



WHAT IS HAZING?

Hazing is any act that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers someone from joining or participating in a student group regardless of the willingness to or consent to participate.

MYTH VS. REALITY

Hazing is only a problem in fraternities and sororities

Hazing can occur in any group with a power dynamic, including athletic team, clubs, and working groups

A little hazing is okay as long as it's not physically dangerous

Even non-physical hazing, like sleep deprivation, extreme mental stress, or forced humiliation, can be damaging and considered hazing

Hazing builds character and teaches resilience

Hazing often leads to feelings of resentment, distrust, and anxiety, not positive character development

Tradition justifies hazing

Just because a group has a history of hazing doesn't mean it's acceptable; traditional can be changed to eliminate abusive practices

A common myth about hazing is that it's simply "harmless pranks" or a necessary rite of passage, while the reality is that hazing is a form of abuse, often involving power imbalances, intimidation, and potential physical danger.

