

Power Shift Summit 2.0 Assignment Desk

Ideas and resources about under-covered stories of sexual misconduct and discrimination across all industries.

STORY IDEAS

There are still many stories of sexual misconduct and discrimination — both personal and systemic — which deserve coverage. How do we improve the quality and quantity of reporting on these issues? Here are some topics participants at the Power Shift Summit 2.0 raised as worthy of journalistic examination.

- [2018 Legislation on Sexual Harassment in the Legislature](#): An unprecedented amount of state legislation was passed on sexual harassment and sexual harassment policies in 2018. Some 32 states have introduced new laws. Check your local legislatures.
- Sexual harassment and violence against low-income workers in industries such as janitorial, hotels and farming.
- Models of successful innovation, including businesses, that are taking deliberate steps to create safer workplaces including Homeroom, a [restaurant in Oakland](#), Calif., the union-led “[Hands Off, Pants On](#)” campaign for hotel workers and Ya Basta Coalition for janitorial workers.
- The increasing number of women journalists who face danger and sexual violence around the world and organizations which offer hostile environment training for them.
- Harassment in the photojournalism community; gender inequity and dangerous environments are a toxic mix.
- Sex workers and harassment. Laws passed by Congress shut down some online sites with the consequence of making sex trafficking less safe.
- How are diversity councils and anti-harassment task forces created in organizations, what is it like to be a member and what toll does it take?
- Life after rape: how do we uplift and empower survivors?
- Gay people cannot get a restraining order against an abusive partner in North Carolina. There is an [effort to change that](#).
- Childhood abuse survivors — systemic issue of how child protective services responds; long-term effects and impact on adulthood and behaviors.
- The challenge of calling men on their behavior without backlash.
- Trial by internet: Is there space for ownership of one’s mistakes and redemption? Can there be survival after admitting wrongdoing?
- Spanish language media, #MeToo and the collision of “machismo” culture.
- [Sexual harassment in academia](#): While conversations about the #MeToo movement’s impact on Hollywood have proliferated in the media, less attention has been paid to how the movement has affected other spaces, like academia.
- Stories about sexual abuse within the recovery community, where stories are often discredited because of stereotyping and challenges to credibility.

THE POWER SHIFT PROJECT

PUBLISHED AND BROADCAST STORIES

A selection of stories on sexual harassment and misconduct discussed at Power Shift Summit 2.0.

Julie K. Brown, *The Miami Herald*

- [Perversion of Justice](#): A decade before #MeToo, a multimillionaire sex offender from Florida got the ultimate break. Nov. 28, 2018

Jane Mayer and Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*

- [Four Women Accuse New York's Attorney General of Physical Abuse](#) May 7, 2018
- [Senate Democrats Investigate a New Allegation of Sexual Misconduct, from Brett Kavanaugh's College Years](#) Sept. 23, 2018

Marisa Kwiatkowski, Mark Alesia, Tim Evans, Robert Scheer, Steve Berta, *The Indianapolis Star*

- [Out of Balance: an Indy Star Investigation into USA Gymnastics](#)

Dream Hampton, Lifetime

- [Surviving R. Kelly](#) documentary series January 2019

WGBH/FRONTLINE and Univision, in association with the Investigative Reporting Program at the University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting and KQED

- [Rape on the Night Shift](#) – A joint investigation into the sexual abuse of immigrant women who clean the malls where you shop, the banks where you do business and the offices where you work. Jan. 16, 2018

Bernice Yeung, Slate

- [What Hollywood Can Learn from Farmworkers](#) Sept. 9, 2018

Bernice Yeung

- [In A Day's Work](#): The Fight to End Sexual Violence Against America's Most Vulnerable Workers
www.thenewpress.com

Sasha Khokha, USA TODAY

- [Before #MeToo, women janitors rallied to fight workplace harassment](#) Jan. 30, 2018

Sarah Henry, Edible

- [Stamping out Sex Harassment in the Kitchen](#) Oct. 28, 2018

Audrey Carlsen, Maya Salam, Claire Cain Miller, Denise Lu, Ash Ngu, Jugal K. Patel and Zach Wichter, *The New York Times*

- [#MeToo Brought Down 201 Powerful Men. Nearly Half of Their Replacements Are Women.](#) Oct. 29, 2018

Alexandra Yoon-Hendricks, *The New York Times*

- [Spurred by #MeToo, a Harassment Task Force Reconvenes](#) June 12, 2018

NPR story on sexual assault against people with disabilities

- [The Sexual Assault Epidemic No One Talks About](#) January 2018

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