*Interviewer:* So just a little icebreaker before we move forward. Are all of you guys video game players? Yes, No, Maybe so, Yeah?

*Participant:*  Actually I’m not

*Interviewer:* You’re not? (laughing)

*Participant:*  I’m not. (laughing)

*Interviewer:* I’m not either. ( *all laughing).* So, if you can be one video game character who would you be and why? So I’m going to start over here.

*Participant 1:*  Oh really?

*Interviewer:* Yeah (*laughing*)

*Participant 1:*  Um, oh goodness gracious. I don’t know I just bought the Halo 5 for the XBOX one, so the main character in that and the whole Halo series is Master Chief, um so probably Master Chief.

*Interviewer:* Why?

*Participant 1:*  Um, he, I think he is honorable and even though he sometimes goes against what people believe, he doesn’t give up his own ethical values and he acts on those..

*Interviewer:* Cool. Awesome. What about you my non-player? (*laughing*)

*Participant 2:*  My goodness, your information was great, mine’s not as deep as that. Um, probably Super Mario..

*Interviewer:* Old school.

*Participant 2:*  Yeah that’s one of my favorite video games. Um, I don’t know I guess I associate that with fun and that’s what I grew up playing, if I ever did play a video game. He was always the best at Super Mario Kart, so.

*Interviewer:* He’s like the original OG, like yeah.

*Participant 2:*  Yeah seriously, yeah.

*Interviewer:* Okay, Awesome. What about you?

*Participant 3:* I was actually going to say Super Mario, but he already took that. I think that for people who don’t play video games, that’s like the one video game that everybody’s played.

*Interviewer:* Yeah.

*Participant 3:*  Um, I had a Play Station 1,, um that a neighbor got for us, and that was the only game that we had for it, and that was the only game we played so that’s who I would, have gone with that.

*Interviewer:* Okay. Awesome. SO what about you?

*Participant 4:*  I don’t play that many video games as well. (*all laughing)*. But if I do, it would be sports games, I don’t have like a specific character, but I do know that when I create myself in a sports game, I make sure that everything is 99 or 100%. And it would be like a basketball player, yeah.

*Interviewer:* Now, I should have said before, that mobile games do apply, so if you were like a candy crusher, I don’t know if you have character’s in that but

*Participant 2:*  Ohhh Angry birds.

*Interviewer:* Angry birds yeah, so you could change yours and you can be angry birds and he can be Super Mario?

*Participant 2:*  Yes there you go. Sure.

*Interviewer:* Okay. So any type of like athletic basketball player is probably what you would, probably take to.

*Participant 4:*  Yeah, that’s what I would do.

*Interviewer:* Okay, awesome. So what about you?

*Participant 5:*  Um, I’d probably go with Yoshi. .

*Interviewer:* Yoshi, hmmm.

*Participant 5:*  Yeah, I like Yoshi. He jumps high, he eats healthy, uh hes kind of like Mario’s little dog and I like dogs so.

*Interviewer:* *(Laughing)*

*Participant ?:*  Just in dinosaur form?

*Participant 5:*  Yeah exactly. Like man’s best friend.

*Interviewer:* Okay moving on. Yeah man’s best friend. I don’t play anything so I am not even going to answer this question, like it is so far beyond me. But moving on to a heavy but not really heavy, somewhat heavy, still tied to the topic area, what do you know or don’t know about the HPV virus? And I am going to start over here to my right.

*Participant 1:*  What I don’t..?

*Interviewer:* Do or do not know.

*Participant 1:*  I don’t know much.

*Interviewer:* You don’t know much?

*Participant 1:*  Mm-mmm.

*Interviewer:* What do you know?

*Participant 1:*  Um, I know that, or I think I know, um that its, probably a bigger issue in women than like what it can do, at least that’s what I’ve perceived. I think that from what I’ve heard, I don’t really feel that susceptible to it.

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 1:*  I really don’t have any knowledge on the virus.

