

HDFS 313 Class Participation: 7b Sexual education debate

Activity

Sexual education debate

Purpose

Scholars assert that the best sex-ed programs include traits such as providing basic information about contraception, cover at least 14 hours, and focus on a narrow range of risky sexual behavior. Among the varied types of sex-ed, prominent types include "abstinence-only," "abstinence-plus," and "comprehensive" programs. While each type may be tailored to suit a specific demographic, each type may have advantages and disadvantages.

This assignment addresses the following Module Learning Outcomes:

- Summarize the features of sexuality in emerging adulthood, including differences compared to adolescence.
- Identify the main features of effective sex education.

Instructions

For this assignment, your task is to present an argument, in the debate forum [Kialo](#), in support of one of the types of sex-ed assigned to you, and discuss disadvantages or weaknesses of the other types of sex-ed. (10 points total)

-If the first letter of your last name begins with A-L, you argue in support of "abstinence-only."

-If the first letter of your last name begins with M-S, you argue in support of "abstinence-plus."

-If the first letter of your last name begins with T-Z, you argue in support of "comprehensive."

Definitions (from textbook):

1. "Abstinence-only" programs encourage adolescents to wait until marriage before having intercourse.
2. "Abstinence-plus" programs encourage adolescents to delay intercourse while also providing contraceptive information for adolescents who choose to have intercourse.

3. "Comprehensive" programs are those that begin at an early age and include detailed information on sexual development and sexual behavior, with easy access to contraception for adolescents who choose to become sexually active.

STEPS TO COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT ON KIALO:

1. In the "Pro" column, write at least 1 pro, advantage, or strength of this type of sex ed. Include evidence from scholarly journal articles to support your claim and be sure to cite author(s) of the study, in APA format. Aim to write 100-200 words. This step is due by 11:59 pm on Thursday. (5 points)
2. Once you have provided a pro in favor of your assigned type of sex-ed, read over the arguments in favor of the other types, and post one con, disadvantage, or weakness of that type of sex-ed. For this step you are not required to cite a scholarly journal article. This step is due by 11:59 pm on Sunday. (3 points)
3. Vote at least once on the most convincing arguments of pros and/or cons for each type. You can vote as many times as you like. This step is due by 11:59 pm on Sunday. (2 points)

Practice RESPECT Netiquette:

- Recognize that every opinion is valuable.
- Express and receive feedback without making it personal.
- Sustain positive and open dialogue
- Practice professionalism
- Expect to learn new perspectives
- Curiosity and Compassion
- Take responsibility for what you say

Submission Details

Submission on Kialo site. Step 1 is due by 11:59 on Thursday. Steps 2 and 3 are due by 11:59 pm on Sunday.

Grading Criteria

See the rubric for details. [How do I view the rubric for my assignment?](#)

Points: 10

Submitting: Nothing

Grading Rubric

Criterion	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	0 pts No Marks	Total (10 points possible)
Provides at least 1 pro, advantage, or strength of assigned type of sex ed	5 pts Fully developed argument. Includes citation.	3.5 pts Somewhat developed argument OR Missing citation.	2 pts Argument not fully developed. Missing citation.	Not present	
Write 1 con about another type of sex ed.	3 pts Fully developed argument.	2.1 pts Somewhat developed argument.	1.2 pts Argument not fully developed.	Not present	
Vote at least once.	2 pts	2 pts	0 pts	0 pts	