

Highly Recommended

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

The Truth About Sex (1999)

Video (24 minutes)

Target Audience: 6th-12th Grade

Cost: \$150

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Highly Recommends the use of this brochure for the following reasons and with the following reservations:**

This 24-minute video focuses on the relationship between unsafe behaviors and personal health. It presents a variety of scenarios involving teens dealing with real-life situations related to teen pregnancy, STDs and HIV/AIDS. Two teens discuss the struggles of becoming parents at a young age; a teen couple faces the possibility that they could be pregnant; a group of teens tour a microbiology lab and participate in a “mock AIDS test”; and Lisa, a 33-year-old woman with AIDS, shares her story. The panel felt the video gives an honest portrayal of how teens think/feel about sex and relationships.

The panel found the video technically accurate and up-to date, using sound educational methodology to convey its message. They felt it was teacher friendly and required a facilitator with a moderate level of content knowledge and group leading skills. Though the teens in the video do not fully reflect the diversity in our population, the panel felt that the video does address the needs and issues of diverse populations. They stated that video does a particularly good job of including the perspectives of boys.

Although panel members recommended this video as a useful resource, they expressed some reservations. The stated target audience is 6th-12th grade students. However, the panel recommends the video for 8th-12th graders. They felt that it is not appropriate for 6th and 7th graders due to the intensity of the content. The panel advised that the facilitator include some supplemental information on topics including, chlamydia, emergency contraception, safer sex, and abstinence.

Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	3.7
2. Gender Fair	3.9
3. Sexuality Positive	3.7
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	3.1
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.4
6. Sound educational methodology	3.8
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	3.7
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.6
9. Teacher-friendly	4.1

Scoring is based on a 5 point Likert scale, from poor (1) to excellent (5). The mean (average) is based on the assessments of the panel members who were present to review the material 09/24/02.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Assessment Criteria			
Overall Recommendation	Recommend highly 8	Recommend 6	Reject 0
Audience For what audience is this resource appropriate?	Audience targeted by the resource 3	Other audience(s) 11	Not Appropriate for any audience 0
Facilitation Skills Required How knowledgeable and skilled must the facilitator be to use this resource effectively?	Requires leader with strong content knowledge and group skills 2	Requires leader with moderate content knowledge and group skills 11	Requires leader with little content knowledge and group skills 1
Multicultural Perspective Does this resource address the needs of communities of color; and/or issues of sexual orientation, gender, and disability	Resource is culturally specific. 0	Resource is Multicultural/ Inclusive 14	Resource does not address the needs/issues of diverse populations 0