*Interviewer:* Okay. What about you?

*Participant 2:*  Um, yeah I don’t really know that much either. Um I’m pretty sure that it is the most common STI. Um, but I think similar to Paul, my perceived threat is like low.

*Interviewer:* And why is that do you think?

*Participant 2:*  Again I think its just because you hear a lot about how it can disrupt and how bad it is for a female but you don’t really hear about what are some of the negative effects of HPV for males, and actually I don’t know of any. Not that there aren’t any.

*Interviewer:* Yeah, okay. What about you?

*Participant 3:*  I may have a little bit of knowledge because um, in high school before I came here my doctor wanted me to get the vaccine. My mom is a very, um, she’s a biologist and into biology so she does all the research and she decided she didn’t want me to have it, um because at the time it was really new, and um she felt that it was, um although men have a, it affects men, it affects mostly women as they said. And so it wasn’t something that she thought I needed at the time. So that’s my little knowledge. Pretty much.

*Interviewer:* Okay. So what about you?

*Participant 4:*  Um I’m similar to everyone here, I’ve heard very little about it, and I do, I mean I remember taking some health classes that uh, I hear mostly affects girls, you know women in the young age. So it’s not something that I perceive as a, I mean I perceive as susceptible to it. So that’s probably what I yeah.

*Interviewer:* Okay, what about you?

*Participant 5:*  Yeah similar theme uh. I don’t know much about it. I actually didn’t even know men could get it till last week so, yeah. It’s never been brought up as an issue to me, um by my doctor, my parents, anyone. Um, yeah so its never really been on my radar. .

*Interviewer:* Okay. So kind of the flip side of that, what do you know or don’t know about the vaccine? I know you touched upon this earlier on how your mom being a biologist kind of knows a little bit more so her, her knowledge can influence your decision to get it or not get it. Well you didn’t have a decision and she probably took it for you, um but what about the others in the group. So you know much about the vaccine? Like what do you know and what do you not know?

*Participant 1:*  I thought that most girls were practically required to get it. Um and I think it was only recommended for guys. If we even talked about, we offered it to guys if they wanted, with all of us not really knowing what was going on. Like why would we go get a shot so.

*Interviewer:*  Yeah, and what about you?

*Participant 2:*  Um I think before hearing your defense, I didn’t really know what there was like oh get a vaccination for HPV. That was like totally new and different for me, like I didn’t even know that was a thing really, yeah.

*Interviewer:* Okay what about you? Anything you want to add since you touched on this earlier?

*Participant 3:*  I mean um,..

*Interviewer:* Since your mom’s experience have you learned anything? Research for yourself?

*Participant 3:*  No not really. I think I left t alone after that. It hasn’t bothered me and I really haven’t looked into it.

*Interviewer:* Okay and what about you?

*Participant 4:*  The only thing I heard of is it probably like causes cervical cancer in women and that’s about it. Its not something I’ve been through. . *(laughing)*

*Interviewer:* He’s like I don’t have a cervix why should I care. *(laughing).* And what about you?

*Participant 5:*  Um, I know that there are um, several different like strains of the HPV and that the vaccination doesn’t cover all of them but I think it covers like the most prominent ones or the most prevalent ones I guess. Um but same thing, as he said, you know I knew that it could cause cervical cancer, and like I said before it just really wasn’t on my radar because I don’t have a cervix.

*Interviewer:* Have you heard of any information relating to cancer in men at all? Related to the HPV? No?

***All muttering no all around.***

*Interviewer:* Okay. Interesting. So we touched a little bit on men not being perceived to be a threat or susceptible to HPV what are some of the other preconceived notions about the HPV vaccine in particular college age men have besides, cancer’s not a threat for me so why should I get something that is recommended? So you think there are any other notions related to the vaccine?

*Participant 1:*  In terms of like time it would take for me to go to the doctor and get the shot?

*Interviewer:* Whatever you can think about at the time.

