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*Data gathered on college students during 2008-09, asking them to recall their time in high school.

Was bullying a significant problem at your high school?

- Often – 32%
- Sometimes – 43%

Do you think students in your school avoided coming to school because they were bullied?

- Often – 8%
- Sometimes – 43%

Were you aware of any sort of anti-bullying program in your school?

- No – 80%

How often were you harassed, bullied, threatened, or stalked?

- Once a week to once a month – 52%

Were you ever harassed, bullied, stalked, or threatened via [Instant Messaging, Social Networking sites, text messaging, or “other electronic means”]?

- Never – 40%
- Yes, while in high school - 60%
- Yes, after high school – 15%

Did you report the cyberbullying to anyone?

- No – 90%

Have YOU ever posted something on a website about someone else that was embarrassing, threatening, or demeaning?

- Yes – 27%

Do you feel that the target of bullying deserves it?

- 26% - Always or sometimes

Do you think schools do everything they can do to stop cyberbullying in their schools?

- They try but don't seem to make much of a difference – 62%
- They do not do enough and don't seem to be trying – 35%

Have you ever known anyone who has left school because bullying was very severe at their school?

- Yes – 39%

Have you ever known anyone who has had to involve police because bullying was so severe?

- Yes – 28%