

# SHINE A LIGHT ON SHADY BEHAVIOR

## Corruption and the New York City Department of Investigation: A Film

ALL NEW YORKERS PAY FOR BACK ALLEY DEALS  
REPORT CORRUPTION AND FRAUD AT **212-3-NYC-DOI**



CITY OF NEW YORK  
**DEPARTMENT OF  
INVESTIGATION**

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## Institute for Women's Leadership

The Leadership Scholars Certificate Program is a two-year selective, interdisciplinary certificate program that prepares Rutgers undergraduate women to be informed, innovative, and socially responsible leaders.

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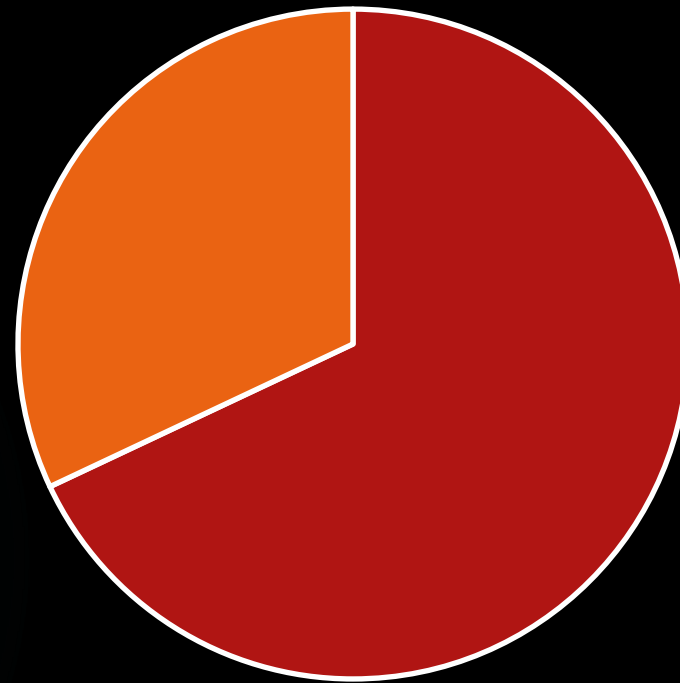
# DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS?

- Mayoral Executive Order 16, Koch Administration, 1978
- New York City Charter, Chapter 34
- Whistleblower Act, 2007



# A Survey

Do you know what the NYC Department of Investigation does?



