**RESPONSE FORM #5**

**“Sexuality / Social Class”**

Homophobia is a central component of contemporary definitions of adolescent masculinity. Fag is considered as lack of masculinity in both sexualized and non-sexualized meanings, and boys often use this term to insult others. However, lesbians do not receive hatred as the fags do, although both are homosexuals. Fag discourse is gendered and racialized means it is more seen in boys, and among whites, respectively. Fag fluidity is very low, and boys constantly strive to avoid the permanently inhabiting the fag position. Dichotomous definition of sexual orientation for women is bipolar, with heterosexual women at one extreme and lesbians on the other. Bisexuality is considered either non-existent or a transitional phase between heterosexuality and lesbianism. However, continuous definition describes sexual orientation as multidimensional with each individual having a unique sexual identity and attractions which can change over time. Social inequality is associated with greater number of deaths among those who are lower in a social hierarchy. Health inequality does not only mean differential access to health-care but also environmental and occupational hazards, injuries, and other risk factors. Both income and status inequality are associated with poor health. Thus, inequality kills and it starts from the bottom. There are many myths of the “Culture of Poverty”, like poor have weak work ethics; they do not value education; they are drug and alcohol abusers, etc. All these myths are wrong. Both poor and wealthy people share common behaviors. Contrary to it, “Culture of Classism” exists with its deficit theory which justifies the social inequalities by claiming that poverty is because of one’s own moral and intellectual deficiencies rather than social causes.

**Question no. 1**

Why fag discourse is less prevalent in girls?

**Question no. 2**

Why myths of ‘Culture of Poverty’ are still present despite of research evidences that no such behavioral differences are present between poor and rich?