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Content	<p>Gender-based violence (GBV) is a major problem in Mexico and sexual violence (SV) has become a topic of debate within universities across the country in recent years. Protocols to eliminate SV are now in place at some universities and students' claims for sexual harassment, intimidation and rape have increased. Research on this subject has been insufficient at Mexican universities, but it is known that most victims of SV are female students, that many cases are not reported, and that prosecution and punishment for perpetrators is rare. In addition, homophobia is also an important problem within universities and gay students are often victims of bullying and GBV. A strong feminist movement demanding effective government policies to eliminate all forms of GBV is growing throughout the country. Female university students have played a major role in organizing huge street protests in many cities and their voices claiming for justice and protection should be listened. Objective: To present the strengths and limitations of initiatives to prevent SV in some Mexican universities in order to motivate future debate on this topic among academics that participate in Network: TUFH conferences. Conclusions: Creating university environments free of GBV is crucial to eliminate SV within campuses, as well as to promote female students' education and leadership. Universities must work harder to prevent SV. Protocols to avoid SV must be part of a new university culture in which any form of GBV is not tolerated. Research and accountability on SV within universities deserves more attention.</p>



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