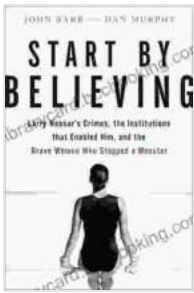


Larry Nassar Crimes: The Institutions That Enabled Him And The Brave Women Who



Larry Nassar, a former Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics doctor, was convicted of sexually assaulting hundreds of young women and girls over the course of two decades. His crimes were made possible by a systemic failure of the institutions that were supposed to protect the victims, including Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics, and the United States Olympic Committee.

Nassar's victims were primarily young gymnasts who were seeking treatment for injuries. He would often use his position of trust to gain access to the girls and then sexually abuse them under the guise of medical treatment. Many of the victims were minors at the time of the abuse.



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Despite numerous complaints and reports of abuse, Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics failed to take action against Nassar. In fact, they actively covered up his crimes and allowed him to continue to abuse young women for years.

It was not until the #MeToo movement gained momentum in 2017 that Nassar's victims began to speak out publicly about the abuse they had suffered. Their courage and resilience led to a public outcry that finally forced the institutions that had enabled Nassar to be held accountable.

In 2018, Nassar was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison for his crimes. He will likely spend the rest of his life behind bars.

The Larry Nassar case is a tragic example of the systemic failures that can allow sexual predators to abuse children. It is a story of institutional

betrayal, victim empowerment, and the importance of speaking out against injustice.

The brave women who spoke out against Nassar are heroes. They have shown us that even in the face of overwhelming odds, it is possible to stand up for what is right and to hold those in power accountable.

We must never forget the victims of Larry Nassar. Their stories are a reminder of the importance of protecting children from abuse and of ensuring that those who commit such heinous crimes are brought to justice.

The Institutions That Enabled Nassar

Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics, and the United States Olympic Committee all played a role in enabling Larry Nassar's crimes. These institutions failed to protect the victims, and they allowed Nassar to continue to abuse young women for years.

Michigan State University

Michigan State University (MSU) was Nassar's employer for over 20 years. During that time, the university received numerous complaints about Nassar's behavior, but they failed to take action. In fact, MSU officials went to great lengths to cover up Nassar's crimes.

In 2014, MSU settled a lawsuit with 16 of Nassar's victims for \$500 million. The settlement included a provision that required MSU to hire an independent investigator to review the university's handling of the Nassar case. The investigator's report, which was released in 2018, found that MSU had "a culture of complacency and denial" that allowed Nassar to abuse young women for years.

USA Gymnastics

USA Gymnastics is the national governing body for gymnastics in the United States. Nassar was the team doctor for the US women's gymnastics team from 1996 to 2015.

During that time, USA Gymnastics received numerous complaints about Nassar's behavior, but they failed to take action. In fact, USA Gymnastics officials went to great lengths to protect Nassar.

In 2018, USA Gymnastics filed for bankruptcy after being sued by hundreds of Nassar's victims. The bankruptcy filing was part of a settlement agreement that required USA Gymnastics to pay \$215 million to the victims.

United States Olympic Committee

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) is the national governing body for the Olympic movement in the United States. Nassar was the team doctor for the US Olympic gymnastics team from 2000 to 2015.

During that time, the USOC received numerous complaints about Nassar's behavior, but they failed to take action. In fact, USOC officials went to great lengths to protect Nassar.

In 2018, the USOC settled a lawsuit with 13 of Nassar's victims for \$380 million. The settlement included a provision that required the USOC to hire an independent investigator to review the organization's handling of the Nassar case. The investigator's report, which was released in 2019, found that the USOC had "a culture of silence and inaction" that allowed Nassar to abuse young women for years.

The Brave Women Who Spoke Out

The brave women who spoke out against Larry Nassar are heroes. They have shown us that even in the face of overwhelming odds, it is possible to stand up for what is right and to hold those in power accountable.

These women are survivors of sexual abuse. They have endured unimaginable pain and trauma. But they have also shown us that they are strong, resilient, and determined to make a difference.

The brave women who spoke out against Larry Nassar have inspired countless others to come forward with their own stories of abuse. They have helped to break the silence surrounding sexual abuse and to create a world where survivors are believed and supported.

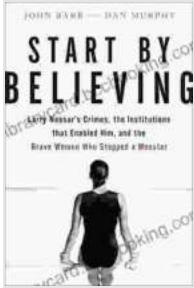
We owe these women a debt of gratitude. They have made the world a safer place for all of us.

The Larry Nassar case is a tragedy. It is a story of institutional failure, victim empowerment, and the importance of speaking out against injustice.

We must never forget the victims of Larry Nassar. Their stories are a reminder of the importance of protecting children from abuse and of ensuring that those who commit such heinous crimes are brought to justice.

We must also learn from the mistakes that were made in the Larry Nassar case. We must create a world where all children are safe from abuse and where survivors are believed and supported.

The brave women who spoke out against Larry Nassar have shown us the way. They have given us hope that a better world is possible.



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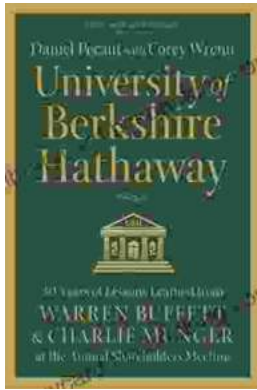
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