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INFORMED CONSENT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

What is this project studying?

This study aims to explore how the presence and influence of intimate, dating, or romantic partners may affect decisions related to alcohol consumption and sexual behaviors in young adults.

What would I do if I participated?

This is an online study. You will be asked to answer questions related to your perception of your sexual partner's attitude towards drinking and sex, your sex and drinking motives, as well as your alcohol use and sexual behavior. Due to the sensitivity of the questions, we recommend you take the survey in an undisclosed location.

How long will participation take?

The study typically takes 30 minutes to complete.

Will I be compensated for participating?

You will receive \$6 for participating.

How will I benefit from participating?

There are no known benefits to participating in this study. However, allowing us to use your information for research will help us better understand how social relationships shape these important aspects of health and well-being. No identifying information will be collected, and your answers will remain anonymous.

Can I quit if I become uncomfortable?

Yes, absolutely. Dr. Antover Tuliao of the Department of Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences, College of Human Sciences, and Texas Tech University's Institutional Review Board have reviewed this research project and think you can participate comfortably. However, you can skip parts of the research you are uncomfortable with and stop anytime. You will keep all the benefits of participating even if you stop. Participating is your choice.

Can I stop and then continue again where I left off?

Yes. If you use the same computer and have internet access, you can use the link provided to continue where you left off. You will have three days to do so.

How are we protecting your privacy?

Your name will not be linked to research data, documentation, reports, publications, or presentations. Only the researchers will have access to the raw data for this project. All data will be stored on a password-protected computer in a locked office and may only be accessed by researchers. All collected information will be grouped with all other participants, and averages of group responses will be disseminated in a dissertation, publications in professional journals, presentations at professional meetings, or grant preparations.

Are there risks in participating in this study?

There are no unforeseen risks associated with participation in this study. We appreciate your time and effort with this research study. However, if you are experiencing psychological distress at the time of the survey, you may find that your well-being is more salient. The following are contact information for counseling or psychological services:

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

A free, nationwide peer-support service. Call 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET.

SAMHSA's National Helpline

A 24/7 service that offers free and confidential treatment referrals and information. You can call 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

I have some questions about this study. Who can I ask?

Dr. Antover Tuliao from the Department of **Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences** at Texas Tech University is conducting the study. If you have questions, you can contact him at antover.tuliao@ttu.edu.

Texas Tech University also has an Institutional Review Board that protects the rights of people who participate in research. You can contact them at 806-742-2064 or hrpp@ttu.edu.