

**Seton Hall Sports Poll:
53% Think Bullying Widespread Throughout Sports**

Only 13% Say Incognito 'Most at Fault' Among All Miami Parties

S. Orange, NJ, November 21, 2013 --- Americans believe that the Rich Incognito/Jonathan Martin controversy is indicative of a broader problem throughout sports.

In a Seton Hall Sports Poll conducted this week, 53% said bullying is a widespread problem throughout sports, with only 25% saying it was not.

37% felt the issue was part of a broader NFL problem, while only 13% felt it was isolated to the Dolphins, and 17% felt it was not a problem at all.

As for the Dolphins controversy, only 13% singled out Richie Incognito as "most at fault" in the bullying story, compared to 4% naming Jonathan Martin, 16% citing the coaching staff, 2% the Dolphin players, and 34% naming "all of the above."

And yet, even though so few singled out Incognito as most at fault, 46% agreed with his being suspended, with only 22% opposing it.

The poll was based on random phone calls to landlines and cellphones across the United States, in which 808 adults participated. The results have a +/- margin of error of 3.5%).

"There are a lot of layers to this," noted Rick Gentile, director of the poll, which is sponsored by The Sharkey Institute, "The public is saying that the Martin/Incognito controversy is just one incident in a much broader societal problem and is not caught up in blaming either one of them."

One in three respondents - 32% - said the attention that the situation has received would help eliminate bullying in sports. (43% said it would have no effect).

Asked if NFL players and athletes in general should be held to the same behavioral standards in the locker room as the general public is in the workplace, 65% said yes to just 18% saying no.

Only 35% felt Martin should have continued to deal with the issue and not left the team. 63% feel he should resume his career, but only 26% feel it should be with the Dolphins.

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About the poll:

This poll was conducted by telephone November 18-20 , 2013 among 808 adults in the United States.

Phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus 3.0 percentage points. The error for subgroups may be higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

The Seton Hall Sports Poll has been conducted regularly since 2006.

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The results:

1. Which news story would you say you have been following more closely:
The roll out of Obamacare, the NFL controversy involving Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito of the Miami Dolphins or the typhoon disaster in the Philippines?

1. Obamacare	59
2. Martin/Incognito	9
3. Typhoon	26
4. Other	6

2. Richie Incognito has been suspended for bullying his Miami Dolphins teammate Jonathan Martin, who has left the team. How much attention have you been paying to the Jonathan Martin/Richie Incognito controversy, a lot, some, a little or none at all?

1. A lot	9
2. Some	32
3. A little	25
4. None at all	34

3. Do you think Incognito should have been suspended for bullying a teammate?

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| 1. Yes | 46 |
| 2. No | 22 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 32 |

4. Do you think Jonathan Martin should have continued to deal with the issue himself and not left the team?

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| 1. Yes | 35 |
| 2. No | 31 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 35 |

5. Who do you think is most at fault in the Miami Dolphin situation, Jonathan Martin, Richie Incognito, the coaching staff, the Dolphin players, all equally or are none at fault?

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| 1. Martin | 4 |
| 2. Incognito | 13 |
| 3. Coaching staff | 16 |
| 4. Dolphin players | 2 |
| 5. All | 34 |
| 6. None | 2 |
| 7. Don't know/refuse to answer | 29 |

6. The NFL has begun an investigation of the situation in Miami. Do you think the league is handling this controversy properly, overreacting or not doing enough?

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| 1. Handling properly | 31 |
| 2. Overreacting | 16 |
| 3. Not doing enough | 19 |
| 4. Don't know/refuse to answer | 34 |

7. Do you think the culture inside the Miami Dolphins' locker room is indicative of a broader problem throughout the league, isolated to the Dolphins or not a problem at all?

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| 1. Broader problem | 37 |
| 2. Isolated to Dolphins | 13 |
| 3. Not a problem | 17 |
| 4. Don't know/refuse to answer | 33 |

8. Do you think racism was a factor in Incognito's actions?

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| 1. Yes | 20 |
| 2. No | 43 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 36 |

9. Jonathan Martin has said he intends to eventually continue his NFL career. Do you think other players in the NFL will accept him after this controversy?

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| 1. Yes | 47 |
| 2. No | 22 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 32 |

10. Do you think he SHOULD resume his NFL career?

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| 1. Yes | 63 |
| 2. No | 13 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 25 |

11. If Jonathan Martin continues his NFL career, do you think he should continue to play for the Miami Dolphins?

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| 1. Yes | 26 |
| 2. No | 42 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 33 |

12. Do you think NFL players, and athletes in general, should be held to the same behavioral standards in the locker room as the general public is in the workplace?

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| 1. Yes | 65 |
| 2. No | 18 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 17 |

13. Do you think bullying is a widespread problem throughout sports?

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| 1. Yes | 53 |
| 2. No | 25 |
| 3. Don't know/refuse to answer | 22 |

14. Do you think the attention this situation has received will help eliminate bullying in sports, increase bullying in sports or have no effect?

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| 1. Help eliminate | 32 |
| 2. Increase | 6 |
| 3. No effect | 43 |
| 4. Don't know/refuse to answer | 20 |

15. Which best describes your own experience, I was a bully, I was bullied, I was a peacemaker or I was none of these?

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| 1. Bully | 6 |
| 2. Bullied | 20 |
| 3. Peacemaker | 37 |
| 4. None of these | 37 |

16. How closely do you follow sports, very closely, closely, not closely or not at all?

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| 1. Very closely | 25 |
| 2. Closely | 31 |
| 3. Not closely | 31 |
| 4. Not at all | 14 |