a sack in the Red River after only a few weeks in Winnipeg.



**Rinelle Harper**  
After a brutal sexual assault in November 2014 Rinelle is thrown into the freezing waters of the Assiniboine River. She survives.

**AGE 15**

**AGE 16**

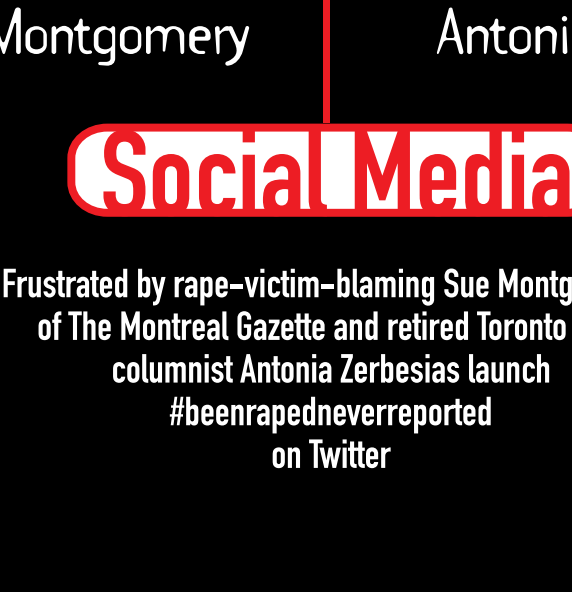
"I understand that conversations have been occurring all across the country about ending violence against indigenous women and girls."  
Rinelle Harper

The majority of rape victims and survivors are between **16 and 24**

Jian Ghomeshi is fired by the CBC  
**Oct 26 2014**

Ghomeshi writes a lengthy Facebook post on why he was fired...

**"Dear everyone,"**  
Jian Ghomeshi



**TORONTO STAR**

Toronto Star article details allegations from several women who say Ghomeshi physically attacked them

**Nov 26 2014**

Ghomeshi is charged with four counts of sexual assault and one count of "overcome resistance — **choking**. He'll plead not guilty.

Sue Montgomery

Antonia Zerbesias

### Social Media

Frustrated by rape-victim-blaming Sue Montgomery of The Montreal Gazette and retired Toronto Star columnist Antonia Zerbesias launch #beenrapedneverreported on Twitter

It was 1969 when, if you found you were the only victim in the room, it was your fault. / I've #BeenRapedNeverReported because I knew I would be blamed because I had been drinking. / I've #BeenRapedNeverReported twice, both by partners - men I loved. I knew my mental illness would be brought up & I'd be "crazy/bitter". / I Thought My Rape Made Me Crazy. / I know several women who have "been raped never reported" and those who reported rape, that were raped again by the system. / I believe I saw what happened. / I just eventually you just stop trying to talk about it when no one wants to listen - or believe. / how do you tell the police that you were sexually assaulted? / I am strong. I am a survivor. 10 years later and I finally have the courage to say #BeenRapedNeverReported MY PAST DOES NOT DEFINE MY FUTURE / everyone thinks a rapist or child molester is someone who looks like a sleazebag but it's really your best friend #beenrapedneverreported / because just this hashtag alone is triggering flashbacks, how could I handle a courtroom?! #beenrapedneverreported bc the 1st lawyer I contacted years later in the US, advised me that it's a terrible idea to prosecute family. / The first time it happened to me I reported it and I was humiliated, lost all my friends and was told I was a liar. #BeenRapedNeverReported / my 18-20 yr old self needed this #JianGhomeshi made me angry enough to share what's private / I didn't think anyone would believe/sup

**Nov 5 2014**

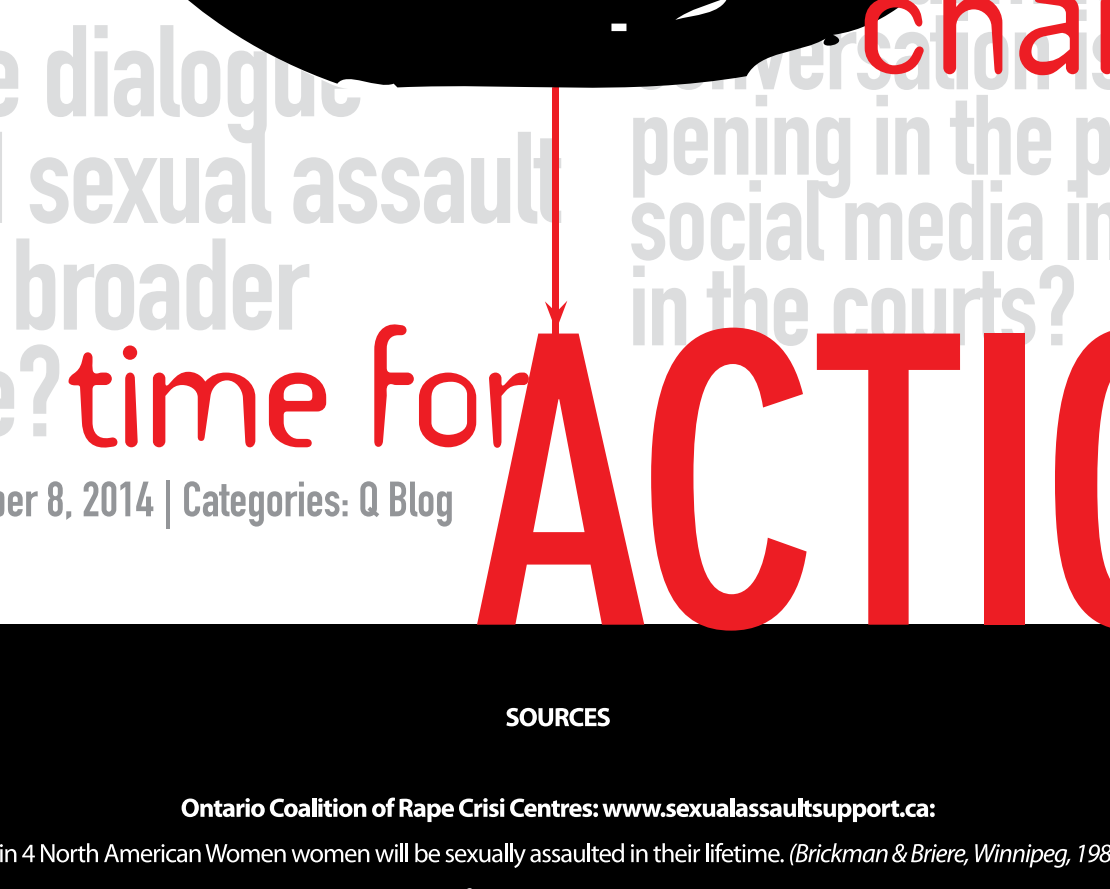
Justin Trudeau suspends 2 male Liberal MPs after they are accused of sexual impropriety by 2 female NDP MPs.

**"As a leader, I have a duty to act. I must give the benefit of the doubt to those who come forward."**

Justin Trudeau

Across North America, women have been coming forward with allegations against major public figures, including comedian Bill Cosby... Prominent politicians like Bill Cosby and Cheri Di...

# CHANGE



Can the dialogue around sexual assault opening in the press and social media instead of in the courts? lead to broader change?  
**time for ACTION**

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80% of assaultants are friends and family of the victim  
57% of aboriginal women have been sexually abused

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Every 17 minutes, a woman is raped. (Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, 1985.)  
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One in six boys is sexually abused before age 17. (Bagley, 1994.)  
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43% of all Canadian women have been sexually harassed at work.  
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