*Participant 1:*  That’s probably the only thing I can think about at this time in addition to, I mean I didn’t even think about getting the vaccine if today they said Paul you have to go get this vaccine. The only thing I would say was that if I had to do it then this is going to be an inconvenience so I’m going to try and find the time to go get it at this point but I mean, yeah that’s probably the biggest barrier for me.

*Interviewer:* Any other barriers that you can think of or that flag your mind?

*Participant 3:*  I think that one thing my mom was worried about was that the newness of the vaccine. It wasn’t fully tested. Um, very similar to when they had the polio vaccine um and you know what happened with that. So that’s where I would look at from that aspect as how new is it and how much has it been tested. Um what are the side effects of getting this, that type of thing.

*Interviewer:* Okay. Yeah?

*Participant 4:*  Um I would say as well probably one of the biggest fears is education like knowledge-wise, we don’t know fully about it. We don’t know when we would seek it out. We don’t even know if there are any side effects or not knowing that I don’t think I would even take it you know.

*Interviewer:* This is interesting hearing your perspective, because I think even for women we don’t still necessarily know the side-effects we know cervical cancer is something that is important and that we want to prevent it so we risk getting the vaccine, whereas for men even though it can be linked to penile, anal or oral cancer or genital warts, well we don’t know the side effects of the vaccine so I’d rather deal with any of these issues than get it. So that’s interesting. Anything else you want to add to the conversation about what men may have preconceived notion or what may be a barrier for them?

*Participant 5:*  Um, I don’t know, its not really in my case, but its possible that a preconceived notion that may have is that by women getting the vaccination it kind of covers them too. .

*Interviewer:* Okay, yeah. Interesting. Uh so kind of segueing back, we kind off touched earlier on the video game. We are going to go back into topics which are not related, HPV and video games, because we are trying to merge it. Its okay to separate because a lot of people still don’t get it. But I’m going to ask you a few questions back and forth. So you said you don’t really play video games, um I think the other 4 of you guys have some type of video game play. Its not just video games, mobile games count, facebook games count. I don’t know, so what type of games do you play and when we say type of games think more about the genre of the games that you play, like what type of games do you play, in general?

*Participant 1:*  I play like RPGs so that like Role playing games. Um, I guess I play a lot of first person shooters, big Guitar Hero and Rock Band fan. Um still play Pokemon.

*Interviewer:* *Laughing.* I didn’t even know it was still out.

*Participant 5:*  Still coming out with new ones.

*Interviewer:* Reallly?

*Participant 1:*  Um I play competitively so I guess yeah those are my games. Yeah but yeah that kind of falls into the role playing games anyway so.

*Interviewer:* So why do you like role playing games? Like what characteristics of role playing games do you like, like what draws you in?

*Participant 1:*  The freedom of getting to like choose, especially like the good ones where like uh allow you to kind of pick different routes so you aren’t going to play the same game over and over again. Um, theres just little bit more creative freedom and even with like first person shooters, the ones that like have the most customizability like with the characters are the ones that I find to be most appealing.

*Interviewer:* so you kind of like have a hand to play, like how the game, like the outcome of the game and how it works.

*Participant 1:*  Right. I like games where my experience is going to be different from all the other individuals who are going to be playing.

*Interviewer:* Awesome. What about you?

*Participant 2:*  If I were to be playing video games, just because I don’t have a lot of time, it would have to be something where I could just rapidly ascend from one level to the next. It couldn’t be something where I would have to spend you know hours upon hours of trying to beat one level or you know solve all these complex problems if I need to, you know like if I had only 20 minutes to play the game throughout the day, I want to be able to substantially get from one level to the next.

*Interviewer:* Okay. Awesome. What about you?

*Participant 3:*  The one game that I um actually remember playing, its on my phone, I just remembered, its called real racing. . That’s what I kind of stick with and it is very similar to what you said in the sense that you race the car, win whatever you need to win and you move onto the next level. So if for example if I was studying or something I would take a little break and finish a quick race and after that move on. In that way since I don’t have much time.

