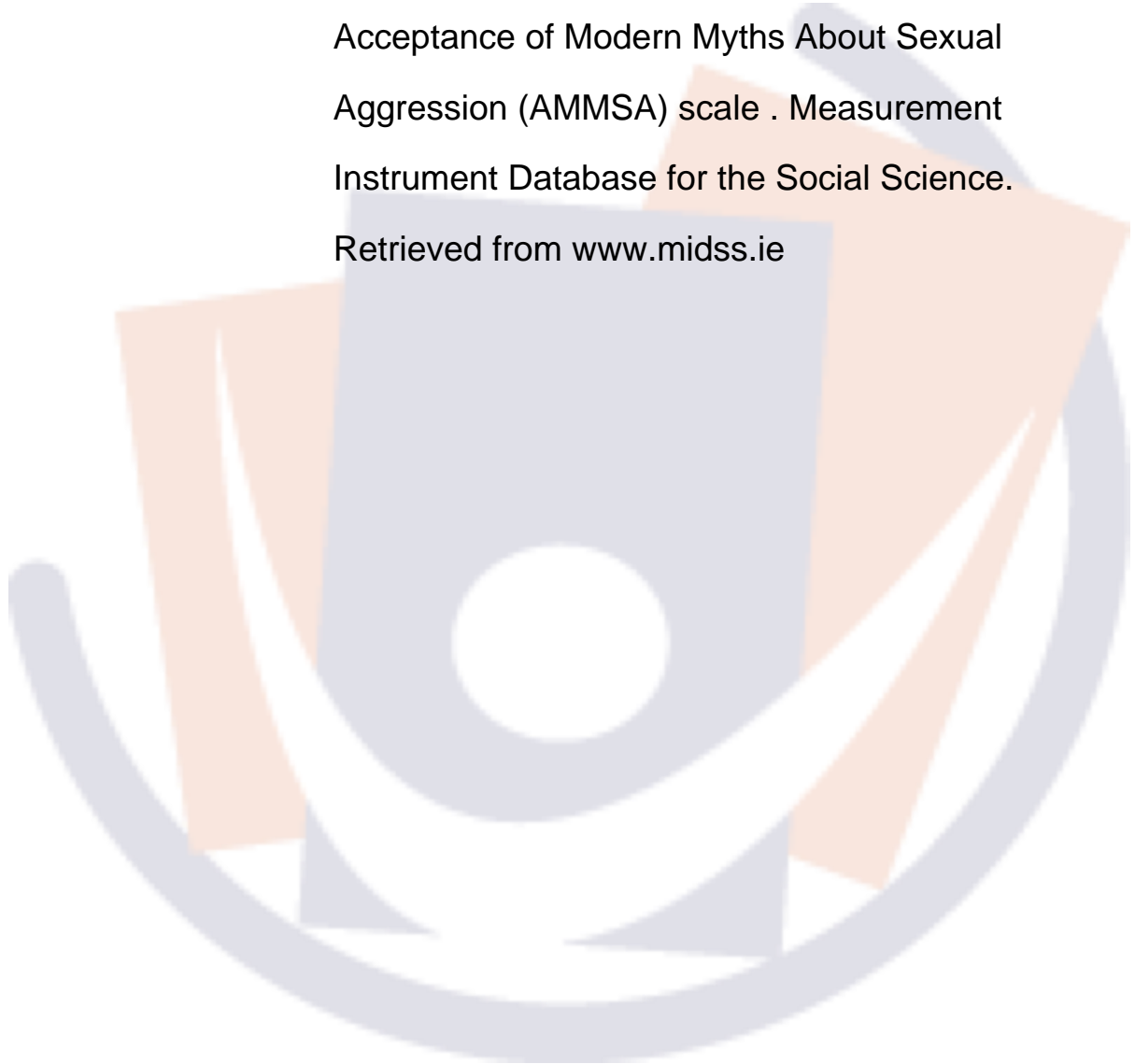


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Dear Participant,

First of all thank you for your willingness to participate in our study.

We assure you that all information will be held strictly confidential and anonymous. Please answer all questions honestly and carefully, as this is of great importance for the success of our study.

You will be presented with a set of statements and asked to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each. There are no right or wrong answers – we are only interested in your personal opinion.

Please read each statement carefully and then circle that number from 1 to 7 that you feel best represents your opinion. The points on the scale have the following meaning:

- 1 = completely disagree
- 2 = disagree
- 3 = disagree somewhat
- 4 = neutral
- 5 = agree somewhat
- 6 = agree
- 7 = completely agree

For example:

It snows in winter.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

In this example the answer of 5 would indicate that you agree somewhat with the statement but not entirely (for example, because it does not snow everywhere and all the time in winter).

Please use the complete range of the scale to express your exact opinion.

1. When it comes to sexual contacts, women expect men to take the lead.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
2. Once a man and a woman have started "making out", a woman's misgivings against sex will automatically disappear.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
3. A lot of women strongly complain about sexual infringements for no real reason, just to appear emancipated.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
4. To get custody for their children, women often falsely accuse their ex-husband of a tendency towards sexual violence.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
5. Interpreting harmless gestures as "sexual harassment" is a popular weapon in the battle of the sexes.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
6. It is a biological necessity for men to release sexual pressure from time to time.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
7. After a rape, women nowadays receive ample support.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
8. Nowadays, a large proportion of rapes is partly caused by the depiction of sexuality in the media as this raises the sex drive of potential perpetrators.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
9. If a woman invites a man to her home for a cup of coffee after a night out this means that she wants to have sex.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
10. As long as they don't go too far, suggestive remarks and allusions simply tell a woman that she is attractive.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree
11. Any woman who is careless enough to walk through "dark alleys" at night is partly to be blamed if she is raped.
completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

12. When a woman starts a relationship with a man, she must be aware that the man will assert his right to have sex.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

13. Most women prefer to be praised for their looks rather than their intelligence.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

14. Because the fascination caused by sex is disproportionately large, our society's sensitivity to crimes in this area is disproportionate as well.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

15. Women like to play coy. This does not mean that they do not want sex.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

16. Many women tend to exaggerate the problem of male violence.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

17. When a man urges his female partner to have sex, this cannot be called rape.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

18. When a single woman invites a single man to her flat she signals that she is not averse to having sex.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

19. When politicians deal with the topic of rape, they do so mainly because this topic is likely to attract the attention of the media.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

20. When defining "marital rape", there is no clear-cut distinction between normal conjugal intercourse and rape.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

21. A man's sexuality functions like a steam boiler – when the pressure gets too high, he has to "let off steam".

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

22. Women often accuse their husbands of marital rape just to retaliate for a failed relationship.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

23. The discussion about sexual harassment on the job has mainly resulted in many a harmless behavior being misinterpreted as harassment.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

24. In dating situations the general expectation is that the woman "hits the brakes" and the man "pushes ahead".

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

25. Although the victims of armed robbery have to fear for their lives, they receive far less psychological support than do rape victims.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

26. Alcohol is often the culprit when a man rapes a woman.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

27. Many women tend to misinterpret a well-meant gesture as a "sexual assault".

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

28. Nowadays, the victims of sexual violence receive sufficient help in the form of women's shelters, therapy offers, and support groups.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

29. Instead of worrying about alleged victims of sexual violence society should rather attend to more urgent problems, such as environmental destruction.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree

30. Nowadays, men who really sexually assault women are punished justly.

completely disagree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 completely agree