

# **Sentencing disparities for female and male sexual offending in Queensland: Do they exist, and what is the impact?**

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# Aim, Data, & Method

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- **Aim:** How does perpetrator gender influence Judge's perceptions of convicted sexual offenders in Queensland?
- **Data:** 18 sentencing remarks (matched cases:  $n = 9$  MSOs;  $n = 9$  FSOs)
- **Analytic Approach:** Thematic analysis

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# Results: Thematic Analysis

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**Theme 1:  
Perceptions of  
FSOs are dictated  
by crime severity**

**Theme 2: Gender  
Difference in  
Contrition**

**Theme 2: Parental  
Abuse of Trust**

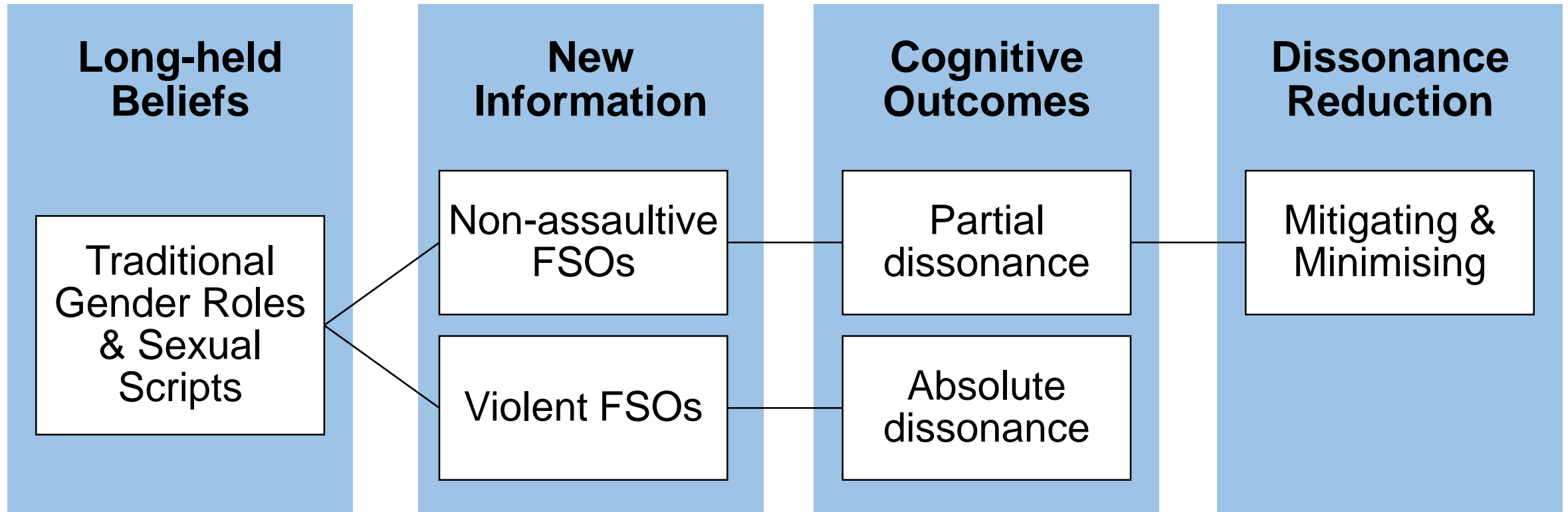
**Subtheme:  
Reduced  
culpability of non-  
assaultive FSOs**

**Subtheme:  
Villainised violent  
FSOs**

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# Explanatory Model & Conclusion



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