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Sexual assault on university campuses, like the cases reported at the Cornell University, makes many people worry about student safety. Some people think universities should teach women how to protect themselves. ~~Others think~~ universities should teach men not to commit these acts of ~~sexual~~. In my opinion, universities should focus on teaching men, because this is the only way to reduce the number of attacks. ~~On~~

On ~~the~~ the other hand, self-protection classes for women also earn their place, because a woman who knows basic self-defence and avoids vulnerable moments like walking alone at night can stay safer. These skills help, and this requires no change from any other parties. However, I see problems with this. This puts the blame on the victim. When an attack happens, people ask what she did wrong, not why the attacker did it. I have read that in Indonesia where many victims stayed quiet because they are afraid of this blame. On top of that, attackers are often people the victim knows

So like a classmate or a senior. Self-defence does not help much against someone she trusts.

In my opinion, teaching men fixed the real problem. We may make lessons that teach that silence does not mean yes. Training teaches all students to step in when a friend goes too far on certain occasions. In conclusion, safety skills for women are useful indeed, but in my opinion that should not be the main answer as it shifts the common perspective from the real origin of the problem, i.e. the teaching of men about consent that shall be done by universities.