*Interviewer:* so when moving from one level to another, is the being able to get to another level enough of a reward for you or do you get badges or different awards in each level? Points?

*Participant 3:*  Well in the game um you get points, you get money, you get cars if you purchase the cars, so if it were me I would get caught up in trying to get the next car. But most of the time its trying to get through that one and get the money and move on, so.

*Interviewer:* okay what about you?

*Participant 4:*  It would have to be mostly sports games, um uh I like the aspect of you know, sort of like you can watch your own tv and you know now you get to experience it and stuff and I like to create my own character and put them on a team that I like. And I also like to do a season mode where I you know get the chance to play for a championship and stuff like that.

*Interviewer:* okay cool. Within the sports games do you play other players in real time, or is it pretty much like?

*Participant 4:*  I don’t do that but I have done that once. Its like an online game you would have to do that, but I can, I have played with friends sometimes and just compete like that.

*Interviewer:* Okay awesome. What about you?

*Participant 5:*  Um I would have to say probably my go to is First person shooters, um but also MMORPGs which are Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games. Um, I’d say what attracts me to the first person shooters is that its, usually the graphics are really vivid, which is pretty cool, its almost like real life. Um, it, a lot of times has easy breaking points, so you can play for 20 minutes when you have time and stop at your check point and then kind off move on and so something else if that’s what you want to do.. Um that’s probably what draws me to that. Its action based, its exciting. Um and the role playing games, um yeah just that creative freedom and not being tied down to play a game in one specific way. If everyone at this table were to play the same game it would be unlikely that we would all play it the same way. I like that freedom. Usually its like an open world sandbox thing where you can just go and draw even if has no purpose to the game.

*Interviewer:* What’s the one game where you can create the stories because I know another one that you were talking about, um its not coming to me, I’ve heard that you can create prostitutes and you can beat up prostitutes.

*Participants:*  Grand theft auto. .

*Interviewer:* Grand theft auto. *(laughing)*

*Participant 5:*  That’s probably one of my favorites.

*Interviewer:* *[Laughter]*

*Participant 5:*  It kind of merges both of those categories together.

*Interviewer:* The creativity and the players get to do whatever, like stop and go and okay. So what platforms do you traditionally play these games on?

*Participant 1:*  Um I have the DS which is the more mobile hand-held. I do play a couple of games on my phone, I mean I have kind of deviated from that due to lack of time and I’ve invested more money in my console games. Yeah I’ve got an XBOX1 and a PS4, both on day of release because my roommate was really big on those so we saved up and we both bought it. And now all the friends I’ve had through undergrad and now that we have all graduated, we all connect like once a week and we’ll get online and play a game together. So that’s our way of, yeah definitely. I mean I can still play and I do play by myself, I do have that time where I can kind of just do a story but I do a lot of that online.

*Interviewer:* Okay, what about you?

*Participant 2:*  I explicitly play games on my phone..

*Interviewer:* Really? Why? Why do you like playing?

*Participant 2:*  As far as free time is concerned, I would rather draw and paint or read, I wouldn’t, because yeah video games aren’t really something, I didn’t grow up playing them, I’m not good at them.

*Interviewer:* *Laughing*.

*Participant 2:*  Yeah I’m really bad at video games. Its not fun to lose all the time, so I just don’t do it.

*Interviewer:* I understand where you come from, I feel you, I feel you. I promise you. What about you?

*Participant 3:*  Same. Same yeah, I am not very good especially at role playing games, I’m not very good at, especially when I did I had the gun up in the air the whole time because I was (*inaudible).*

*Interviewer:* *Laughing.*

*Participant 3:*  Because I was there the whole time and I was like yeah, I really don’t know what I’m doing so, this is just going to end.

*Interviewer:* That’s funny. Awesome.

*Participant 4:*  I play on the PS, sorry Play station.

