NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
HAZING SUMMARY REPORT
DATA FROM 2014 HAZING SURVEY

WHERE IS HAZING OCCURRING AT NORTHWESTERN?

NORTHWESTERN DEFINES HAZING AS...
Any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, whether on or off University premises and whether presented as optional or required, to produce: mental, physical, or emotional discomfort; servitude; degradation; embarrassment; harassment; or ridicule for the purpose of initiation into, affiliation with, or admission to, or as a condition for continued membership in a group, team, or other organization, regardless of an individual’s willingness to participate.

2,000 undergraduate students at Northwestern were selected at random to receive this survey in May/June 2014

743 participated

Nearly 1 in 5 of respondents reported they had experienced at least one hazing activity

WHERE DOES NORTHWESTERN STACK UP NATIONALLY?

Nationally, 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations experience hazing.

Source: stophazing.org

WHERE IS HAZING OCCURRING AT NORTHWESTERN?

43 Fraternity or sorority
13 Club sports team
13 Band/music group
10 Varsity athletic team
5 Student government or other leadership organization
4 Other type of service club or organization
3 Academic club
3 Theater group
2 Culturally-based organization
1 Social club
1 Service club or organization
1 ROTC
1 Intramural or recreational team
1 Professional fraternity or sorority
I DO NOT NEED TO BE HAZED TO FEEL LIKE A PART OF A GROUP OR TEAM.

When asked to rate their agreement or disagreement regarding a number of beliefs about hazing, Northwestern students were most likely (4.5 on a 5.0 scale) to agree with the above statement.

HAZING ACTIVITIES MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AT NORTHWESTERN:

- Participate in a drinking game: 16
- Attend a skit night or roast where other members are humiliated: 9
- Be deprived of sleep: 8
- Be yelled, screamed, or cursed at by other members: 7
- Be awakened by other members during the night: 7
- Sing/chant by self or with other new members in public situation not related to event, game, or practice: 6
- Be nude or partially nude in front of a group or in public space: 4
- Wear clothing that is embarrassing and not part of uniform: 4
- Drink or eat gross stuff: 4
- Endure harsh weather without proper clothing: 3
- Drink large amounts of non-alcoholic beverage: 3
- Be tied up, taped, or confined to small places: 3
- Dropped off in an unfamiliar location: 2
- Skip regular hygiene practices: 2
- Carry bricks or heavy objects for extended periods: 1

NATIONALLY...
DID YOU KNOW?

- Hazing is often about power and control. Hazing does not build unity.
- A significant number of hazing incidents and deaths involve alcohol consumption.
- Students are more likely to be hazed if they knew an adult who was hazed.
- 2 in 5 students say they are aware of hazing taking place on their campus.
- Both male and female students report a high level of hazing.

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