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Research Workshop

Gender and Religiosity in Adolescent Sexual Self-Efficacy

Religion and sexuality are two spheres of the social world which are highly gendered. Gendered narratives can strongly influence both religious and sexual identities, particularly in adolescence when interpersonal scripts are becoming crystallized. When exploring adolescence, previous research has found religion to have a protective effect decreasing their risk behaviors, particularly sexual risk behaviors. Religion is also positively associated with self-esteem and self-efficacy. However, if the domain of self-efficacy is sexual practices, does religion, an institution traditionally prohibitive of adolescent sexual activity, still have an empowering effect? Does the impact of religion differ based on gender? Using a nationally representative sample of American adolescents, this paper explores the questions.

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