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 4:*  And I um used to play the PS2 tooand the PS3 but I’ve not gotten the 4 yet, and I’m not planning on getting that too but yeah, Play Station, I like that.

*Interviewer:* Okay so it sounds like half of the group or where we are at right now, like the traditional like Play station console in my home platform, and some of them are just too busy so we take them on the go and that just works best for us. What about you?

*Participant 5:*  Um, I predominantly will play video games on my computer..

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 5:*  Um, but I do also have the XBOX360, don’t really have plans on getting the newer one, not while I’m here at least because I don’t have the time. Um, so yeah the computer, the games are typically cheaper, they run at a higher frame rate, they have higher graphics, and its basically the same game you would get on the consoles, but with better characteristics.

*Interviewer:* Okay does everyone agree or not agree? Has everyone played computer games?

*Participant 1:*  Yes I bought a laptop. Predominantly for gaming and its even more great in terms of creative freedom as in computer games you can use MODs, yeah.

*Interviewer:* Whats MODs?

*Participant 1:*  Its where you actually modify the game.

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant:*  Its like in this game Skyrim its really one of those games that you can heavily modify. It’s a role playing game and it has like 100s of paths you can take so no one plays the same game at all, even if you play it the same exact way and go for the same missions, you will run into things that are completely different, like you may see a bear one time and none the other. Um but you can modify it like, oh I don’t want to see a bear, I want to see ostriches so I’ll modify and I’ll have a bunch of ostriches running around. But that’s something that would work with a computer and not so much as in a console.

*Participant 5:*  A lot of the stuff, the modifications that can be done on the consoles can actually get your account banned. So you won’t be able to play anything..

*Interviewer:* So it sounds like the computer is the best middle ground maybe to satisfy traditional console and maybe mobile app gamers or entirely combine some aspects?

*Participant 5:*  It depends, like depending on how data intensive the game is, the biggest barrier would be the price on PCs would be typically more expensive, not typically, they are more expensive if you want to play at that highest level. You know, a console you’re looking at 3-400 maybe, PC over a 1000 if you really.

*Participant 1:*  You would have to really get to that level, you would have to get the highest MODs, highest frame rates, and it would cost a lot of money to play at that level, and to get that data. .

*Interviewer:* Oh, wow. Oh yeah you are an IT guy.

*Participant 3:*  yeah I’ve looked at computers but not specifically for that, but for engineering AutoCAD and stuff like that. Where you would be looking for, yeah its pretty intensive, and the computers go for 1000 to 1500, can go upto 4000 5000 if you really really want it. .

*Interviewer:* Oh wow I did not know that.

*Participant 2:*  Rollercoaster Tycoon you can play on. *(All laughing)*

*Interviewer:* I love it, I love it.

*Participant 2:*  That’s the last computer game I played.

*Participant 5:*  Yeah I would say that a computer game would be a good middle ground for console gamers and the mobile app gamers, but only if it was like a more simple game. That way you know, I don’t want to say everyone, but almost everyone, um especially for like the college age group has a laptop or computer that they have access to.

*Interviewer:* Okay, awesome. So we kind of touched on it earlier, what aspects do you play or enjoy the most? So how do you feel about playing a game for health? And be honest. Games for health is this new field that is coming up in health education and a lot of researchers including myself are working on how we use games and video games and whether a game on a console, PC or mobile game, to kind of improve or to push people towards adapting a healthier lifestyle. So how do you feel about playing a game for health as a college age man?

*Participant 1:*  I don’t think I would seek it out. It would have to be like a construct game I was playing. So if I was playing Skyrim and if I got, like sometimes if you get poisoned you would have to like get a potion and you would have to heal it and if he ended with HPV and he would have to go to the doctor you know, or maybe there was a warning at the beginning of the woods like rats are carrying HPV and you know like who knows, but it would have to be a part of the story. I don’t know about the time and main line.

