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Ep.439: Teachers treated with 'contempt': how the manosphere is changing school students' behaviour

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Nelle scuole australiane stanno emergendo messaggi e atteggiamenti provenienti da influencer della "manosfera", ampiamente condannati perché incitano all'odio e sono misogini. E si teme che le idee propagandate da queste figure controverse, come Andrew Tate, stiano contribuendo alla diffusione della violenza di genere. È un fenomeno che un'insegnante, che chiameremo Jane poiché desidera rimanere anonima, ha vissuto in prima persona. Racconta di aver subito, nell'arco di 20 anni, abusi fisici, verbali e a sfondo sessuale a scuola. "He, actually attempted to throw a desk at me. He threw chairs. I actually had to evacuate the class and then, when we looked at the incident afterwards I was asked, so what did you do to provoke the student?" Jane non è affatto l'unica. Uno studio della Monash University ha intervistato 2.600 insegnanti in tutto il Paese, rilevando che il 78 per cento ha osservato o subito violenza di genere, che include danni fisici, psicologici o sessuali. Il 95 per cento ritiene che almeno alcuni dei propri studenti accedano a contenuti della «manosfera», e il 70 per cento ha notato l'influenza delle idee della «manosfera» sugli	Messages and attitudes from manosphere influencers, widely condemned as hateful and misogynistic, are surfacing in Australian schools. And there are concerns the ideas touted by these contentious figures, like Andrew Tate, are contributing to the prevalence of gendered violence. It's something a teacher we'll call Jane, as she wishes to remain anonymous, has experienced firsthand. Over 20 years, she says she experienced physical, verbal and sexualised abuse at school. "He, actually attempted to throw a desk at me. He threw chairs. I actually had to evacuate the class and then, when we looked at the incident afterwards I was asked, so what did you do to provoke the student?" She's far from alone. A Monash University study surveyed 2,600 teachers across the country, finding 78 per cent observed or experienced gendered violence, which includes physical, mental or sexual harm. 95 per cent believe at least some of their students access 'manosphere' content, and 70 per cent noticed the influence of 'manosphere' ideas on student attitudes and behaviour in the past 12 months.

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atteggiamenti e sui comportamenti degli studenti negli ultimi 12 mesi. La dottoressa Stephanie Westcott fa parte della Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione della Monash University. "When they go to school, they see a woman who is in front of them, a woman who is educated, and a woman who is in a position of authority. And they have been trained to treat that woman with contempt, as well as the girls around them, who they learn are not as valuable as they are and not as worthy as they are. And so it creates an atmosphere of hostility in the classroom. It leads to teachers being ignored by their students completely, their instructions not being followed. But also, we're talking about pretty serious incidents of direct sexual harassment and sexism." Un insegnante su tre afferma che la violenza di genere lo porta a considerare, di tanto in tanto, l'idea di abbandonare la professione. Il 16% dichiara di farlo frequentemente. Per la presidente federale dell'Australian Education Union, Correna Haythorpe, questi dati sono allarmanti. "We do have an attraction retention crisis in terms of the teaching workforce across Australia, and when women are saying that it is unsafe to work in our schools, then we have a problem. So, there's an urgent need here now for all governments to step up. They need to fully resource our schools. They need to back in programs such as Respectful Relationships, and they need a strong policy response so that schools are safe teaching and learning spaces." L'educazione alle "Relazioni rispettose" fa parte del programma scolastico australiano.	Dr Stephanie Westcott is from the School of Education at Monash University. "When they go to school, they see a woman who is in front of them, a woman who is educated, and a woman who is in a position of authority. And they have been trained to treat that woman with contempt, as well as the girls around them, who they learn are not as valuable as they are and not as worthy as they are. And so it creates an atmosphere of hostility in the classroom. It leads to teachers being ignored by their students completely, their instructions not being followed. But also, we're talking about pretty serious incidents of direct sexual harassment and sexism." One in three teachers say gendered violence causes them to occasionally consider leaving teaching. 16 per cent say they do so, frequently. Federal President of the Australian Education Union, Correna Haythorpe, says the figures are alarming. "We do have an attraction retention crisis in terms of the teaching workforce across Australia, and when women are saying that it is unsafe to work in our schools, then we have a problem. So, there's an urgent need here now for all governments to step up. They need to fully resource our schools. They need to back in programs such as Respectful Relationships, and they need a strong policy response so that schools are safe teaching and learning spaces." Respectful Relationships education is part of the Australian school curriculum.
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Il professor Steven Roberts della Facoltà di Scienze Sociali della Monash University ha sottolineato che i ricercatori chiedono ulteriori interventi. "We've started by asking for misogyny to be recognised as a workplace hazard. But intensive resourcing of respectful relationships education, curriculum is a necessary next step as well." Jane ha detto che, sebbene parlare delle proprie esperienze sia difficile, si tratta di una questione che va portata alla luce per evitare ulteriori danni. "I love my profession. I love educating students. And as hard as it is to stand up against this toxicity, we need to understand that if we don't do this, it's only going to make the situation worse." Sempre Jane ha dichiarato che più a lungo la questione rimane irrisolta, maggiore è il rischio per le generazioni future. "It's only going to impact future generations to a greater level than what we're currently seeing and experiencing, and we're going to find that it becomes inter-generational, to the point where you may have multiple generations who've experienced the misogyny and sexism and toxic masculinity that exists." Se tu o qualcuno che conosci siete vittime di violenza sessuale, chiamate il numero 1800RESPECT al 1800 737 732, inviate un SMS al numero 0458 737 732 o visitate il sito 1800RESPECT.org.au. In caso di emergenza, chiamate il 000.	Professor Steven Roberts from the School of Social Sciences at Monash University says researchers are calling for further action. "We've started by asking for misogyny to be recognised as a workplace hazard. But intensive resourcing of respectful relationships education, curriculum is a necessary next step as well." Jane says while talking about her experiences is difficult, it's an issue that needs to be brought to light to avoid further harm. "I love my profession. I love educating students. And as hard as it is to stand up against this toxicity, we need to understand that if we don't do this, it's only going to make the situation worse." She says the longer the issue goes unaddressed, the greater the risk for future generations. "It's only going to impact future generations to a greater level than what we're currently seeing and experiencing, and we're going to find that it becomes inter-generational, to the point where you may have multiple generations who've experienced the misogyny and sexism and toxic masculinity that exists." If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732, or visit 1800RESPECT.org.au. In an emergency, call 000.
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