

A Note on Power, Biology, and Realism

Critics will say: *“This puts the burden on the victim.”*

We say: **The burden is already there. We’re just giving them power.**

The **root cause of rape culture** and the **assumption of impunity** that aids and abets it emerges from a **deep and ancient imbalance of power** — biologically encoded and socially reinforced.

“If the focus is only on protection, not the root causes, we won’t be making much of a difference.”

— Common critique of safety tech.

But the uncomfortable truth is this:

The **root causes** of sexual violence — objectification, entitlement, violence, domination — are not just learned behaviors. They are **evolutionary traits**, programmed deeply into the male psyche from a time when brute force, aggression, and hierarchy were necessary for survival.

They are not *excusable*.

But they are *persistent*.

There is no “cure.” Only control.

And most men **do** control these instincts. Many become protectors, nurturers, and community builders. But in the shadows of our trusting, civilized society are **those who take advantage** — not because they are monsters, but because **they calculate risk, and find it absent**.

Why SentinelWear Is Not “Blaming the Victim”

- SentinelWear doesn’t ask women to change their behavior or who they are.
It **gives them leverage in a system that often denies them proof**.
- SentinelWear doesn’t ask men to behave better.
It **makes them think twice**.

And yes, it’s tragic that we need this.

But pretending we don’t, because “we shouldn’t have to,” **isn’t a strategy**. It’s denial.

There has been no massive world war between superpowers since the invention of the nuclear bomb. Why? Deterrence.

We can never eliminate predatory behavior. But **we can shift the cost-benefit analysis** for opportunistic perpetrators. We can ensure that **even if a woman is unconscious**, her body can still record what happened.

And we can make every ill-intentioned or tempted man wonder — *am I being watched right now?*