*Participant 2:*  I think you would have to put it in perspective like do I play health related games? No not really. But would I rather play a health related game or a health related lecture, you know on PowerPoint? I would much rather play the health related game. I think if we are trying to increase knowledge, it’s a more effective way than just lecturing, but yeah sitting and playing a game would be my first choice.

*Interviewer:* Okay, what about you?

*Participant 3:*  I would say the same thing. Um if as a college student I wanted to play something, I would not go for a health related game, um but at the same time I did virtual school in high school and um when I did, I enjoyed playing the games more than I enjoyed reading the lectures. Um so if it was something that was, you know, if it was something that was a substitute for the lectures then yeah I would do it, but if its something that I’m doing in my leisure time, no. .

*Participant 4:*  Yeah, I would have to agree with most of them. Um it should be embedded within like the, I mean in the game itself. Sort of like the games we used to love playing, and put it into our favorite games and maybe be inserted like that. Yeah that would really interest me.

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 3:*  Um I actually wanted to touch on the games, like RPG games, like a lot of the games the realer it is the better it is. So if you put something like the HPV, something that has a real word backing something there, a lot of the people would be like oh yeah wow this is actually something real, that could actually happen, so I think people would pick up on that a lot, and if it was embedded inside an existing game.

*Interviewer:* Okay, what about you?

*Participant 5:*  Um I would not seek out playing a health related game strictly as it is. If it was a, it would need to be not only embedded into the game but it would need to be creatively embedded into the game. Like if its blatant, like that’s kind of like what’s happening, I would be like okay come on. The only exception to that would be playing sports games for instance, they would have ads or whatever, like corporations would have paid for advertisements in that game as if it were in a real stadium. Um something small like that, like HPV get vaccinated on a small add or something like that, on like the fence line of a game, like you know like he said, on a real life game. I think that you know that wouldn’t get the message out to many people you know they aren’t staring at advertisements on the fence while playing a sports game, typically, but you would most likely catch some which is better than none. But yeah that’s what I would think would work more than blatantly being like here look, yeah the idea of creatively putting the info in a playing game, it could work.

*Participant 2:*  I think its how you package it too. Like if you had a lesson on STI and your homework assignment was to download this app, use it and maybe write a paper on it, not only would I do it, but I would also learn something from it and remember stuff moving forward.

*Interviewer:* So its kind of like I heard 3 different things like, you can do it more passively like create advertising and embed it into the game somehow, whether there is a flying plane with a banner flying across the stadium, you can develop a specific not just HPV or STI game but embed it into the curriculum, or like how UF has for incoming students they have to do the alcohol awareness or some type of training they have to do, or the more creative which is more time intensive and would take more money, which I would like to do and I wish I could, is to embed it into an existing game which is already popular and they love playing, and how to implement it.

*Participant 1:*  GTA 5 would be perfect for that.

*Interviewer:* GTA 5?

*Participants:*  Grand theft auto.

*Interviewer:* Oh yeah. I’m fearful for GTA 5 because that’s a little too much freedom. In my opinion.

*Participant 3:*  but yeah that’s the best way to like, you do this, yeah that’s going to happen.

*Participant 5:*  At the same time even I would not like GTA5 as a good option, because theres always that negative publicity about it, no matter whatever they do about it. You know someone is always out to get that game or something similar.

*Interviewer:* Did you have anything you wanted to add?

*Participant 4:*  No I was going to say that’s true, and to insert it into a game that they are already into. People could actually learn something from it without even knowing it.

*Interviewer:* Awesome. So more specifically we already touched on this, a HPV and HPV vaccine game, we talked about it, so how do you fell, what are the benefits you think a game to talk about this topic would be for your generation, compared to traditional health ways which we talked about. No matter public health ways, just general how we talk about things. Because we talked about it earlier how men don’t have this on their radar and how maybe traditional health campaigns and doing things old school so what do you think are some of the benefits?

