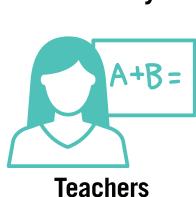
YOUNG PEOPLE are influenced by the adults around them





Parents





We often don't realise that our words and actions can carry hidden messages





Managers



When we see disrespectful behaviour in young people:

We teach our young girls to accept it

"HE JUST DID IT BECAUSE **HE LIKES YOU"**

"DON'T WORRY JUST IGNORE HIM"

We make excuses for boys' behaviour

"BOYS WILL BE BOYS"

"HE WAS PROBABLY JUST HAVING A BAD DAY"

We question the role of the girl

"WHAT DID YOU DO?"

"IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO"

We worry about the consequences if we intervene

"I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A BIG DEAL **OUT OF IT"**

"WHAT WILL THE OTHER PARENTS THINK?"

These excuses are shaping young people's views about more serious behaviours



Think it's pretty normal for guys to pressure girls into sex*

Don't think it's serious if a guy who's normally gentle sometimes slaps his girlfriend when he's drunk and they're arguing*

We are unintentionally part of the problem **BUT WE CAN ALL BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**





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