

Survey Says 60 Percent of U.S. Women Have Been Sexually Harassed



New York, November 24 (RHC)-- A new poll has revealed that six in 10 U.S. women have been the victims of sexual harassment. The latest survey released by Quinnipiac University showed that 60 percent of those surveyed had experienced sexual harassment and 69 percent of them said it had happened in the workplace.

Of the women who said they had been harassed, 43 percent said the harassment took place in social settings, 45 percent said it was on the street and 15 percent said they experienced it at home.

"A vast majority of American men and women are deeply troubled by sexual harassment and the numbers underscore why. A stunning six in ten women say they have been victimized," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll.

Only 20 percent of men voters said they had been sexually harassed, with 60 percent of them saying it happened at work, according to the Quinnipiac survey. The poll also found that the vast majority of respondents of both genders — 88 percent of men and 89 percent of women — had classified sexual harassment of women as a "serious problem."

Meanwhile, 55 percent of voters said media coverage of the wave of recent allegations had resulted in a better understanding of the issue. The findings came as the United States grapples with the sexual assault and harassment scandals that have left the world of entertainment, business and politics in a state of shock.

Women have recently been coming forward to share encounters of sexual harassment and assault in the workplace, including in the U.S. media and entertainment industries and the realm of politics.

An avalanche of sexual misconduct allegations have been made in recent weeks against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. The scandal has rippled in a wide range of industries, encouraging victims of sexual assault to share their stories on social media under the hashtag #MeToo.

High-profile scandals have so far engulfed other big names such as renowned actor Kevin Spacey and politicians like Republican Senate hopeful Roy Moore and Democratic Senator Al Franken.

The latest survey by Quinnipiac University was conducted from November 15th to the 20th, based on interviews with 1,415 voters with a 3.1-percent margin of error.

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