■ No ■ Yes

Sample Size: 34 Students



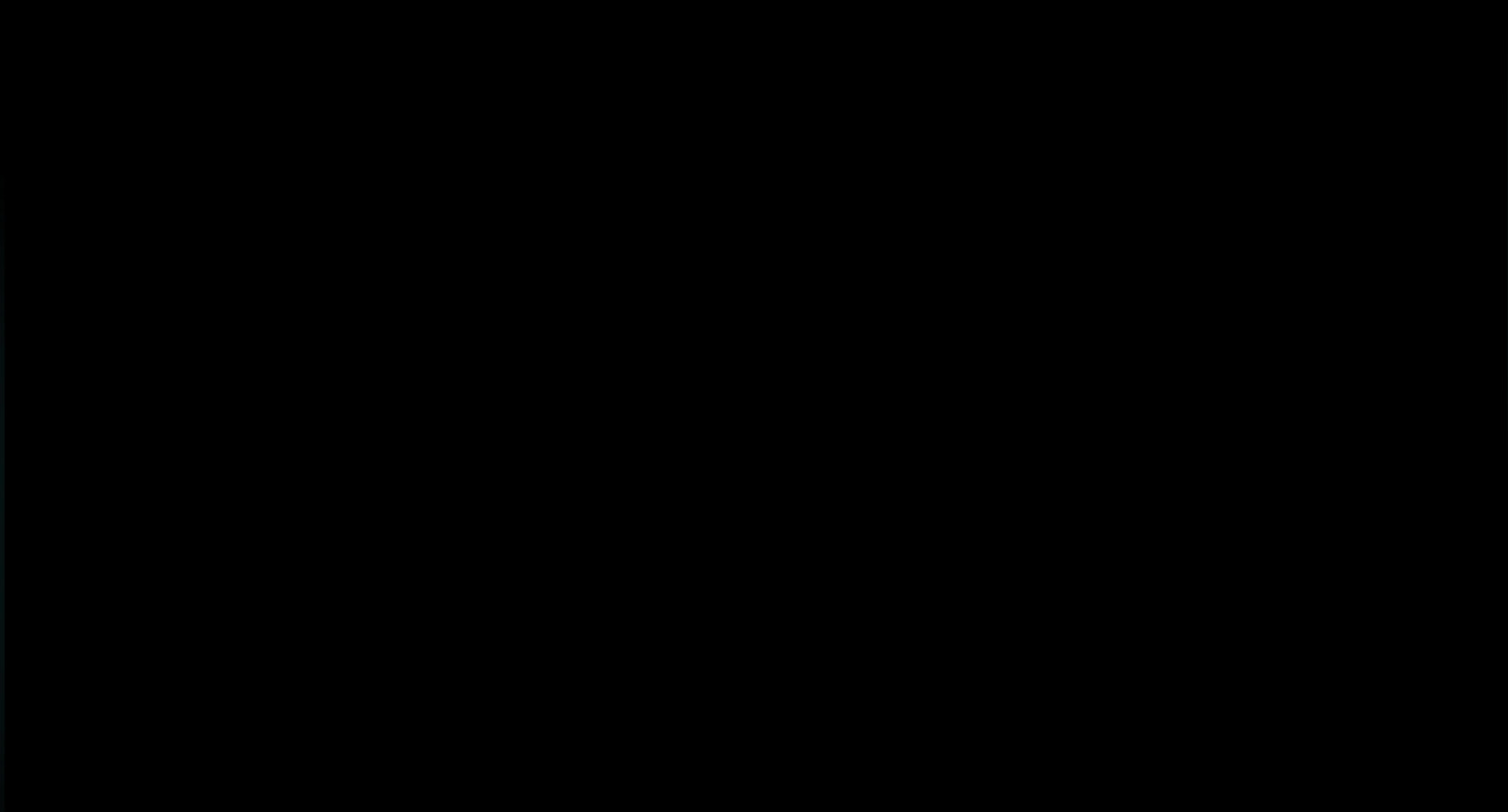
# The Need to Educate

Create a documentary that educates its viewers about the concept of corruption through an intersectional lens, with a case study of the NYC Department of Investigation. Inform the viewer on the need to see corruption through an intersectional lens, in terms of its effects on various categories of the population. Focus on the NYC Department of Investigation as a tool to fight it and explore its efficacy. Finally, move back to reflect on the position of the United States in terms of corruption, in comparison to the Middle East.





# The Film: a Preview



# Research Methods: #1, The Interviews



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# Research Methods: #2, The Articles

Back to the roots

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# Feminist Leadership Through Documentary Filmmaking

- Filmmaking: a powerful tool
- Interpersonal Skills
- Collaborative Leadership
- Confidence
- Risk-taking



# Lessons Learned & Insights Gained

## *General*

- The importance of time-management
- The power of persistence
- The workings of government
- Awareness of my status in a government workplace

## *Film-specific*

- Filmmaking
- Awareness of copyright issues
- Working with new software, new equipment
- The importance of allotting time to finding relevant video content
- Making a documentary suited for the 2010s

# Impact: current and projected

## Current status:

- Impact on me: I feel more informed, more confident about my knowledge on the topic
- Impact on my interviewees: solid connections with my interviewees, who are eager to see the final project

## Projected impact:

- The first documentary of its kind
- Shows the intersectionality of the topic of corruption
- Relevant to the current state of affairs
- Views



# It doesn't stop here...

- Corruption Awareness Lectures
- Flyers
- Tabling



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