

## **Sexual Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors: Relationships with Family History, Religiosity, and Media Exposure Informed Consent Form**

### **Purpose of the Study:**

This is a study being conducted for PSY 421: Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis for the Social Sciences. Conducting this study will fulfill the requirements of this course, which is required of all psychology majors. We are studying how religiosity, media exposure, type of sex education, and family experiences influence sexual attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge.

### **Procedures:**

You will be asked to complete one packet containing a six-part questionnaire, which will take 45-60 minutes to complete. Basic demographic information (sex, sibling numbers, family structure, etc.) will be gathered first, followed by the six other parts: one asks about your religious beliefs and practices, one asks about your use of various media, one asks about your relationship with family siblings and experiences with sex education, and the final part provides information about your sexual attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge. You will be assured privacy as you complete this questionnaire and when you are finished you will place your answer sheet in an unmarked envelope and drop it in a box as you exit the room. When you submit your answer sheet you will pick up a study debriefing form located next to the drop-box.

### **Benefits of this Study:**

By participating in this study you will be helping us to understand the relationships between various personal and social factors and sexual attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge. In turn, this understanding can help us in developing approaches to sex education that will provide our youth with a healthy and accurate perspective on sex. In addition, some participants may receive extra credit points for a class, as approved by the course instructor.

### **Risks or discomforts:**

A possibility of discomfort exists due to the sensitive nature of the questions relating to your personal sexual encounters. You are free to skip any questions or withdraw completely from the study at any point in time. If you do decide to quit before completing a questionnaire, your answers will not be recorded for use in this study and your answer sheet will be shredded.

### **Confidentiality:**

Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Your responses will not be paired with any form of personal identifiers. Names and student IDs will not be recorded on any of the research materials (questionnaire and answer sheet). Basic demographic information will be requested (e.g., sex, sibling numbers, family structure, etc.) but this information will not be used to identify you. All answer sheets will be kept in a locked file cabinet in the Social Science department where only the researchers and faculty sponsor have access. Once the data has been entered into a spread sheet for analysis, all answer sheets will be shredded. Responses will be summarized as a group and no individual responses will be singled out.

### **Decision to quit at any time:**

You have the right to withdraw from this study at any time. If you do decide to discontinue, you may leave your questionnaire where you are sitting and exit the room. Your questionnaire will not be used for data collection and it will be shredded. If you are receiving extra credit for your participation, full credit points will still be given.

### **How the findings will be used:**

The results will be used in a final research report for PSY 421 in addition to presenting the findings at an all-campus forum on Thursday, April 12, 2007 in the Student Center Ballrooms from 3:00 to 5:30pm.

### **Contact information:** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the following individuals:

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**Your signature below shows that you understand the above and agree to participate in this study.**

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign your name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_