CONTINUUM OF SEXUAL AGGRESSION

Sexual assault is not an isolated act; it is on a continuum with (related to) other common events/activities, both illegal and legal.

Offenders may act out the whole continuum.

Although it may be unacknowledged or not experienced as distressful, most women have experienced some act that falls within this continuum.

The common denominator for this continuum is lack of respect.

Suggestive looks
Sexist comments, jokes
Verbal harassment
Harassment
Obscene phone calls
Peeping
Exposure
Frottage
Sexual Assault
Aggravated Sexual Assault
Sexual Assault/Murder