

Awareness and Attitudinal Survey

This survey was created to raise awareness around sexual assault issues and it is intended to challenge individual thoughts and beliefs and get people to look at their own value system as well as critically think about how these community attitudes create barriers to address the overall problem. This awareness and attitude survey can be used a part of a public awareness event or self-reflection tool in hopes that it will create discussion around sexual assault and sexual violence.

Instructions: please give a detailed response to the following statements:

1. I'd be more sympathetic with an elderly rape victim than a younger victim who had been out alone at a bar.
2. A young woman who was raped discovers she is pregnant and comes to you for assistance. What would you suggest?
3. Incest is least likely to occur in a family with regular church attendance and strong religious connections.
4. Sometimes a man rapes his date because he is sexually frustrated and doesn't know how to openly communicate his feelings and needs.
5. A man calls on the crisis line and states he was just raped by another man. How would you handle this?
6. A woman becomes a lesbian because of an unfulfilled sexual relationship with a man.
7. Rapist and sexual predators are always the creepy guys in cars.
8. A rape victim doesn't want to participate in prosecution of the perpetrator.
9. Women cannot rape other women.
10. Rape is caused by the sexual abuse of children.
11. In an AA group you hear a person state they drink because they were sexually abused – are they making excuses?
12. The only way to tell if sexual assault is a problem is by the number of police reports that are filed.
13. Women will say, "I was raped by so-and-so" just because they are jealous and vindictive.

14. Only children that were molested grow-up to be gay and lesbian and molest other children.
15. Families don't talk about sexual assault because they are afraid of what other people might think.
16. Sexual harassment does occur between heterosexual men.
17. Thinking of women only as sex objects is what leads to rape.
18. Prostitution is not a form of rape because the women get paid to do it.
19. If there is not penetration then sexual abuse did not occur.
20. People that are raped or sexually assaulted don't say anything because they are unsure of what will happen if they do.
21. It is just as wrong not to report sexual abuse, as it is to commit the crime.

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