

South Yorkshire Police (@syptweet) conflate rape with eating too much chocolate

Three days ago, we started [a survey](#) asking people to comment on the [5 worst offenders](#) we've seen in [police 'safety' campaigns](#). Clearly, we started the survey too early as our twitter feed contained contributions from [Bedfordshire police](#) and the following from South York Police using the #noregrets hashtag.



Yorkie Pud @GiantYorkiePud · 13h

@Holbornlolz:

@EVB_Now @syptweet The #noregrets hashtag is not useful & disrespectful.



These are actual tweets using the #noregrets tag demonstrating fact that South Yorkshire Police understand neither rape culture nor social media. Conflating rape with someone suffering indigestion having eating too much pizza or chocolate is incredibly offensive, dangerous, and lacking in all empathy for people who have experienced sexual violences; as this sample of tweets makes clear:



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Vicky Beeching follows



Mike McHargue @mikemchargue · Dec 16

I could watch the GOP debate, but had a lightsaber battle with my kids, watched Elf, drank spiked egg nog, & fell asleep instead. **#noregrets**

← ↻ 9 ❤️ 122 ⋮



Tallia Storm @Tallia_Storm · Dec 15

Is it really Christmas without demolishing an entire share bag of @CadburyUK giant buttons 🙄😭👏🎄👶🍫 **#NoRegrets**

← ↻ 5 ❤️ 16 ⋮



Katie Toporowsky @KatieTopo · 7h

Just found a random piece of pizza at the bar and ate it **#blessed #noregrets**

← ↻ ❤️ 13 ⋮



•GAZIE• @MlpManagement · 8h

I saw giant Mlp plushies at the store

I moved rarity & rainbow beside each other

Then I left 🙄 **#Noregrets**

← ↻ 1 ❤️ 8 ⋮

Rape is not about 'regret' it is a criminal act perpetrated, most frequently, by a man making a choice to commit rape. A man who "keeps trying" with a woman who has said no is engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment that leads to rape. It is the essence of male entitlement.

Using the word regret erases the perpetrators choice and blames the victim. These type of campaigns are exactly why victims of rape and sexual assault do not report to the police. It simply isn't good enough.



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Victim Blaming @EVB_Now · 1h

.@syptweet The use of the #noregrets tag shows a total lack of understanding of rape culture & social media @GiantYorkiePud @Holbornlolz



Victim Blaming @EVB_Now · 1h

.@syptweet Did your staff even bother to look at the tag before assuming it was clever to blame victims? @GiantYorkiePud @Holbornlolz



Victim Blaming @EVB_Now · 1h

.@syptweet You've just compared rape to people suffering indigestion from eating too much chocolate @GiantYorkiePud @Holbornlolz

