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The Institution and CSA

• Institutions can be formal or informal
  – The usual focus is on formal institutions as they can be better targeted for improvement and reform, but informal institutions cannot be forgotten and often abet abuse within formal institutions!
• Provide predators with
  – Steady stream of trusting victims
  – Cover and protection

Formal Institutions

Organized Religion
School or college athletic program
Fraternity/Social Organization
  Military/Para Military
  Scouting/AAU

Informal Institutions

Marriage and Family
  Male bonding activities
Apprenticeship
  Industry/Trade Induction
Roman Catholic church crisis

- two competing theories to explain why the church has a "predator problem"
  1. Vatican II and liberalization
  2. church warps those in the religious life
- WRONG historical Church characteristics
  - moral and spiritual authority
  - intense involvement with daily life
    - education
    - birth, marriage, death
    - discipline
  - powerful backing and global reach
what the Church provided

1. a steady stream of trusting, relatively helpless victims
2. a cover, given that the offender often had no sexual interest in adults
3. an institution that would protect and move them when detected

particular dangers: religion

- strict intense dogma and rules for adherents
- extreme or unlimited power by religious leaders, or those anointed by them
- segregation or separation from the larger community

educational institutions

- colleges and universities
- specialized schools
  - Deaf and blind
  - cognitive disabilities
  - emotionally disturbed
  - legally comprised
the military environment

- intense focus on group well-being and mission
  - individuals sacrifice for the unit
- stress on “unflagging enthusiasm”
- immediate recognition of power relationships
- aggressiveness often rewarded

para-military environments

- police, fire, EMS, forest ranger, game warden
- access and use of weapons
- authority of uniform
- arrest power
- typically, public trust and admiration

athletics and scouting

- great character builders and valuable for later life, but
  - can isolate children, particularly when athletically gifted and coached professionally
  - involve the same attractive features of religion and other environments

- very basic protection tips:
  - always have two adults with any group of children
  - don’t rely simply on background checks
  - regularly review policies, systems, and situations
USA Gymnastics & MSU Legacy

- 332 victims of sexual abuse
- $500 settlement to victims by MSU
- more than 150 lawsuits
  - Nassar
  - MSU
  - USA Gymnastics
  - Twistars Gymnastics Club

Dr. Larry Nassar

- began working with USA Gymnastics as a trainer, 1986
- obtained D.O. degree in 1993, began work at MSU in residency 1997
- national medical coordinator, USAG, 96-14
- team doctor, Holt High School, Holt MI, beginning 1996

Early Instances

- 1992
  - first victim (not yet identified) reports in 2018 lawsuit that Nassar abused her (Nassar then in med school)
- 1997
  - Larissa Boyce (athlete) reports Nassar to head MSU gymnastics coach Kathy Klages
- 1998
  - Kyle Stephens made to watch Nassar masturbate, rubbed his penis against her feet
First Response 1997: Kathy Klages

- MSU women’s gymnastics coach for 27 seasons, brought several of Boyce’s fellow youth program gymnasts into her office and asked them if Nassar abused them also.
- “She said, ‘I can file this, but there are going to be serious consequences for you and Nassar,’” Boyce said. “I said I didn’t want to get anyone in trouble.”

1999 Response

- Christie Achenbach (athlete) told her coach Kelli Bert, a one-year assistant coach at MSU.
- Bart: “He’s an Olympic doctor and he should know what he is doing”
- Bert denies remembering saying this to Achenbach

2000: Destiny Teachnar-Hauk

- Tiffany Lopez tells reports to trainer Destiny Teachnar-Hauk, who discourages her
- “she said it was going cause a lot of heartache, it was going to cause a lot of trauma and why would I want drag him through this?”
- in 2014, DTH claimed there were no complaints against Nassar
Mid 2000’s complaints

• reports are made to MSU clinical psychologist Dr. Gary Stollak (Nassar using child’s feet to stimulate himself)
• Stollak suggested her parents meet with him and Nassar
• Nassar denies using her feet to stimulate himself, and child’s parents believe him

Meridian Township Report 2004

• athlete Brianne Randall-Grey reports to police in Meridian Township w mother
• a few weeks later, police ask Randall-Grey and her parents to meet with Nassar
• police and parents believe Nassar, police report not forwarded to MSU or prosecutor

First Action: 2014

• Amanda Thomashaw MSU alum, tells Dr. Jeff Kovan of sexual misconduct by Nassar upon a visit to him for hip pain
• Kovan reports to university Title IX office
• Thomashaw also reports to MSU police, May 2014
• reports reach then MSU president Lou Anna Simon
2014 Title IX Investigation Report

• includes interviews with victim, her mother, 3 other friends
• Nassar interviewed
• 3 doctors (Brooke Lenmen, Lisa DeStefano, Jennifer Gilmore) and trainer Teachnar-Hauk – ALL have personal ties to Nassar

2014 Title IX Investigation Report

• Moore concluded Nassar’s behavior and treatments were medically appropriate (despite Thomashaw’s claim that Nassar massaged her breasts and vaginal area—she had to pull his hands away from her)
• Nassar cleared, but noted his treatments were causing “unnecessary trauma”
• Moore prepared two reports and withheld info in one for Thomashaw

2014 Title IX Investigation Report

• What Moore told her employers at MSU:
  “We find that whether medically sound or not, the failure to adequately explain procedures such as these invasive, sensitive procedures, is opening the practice up to liability and is exposing patients to unnecessary trauma based on the possibility of perceived inappropriate sexual misconduct,” Moore wrote in the report to MSU.

