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**FACTS ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

*Compiled by the majority staff of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee (July 31, 1990)*

The most serious crimes against women are rising at a significantly faster rate than total crimes: during the past 10 years, rape rates have risen nearly four times as fast as the total crime rate.

Every hour, 16 women confront rapists; a woman is raped every 6 minutes.

Every 18 seconds, a woman is beaten; 3-4 million women are battered each year.

Since 1974, the rate of assaults against young women (20-24) has jumped almost 50%. For young men, it has decreased.

Three out of four women will be victims of at least one violent crime during their lifetimes.

A woman is 10 times more likely to be raped than to die in a car crash.

Only 50% of rapes are ever reported; of those reported, less than 40% result in arrest.

One third of all domestic violence cases, if reported, would be charged as felony rape or felonious assault.

Each year, more than one million women seek medical assistance for injuries caused by battering.

The crime rate against women in the United States is significantly higher than in other countries -- the United States has a rape rate that is 13 times higher than England's, nearly 4 times higher than Germany's, and more than 20 times higher than Japan's.

Of the American women alive today, 25 million either have been, or will be, raped at least once during their lives.

Last year, the number of women abused by their husbands was greater than the number of women who got married.

In 1950, police caught 83% of all rapists; in 1988 police caught only 53% of them.

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Nearly 50% of abusive husbands batter their wives when they are pregnant, making them four times more likely to bear infants of low birth weight.

Of all those arrested for major crimes -- murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson -- rapists are the most likely to escape conviction.

If every woman victimized by domestic violence last year were to join hands in a line, the string of people would span from New York to Los Angeles and back again.

More than half of all homeless women are on the street because they are fleeing domestic violence.

More than 40% of college women who have been raped say that they expect to be raped again.

There were more women injured by rapists last year than marines wounded by the enemy in all of World War II.

There are nearly three times as many animal shelters in the United States as there are battered women's shelters.

Although campus studies suggest that 1,275 women were raped at America's 3 largest universities in 1989, only 3 of those rapes were reported to police.

1 out of every 7 women currently attending college has been raped.

486,000 of the girls now attending high school will have been raped before they graduate.

The average age of a rape victim is 18 1/2 years old.

Young women 16-19 years old are the most likely to be raped.

57% of college rape victims are attacked by dates.

Girls raped before age 18 are least likely to report the incident to the police.

Girls aged 12-15 are the most likely to be raped by strangers.

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Rape victims aged 12-19 are the least likely to receive hospital care.

Since 1974, the rate of assaults against young women (20-24) has jumped 48%. For men of the same age group, it has decreased 12%.