

## **Reducing sexual violence projects**

These studies are important for tackling high rates of sexual violence and misperceptions about sexual consent, sexual behaviours, attitudes towards rape and sexual assault and changing the law, court processes and better policing.

All studies will have an information sheet, a consent form and a debrief sheet. These documents will outline additional information about each study. Support services and researchers contact details will also be provided. Please note you can withdraw from any study at any point.

### **Project 1: Dating Apps**

This study aims to explore why people use dating apps and why people think their peers would use dating apps. At first ask participants will be asked to complete demographic information followed by 3 sections. Section 1 will ask participants about their dating app usage. Section 2 will ask participants to state why they use dating apps and then why they think their peers would use that dating app. Section 3 will ask participants to comment on whether they have felt pressured to engage in sexual activities and the ease for obtaining consent. These questions will be asked in relation to participants' first and second preferred dating app. This questionnaire can take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

#### **Requirements**

All participants must be 17 years or older and must have used a dating app previously (any dating app is applicable).

#### **Prize draw**

Participants who wish to enter in the prize draw, could win a £50 voucher. To enter: provide an email address and complete the questionnaire.

#### **Link to Study**

To access the study, please click this link:

- [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3Wa43GnK7LzU0U](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Wa43GnK7LzU0U)

### **Project 2: Language to communicate consent**

This study aims to examine how do people communicate sexual consent and various sexual activities in person and on a dating app? This questionnaire focuses on the language people use to communicate oral sex, sexual intercourse and consent in person (offline situation) and on their most preferred dating app. At first ask participants will be asked to complete demographic information Section 1 will ask participants to comment what

language (e.g., words, gestures, body language) they use, and their peers might use to communicate oral sex, sexual intercourse and consent in person. Section 2 will ask participants to comment what language (e.g., words, emojis) they use, and their peers might use to communicate oral sex, sexual intercourse and consent on a dating app. This questionnaire can take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.

#### Requirements

All participants must be 17 years or older. Please note even if you have never used a dating app you are welcome to just complete the first part of the study (in person sections).

#### Prize draw

Participants who wish to enter in the prize draw, could win a £50 voucher. To enter: provide an email address.

#### Link to Study

To access the study, please click this link:

- [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4YkTqfCGYmJTMwt](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YkTqfCGYmJTMwt)

### **Project 3: Tinder Study**

This research aims to explore (1) how rape myth acceptance impacts people's perception, intentions and ease of obtaining consent of different types of Tinder profile pictures (selfie vs non-selfie and fully clothed vs semi-clothed). (2) What are people's perceptions for giving and obtaining consent after viewing Tinder conversations that communicate sexual-related behaviours. This questionnaire can take approximately 15 minutes to complete. To begin, participants will be asked to complete demographic information. Section one will ask participants to comment on why they use Tinder. Section two will ask participants to state whether they strongly agree to strongly disagree about statements related to sexual violence. Section three will ask participants to comment on a series of Tinder profile pictures about their perception, intention and ease of consent. Section four will ask participants to read a series of Tinder conversations and to comment on whether consent has been given or obtained in the Tinder conversation.

#### Requirements

All participants must be 17 years or older and must have used or are using Tinder (the dating app).

#### Prize draw

Participants who wish to enter in the prize draw, could win 1 of 2 £50 vouchers. To enter: provide an email address and complete the study.

#### Link to Study

To complete this study, please click on either of the links:

1. [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b7x84nfag71kZXU](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7x84nfag71kZXU)
2. [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cwnh7wCmhhOYr0W](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cwnh7wCmhhOYr0W)

### **Project 4: Understanding sexual consent**

This study aims to explore (1) whether obtaining consent is a habitual behaviour and (2) to investigate people's typical sexual scenarios for obtaining consent for different sexual activities in different relationship types. This questionnaire can take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. will first ask participants to complete demographic information. Next, participants will comment on statements about obtaining consent for oral sex and sexual intercourse using a 5-point scale. Afterwards, participants will be ask to describe their typical sexual scenarios for (1) obtaining consent, (2) kissing, (3) oral sex and (4) sexual intercourse when in a different type of relationship (e.g., casual sexual relationship, dating relationship and in a relationship). Definitions about terms will be provided in the questionnaire. These responses will be text-based.

#### *Requirements*

Participants must be 16 years or older and must have engaged in kissing, oral sex and sexual intercourse at some point in their life.

#### *Prize draw*

Participants who wish to enter in the prize draw, could win 1 £50 voucher. To enter: provide an email address and complete the whole study.

#### *Link to study*

To access the study, please click this link:

- [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cGFpLotdEHTtdWd](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cGFpLotdEHTtdWd)

### **Project 5: Attitudes to Rape**

There are an estimated 97,000 rapes a year in the UK alone, yet the conviction rate for rape is only 5.7% for those reported cases. We aim to understand the kind of person that is more or less likely to give a guilty verdict when under different levels of uncertainty. You will be asked to complete a survey that lasts about 90 minutes (Survey 1), 30 minutes (Survey 2), 15 minutes (Survey 3), and 30 minutes (Survey 4).

#### *Requirements*

We are looking for males and females over 18 (no upper age limit) with no history of sexual violence and/or being convicted of a sexual offense.

#### *Prize draw*

Participants can be entered into a prize draw for £50 of Amazon vouchers for each survey. To enter: provide an email address and complete the whole study.

*[Link to study](#)*

To access the survey and see the information sheet, please click on the link below:

1. Survey 1: [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0JMFJ6hKHVCtMFL](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0JMFJ6hKHVCtMFL)
2. Survey 2: [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8376rQxTnbR69Ap](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8376rQxTnbR69Ap)
3. Survey 3: [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eFdJy52bEUopCpE](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eFdJy52bEUopCpE)
4. Survey 4: [https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9yi40Db9rYCStBl](https://bournemouthpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9yi40Db9rYCStBl)

### **Project 6: Court Processes**

Researchers are currently using mock trials (mootings) to investigate how various court processes impact on trial outcomes. By replicating the court process, but systematically manipulating the presentation of some information (such as judge's directions, expert witnesses, characteristics of the perpetrator, and jury make up), we are able to garner a deeper understanding of what factors lead to guilty or not guilty verdicts. This work is being carried out in collaboration with the Law Department at Bournemouth University.

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