

#METOORECKONING WORKSHOP
"RUTH'S REALITY CHECK"



HOW TO HELP A SYSTEM EXAMINE ITS NORMS

1. Become a fan of reality.

We say, "It is what it is." But what is it?

Ask yourself, and others "What's happening here?"

Name what you're seeing. Out loud.

Ask others what they're seeing.

If you're new to the system, ask others about the past.
Repeat back what you're hearing and ask for clarification.

2. Use facts.

They help people back up for a moment and use a wider lens.

Cite statistics.

<https://www.rainn.org/statistics>

“1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.”

Find resources and share them.

APRIL is . . .

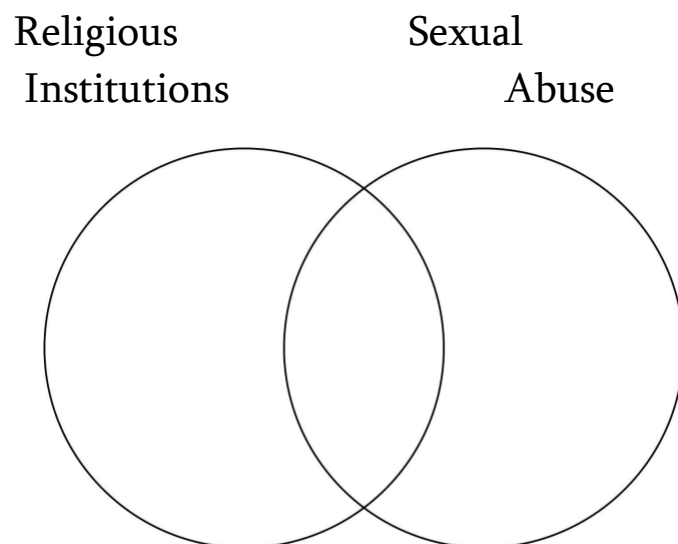
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

OCTOBER is . . .

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

3. Use Venn diagrams & other graphics.

for instance . . .



How great is the overlap?

We know that predators seek out churches —
it's a good place for them to have access to prey. P R E Y.

But here's another fact.

According to a 2018 study by Abel & Harlow,
93% of sex offenders describe themselves as “religious.”

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: Screening for Hidden Child Molesters Seeking Jobs in Organizations That Care for Children

[Gene G. Abel](#), [Alan Jordan](#), [Nora Harlow](#), [Yu-Sheng Hsu](#)

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Startling Statistics: Child Sexual Abuse and What the Church Can Do About It

By Boz Tchividjian

<https://www.netgrace.org/resources/startling-statistics>