  “In addition, we find that the failure to obtain consent from patients prior to the procedure is likewise exposing the practice to liability. If procedures can be performed skin-on-skin or over clothes in the breast or pelvic floor area, it would seem patients should have the choice between the two.”
2014 Title IX Investigation Report

- What Moore told Thomashaw:
  - “We find the claim helpful in that it allows us to examine certain practices at the MSU Sports Medicine Clinic.”
- Title IX investigation ends, July 2014 and Nassar cleared, but MSU police investigation continues, although *Nassar not suspended*

After the IX Investigation

- Dr. William Strampel, Nassar’s boss:
  - At Strampel’s direction, Nassar agreed to have another person in the room when treating patients and to limit skin-to-skin contact, according to emails
  - "Strampel said because Dr. Nassar was 'cleared of all charges' and 'exonerated,' he did not see the need to follow-up to ensure that he was complying with the guidelines that were common sense for all physicians," according to an MSU police report

2015

- MSU police forward Thomashaw’s report to the Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office, which declines to file charges *but only after 1 year*
- MSU Detective Kelly Johnson spoke with Nassar in December 2015 and told him the prosecutor was not pressing charges, but reminded him to have a chaperone in the room and to explain his procedures, according to an MSU police report
2015
• reports of abuse in spring of 2015 reach USA Gymnastics where Nassar works
• USAG head tells parents not to call police, and that USAG will open an investigation
• July 2015, USAG investigator recommends Nassar be turned in to authorities
• **Nassar is still treating patients**

2015: FBI
• USAG tells FBI in Indy, 7/24/15
• 3 principal complainants Maggie Nichols, Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney
• FBI cites “trans-jurisdictional issues”
• interviews one victim by phone, no further action until 2016
• **40 girls and women are molested by Nassar between July 2015 and September 2016**

2016: Rachel Denhollander
• Rachel Denhollander, now 34 and former gymnast and victim of Nassar at 15
• Denhollander files criminal complaint with MSU police
• Strampel becomes aware of Denhollander’s complaint, wishes Nassar well and take his side, according to emails
Action at Last: Rachel Denhollander

- Denhollander says her mother was present during abusive exams, but Nassar positioned himself blocking her view
- December, 2016: Nassar indicted on Federal child pornography charges when search warrant is executed
- only after child pornography is found on Nassar’s computer in December 2016 is Denhollander taken seriously

2017-2018

- Nassar sentenced to 60 years in Federal Court
- Nassar sentenced to 40 to 175 years in Michigan State Court (parole 2069)
- 156 women testify at sentencing
- MSU president Simon resigns
- MSU agrees to a $500 million dollar settlement with 332 victims

2017-2018

- USA Gymnastics leadership all tender resignations
- An IndyStar investigation uncovered multiple examples of [USAG failures], including a Georgia case in which a coach preyed on young female athletes for seven years after USAG dismissed the first of 4 warnings about him.
- In a 2013 lawsuit filed by one of that coach’s victims, two former USAG officials admitted under oath that the organization routinely dismissed sexual abuse allegations as hearsay unless they came directly from a victim or victim’s parent
2018

- Michigan State Attorney General’s Office:
  - Kathie Klages charged with two counts of lying to a peace officer
  - William Strampel charged with two counts of neglect of duty in supervision Nassar
  - former MSU president Lou Anna Simon charged with two counts of lying to a peace officer

Denhollander: 2018

- “For 16 months, I and other victims of Larry have been pleading for answers as to how he could have been left in positions of authority when MSU officials had been warned of his conduct...And for 16 months, [MSU and other organizations] have deflected. They have told half truths. They have closed ranks around themselves and refused to acknowledge dynamics that allowed a pedophile to flourish in their midst.”

William Forsyth: Last Month

*MSU stonewalls the very investigation it pledged to support*

“Unfortunately, the University failed to live up to this pledge by: (1) issuing misleading public statements, (2) drowning investigators in irrelevant documents, (3) waging needless battles over pertinent documents, and (4) asserting attorney-client privilege even when it did not apply. These actions warrant extended discussion because they highlight a common thread we encountered throughout the investigation into how the University handled allegations against Nassar.

*Both then and now, MSU has fostered a culture of indifference toward sexual assault, motivated by its desire to protect its reputation.*"
Consider

• had Nassar’s work computer been searched (which was MSU’s right) in 2014, child pornography would have been found
• Nassar abused dozens more women between 2014 and 2016
• by 2014, the full scope of Jerry Sandusky’s crimes and fallout had been publicly realized

going forward

• Reduce the power and mystique of institutions by valuing individual human beings above them
• Explore what inspires sexual violence
• Be realistic and fair about prevention
• Abandon baseless ideas that most sexual violence is fabricated

Resource Organizations

• [www.ncptc.org](http://www.ncptc.org) — National Child Protection Training Center
• [www.malesurvivor.org](http://www.malesurvivor.org) — Male Survivor
• [www.1in6.org](http://www.1in6.org) — 1 in 6: Helping male victims of child sex abuse
• [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org) — Child Help and abuse hotline
• [www.ndaajustice.org](http://www.ndaajustice.org) — National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse