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### Activism/Solidarity project

When I first started this project I really didn't know which Activism learning activity from Gendered voices I would pick but I chose the learning activity called "how safe is your campus?" I chose this topic because of the constant horror stories I have heard about Northern Michigan University and some students involved in sexual assault.

There are 11 bullet points in the learning activity and I am going to go through them in this paragraph. Firstly "how many acts of violence were reported on your campus last year?" When I looked up how many acts NMU actually has a couple graph of all the reportings from the last three (2017, 2018, 2019) years, In 2019 (last year) there were 3 reported rapes, 1 reported fondling, and 2 of aggravated assault. The second question was "does your campus have a security escort service?" Yes NMU does have a security escort service, called the "Safe Walk Program" the NMU webpage states "NMU Police Department offers a Safe Walk Program during the hours of darkness, seven days a week. You can reach the Safe Walk Program by calling 227-215." Third, "what resources does your campus provide to ensure safety?" NMU provides a "Campus Safety" webpage with many links to resources like the campus police, different emergency contact information, safety and security information, and other additional information. Fourth, "What training and educational opportunities about safety does your college provide?" I found no information that Northern provided safety training to students but they do for faculty and all employees. Fifth, "what specialized training about violence is offered to fraternities

and sports teams on your campus?" I know from first hand knowledge that NMU sports teams are required to take a sexual assault course every year and I do believe the general student body must do the same just less often. Sixth, "how does your school encourage the reporting of violence?" NMU has an anonymous tip line on their campus safety page. In the codes of conduct in the student handbook I also believe that it is stated you will not be discriminated against for reporting violence and crimes. Seventh, "what support services does your school offer to victims of crime?" NMU Campus safety webpage has section dedicated to those who have survived sexual assault. Eighth, "what is your school administration's official protocol for dealing with complaints of violence?" all of the information in regards to NMUs protocol states it will be done with respect and properly with law enforcement. Eighth, 'how does your school's code of conduct address violence?" There are plenty of policies against violence in the handbook. Finally, the last two bullet points are in regards to campus and how light it is at night and how many emergency phones there are. Campus is very lit up at night from my experience and I have always felt safe walking around campus at night. There are also many blue emergency poles with phones around campus for safety.

While doing all this research on Northern's safety I was very happy to see how much work was put into keeping campus as safe as possible. While I do believe there is much to be done NMU has a really safe campus and I am confident in my own personal safety. Emotionally I am a little unsatisfied with Northern in regards to stories I have heard of sexual assault from women here in the past and present. I have heard and seen personal accounts from victims of reporting their assault and nothing being done due to

the individual who assaulted them being an athlete. It makes me wonder how factual everything i've read and reported on really is?

Being a woman it's very important in this day and age to be aware of your surroundings and how safe the place you are in is. I can see this activity pertaining to the women's movement in general and the struggles women face when it comes to violence towards them on the basis of their gender orientation. Seeing that Northern does have all of these great resources makes me feel good about women's safety on campus in general. I do also believe that this activity had intersectionality involved. As intersectionality is defined as “the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage” It makes sense tying it back to the activity and womens movement correlation I made.

This image is the crime statistics table from

**Criminal Offenses on Campus**

<b>Nature of Complaint</b>	<b>Reported 2017</b>	<b>Reported 2018</b>	<b>Reported 2019</b>
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	21	8	3
Fondling	0	0	1
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	2
Burglary	1	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

<https://www.nmu.edu/policedepartment/crime-statistics>