Extra Credit Research Participation Activity  
Primary Investigator/Contact: Jessica Harvey

You are eligible to participate in this study if you are 18-19 years of age. The maximum amount of time that you should anticipate spending on this study is 3 hours. You will receive 10 points extra credit in your communication course for your participation in the focus group.

This study is designed to find out what teenagers know or have learned about romantic relationships throughout their teenage years. Currently, we do not know a lot about romantic relationships during the teenage years, although these types of relationships usually develop during this time. Therefore, this research project is designed to find out where you have learned about romantic relationships and how you think about these types of relationships. For example, sources of this information may include talking with a parent, friends, siblings or reading Internet websites.

If you decide to participate in this study, you will be a part of a focus group comprised of approximately 6-7 undergraduate students. The focus group session will be videotaped and later transcribed by the primary researcher.

The focus group will involve questions posed by a researcher, followed by a discussion with the participants of the group.

The focus groups will be videotaped and then the discussion will be transcribed.

Several of the topics of discussion during the focus group sessions are as follows:

1. During your teenage years, where do you feel that you learned information about romantic relationships?
2. What types of messages, if any, do you feel that you received from your friends about romantic relationships?
3. What do you think is the most important information you have learned about romantic relationships?

If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions, this project may be something that you should not participate in. If you are interested in participating in this study or if you have any questions about this study, please contact the primary investigator, Jessica Harvey. You can reach me at (602) 369-6776 – or – jessharv@u.washington.edu. Please be aware that I cannot ensure the confidentiality of any information that is sent through email.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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