

HOW DOES OUR NATION CONFRONT PRISON RAPE:

THE MORAL AND ETHICAL QUESTIONS

MS. SMITH: Ms. Stemple, I actually had one question. Your testimony talked about sort of the prevalence in rough numbers around male survivors and female survivors in your database. Did you mean to suggest that that was sort of typical of the overall prevalence or just what was in SPR's database?

MS. STEMPLE: I think it can only be representative of what's in our database. There are various reasons why people write to us as opposed to what they might tell a researcher in confidence. So we don't know, for example, if someone is writing to us because they feel that they can't reach out and make a report within their own institution. It may be the case that those people are just proportionately likely to contact us. So it's not -- I don't think it's accurate to look at those numbers from a scientifically valid perspective, it's just interesting for us to track. And we do think that as the numbers grow -- we have

about 400 in our database now and as the numbers grow, we have been checking them, and the percentages remain very, very stable even as the numbers grow in terms of who is reaching out to us.