*Participant 2:*  I mean, I think especially with STIs that’s a very sensitive subject, you know, I don’t know, I’m not speaking for myself but I know a lot of people are uncomfortable getting that lecture in general, so if you are able to play a game but its by yourself in your room, or in the backseat passenger in a car and no one has to know it, you work at your own pace. I think that’s the benefit, you kind of remove some of the awkwardness and have that explicitly have that conversation. .

*Participant 4:*  I also think it would increase awareness as well. When we all came here we all didn’t know too much about it. So it will definitely increase our awareness and our knowledge about it.

*Interviewer:* Okay awesome.

*Participant 5:*  I also think you mentioned, you know, how it would benefit this generation, um you know, technology has exponentially increased over the past couple of decades and you know, kids are more and more attached to some sort of screen and you know I feel like they are becoming more like digital learners than traditional learners. I think that you know having that game with that interaction would, be better, you know about sex awareness and whatever you know.

*Interviewer:* they love technology, they are very technologically competent, and digital learners, but sometimes they can get very awkward socially, because they are so technology conscious. So I can see like the benefits of this. Especially the topics like generally we don’t talk about sex, so that maybe the benefit is they can discuss the topic. So any other benefits?

*Participant:*  its like learning with artwork and like a game.

*Interviewer:* Any challenges you foresee? Besides of course men just not wanting to seek out a game, because we talked about that earlier. Men aren’t going to seek out a HPV game because it’s a HPV game. What are the challenges you think exist for a generation who are so used to technology and playing games?

*Participant 4:*  I think the information we present and the game would have to be very accurate and very self-explanatory, you know if I’m playing a game and this pop up and I don’t really get it, then therefore this information that I might not gain from it may be barrier for me getting that knowledge.

*Interviewer:* That’s a good point you made. If we present them, sometimes we try to get so creative to present information that we lose the message, that you said where the game has too many moving components, that they may not get the message, depending on how you set it up. So I think that’s a really good challenge you brought up. Anything else?

*Participant 1:*  I also think that the message should be brief short, just long enough to keep their attention, you know if you’re browsing reddit and you come across something doesn’t catch me, I’m going to keep going, I don’t care what it says. .

*Participant 2:*  Yeah like what if you start playing and never finish, do you like get the message, even if you don’t complete it? You have to finish the whole game to get the message, or it won’t be reiterated throughout the game. Naah I can see this game if its not fun I won’t play it anymore.

*Interviewer:* The message needs to be short, the message needs to be brief, what about levels? Does it need different levels? If it has too many levels do you think its going to be a challenge? About HPV and sex?

*Participant 5:*  if they are pointless then yeah theres no need for levels but if you are going towards something or acquiring something in each level then yeah I think it should have levels. .

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 1:*  Yeah it would have to be something catchy. I think if its not something that’s going to grab your attention. If its not something that is going to be catchy then people are just going to look at it and say yeah no, we are not doing this.

*Interviewer:* Okay, awesome. So you touched earlier, I know you did touch on character customization and that’s kind of like where we are moving forward towards, kind of like how customizing characters and personalizing characters can make the experience more real. I experienced it in a game and be like oh crap I can really get this in real life, like this can hurt my sex life something so, in the games that you do play and customize the characters, how are you able to do so? Like how are you able to?

*Participant 1:*  Um its pretty wide. Um with like Skyrim we touched on that a lot, the customization down to like the cheekbone, where the cheekbone is placed on your face is, if its high or low, and like even, practically everything can be adjusted at some point. Um, I personally don’t, so my roommate is notoriously known for creating the character like he is in real life. And that’s because he wants to be able to see himself on the screen and say look at the dragon I just killed. But for me its like you know, I’m going to be the lizard guy because he can breathe underwater and that’s kind of cool. I’m now under water wasting time and hes off killing dragons. Like hes really placed himself there and for me its just like lets take a look at the fantasy experience, eventually sure I will like place myself in there, but I don’t know there are certain people I don’t know who are just there to play the different things and people like him that want to be immersed.

*Interviewer:* Anyone else have any experience with customizing characters or is it even relevant or important for you?

*Participant 5:*  I don’t know if character customization is a big deal for me, uh, but I will say in certain games the customization could be a good or bad thing depending on how you look at it. They’ll have like standard customizations that you can do and then they’ll have special customization where you can based on your level or your achievements or how much money you’ve earned, I’m very much against this but if you wanted to pay for it like micro transactions, uh, you can customize your character like that as well. So someone who wanted to spend a $100, real dollars not made up dollars, they can have something that you know someone who played the game for a year could never have.

*Participant 1:*  And it really depends on the context on which you are playing in, like because if you are playing offline solo play, my customization really doesn’t matter to me, but if I was playing online like Halo or like first person shooter you know like where you get armor and stuff that shows that I’m a bad ass, I’m going to wear the badass armor but that’s like where the customization changes that it shows more of like my prestige versus just.

*Participant 5:*  I’ll agree with that. If other people are going to see it, its more relevant if than if I’m just going to see it.

*Interviewer:* Look you know something! *(laughing)*

***All laughing and inaudible chatter.***

*Participant 5:*  I almost bought the new Call of Duty yesterday.

*Participant 1:*  I couldn’t do it. Black Ops killed it for me.

*Interviewer:* So besides like the customizing myself so that other people can see it, which is obviously very important, are there any other aspects to customization that you find important or that you enjoy the most? In your opinion those who have been able to customize?

*Participant 4:*  I think in a sports game I just want to accomplish somethings and they don’t like give you any limit so I just put everything 99 so I’m really good, I’m the best.

*Interviewer:* So more for you, your customization is more on skill set. Like physical attributes and more skill sets and that hes really goos at everything and that’s it.

*Participant 4:*  more skill sets and that hes really goos at everything and that’s it.

*Interviewer:* Okay.

*Participant 1:*  I can add to that. For like the context again, like if I am playing offline solo play, like there are certain settings and you can play god levels, and do whatever you want, and maybe you have magic and the magic doesn’t drain when you use your magic, so you have unlimited magic power. But if I’m online everybody is at the same level because if I want to play against you competitively, then I want to beat you based purely on skill and have that appearance like I can beat you. That’s the feel for online play so it is different for me.

*Participant 5:*  And that’s another negative for me, micro transactions is that you have people who can basically pay to win and its frustrating because someone who basically does not have any skill may spend 10 bucks and then for 24 hours have some ability that you can’t really counter. Don’t do micro transactions.

*Interviewer:* *(Laughing)* how do you really think character customization can be done within an HPV game? Do you think it even matters?

*Participant 2:*  For me it doesn’t but as long as its male that’s pretty much all I look for.

*Interviewer:* What about you? Does it matter?

*Participant 1:*  For me it doesn’t really matter. I know its me playing and its an avatar that I’m using.

*Interviewer:* Hmm that’s interesting.

*Participant 4:*  I don’t think it really matters. Most people don’t even put it according to what it really is so.

*Participant 5:*  I would say depending on what direction you go with the game. Like in the physical characteristics of my character, no they don’t matter at all, but depending on whether skills make a difference, then yeah skill customization would be.

*Interviewer:* what about sexual profile customization?

*Participant 5:*  what do you mean by that?

*Interviewer:* So I am playing a game, a HPV game, whether it is embedded into an actual game or not, I would assume we are talking about HPV involving sex, we are talking about STDs, so what if it asks you information like how many partners have you been with, have you ever been screened for STDs before, so they are kind of building a kind of sexual profile, which could be a good thing, you know, you’ll know your sexual stamina, like are you in beast mode or weakling or something. That coupled with your skill set in how you look does it really matter. I mean there are so many different ways you can customize a character does it matter?

*Participant 1:*  Yeah you got me thinking. Like in Grand Theft auto when you die, you don’t really die, you go to the doctor or something ---

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