

SURVEY TITLE: Minnesota Adolescent Health Survey

ACRONYM: MNAHS

SPONSOR: The Adolescent Health Program of the University of Minnesota, in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education.

SURVEY PURPOSE: The survey was developed by a team of adolescent health researchers, educators, health professionals, and social scientists from Minnesota and across the country; it contained questions about, for example, students' home life, their interaction with parents and peers, their performance in school, their levels of stress, their self-esteem and body image, their use of drugs, whether they had ever attempted suicide, and whether they had ever been physically or sexually abused.

LOCATION SAMPLED: Minnesota.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1986-1987.

SAMPLE SIZE: Over 36,000 public school students in grades 7 through 12 participated in the survey during the 1986-87 school year. The survey covered 86 school districts statewide.

METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION: Self-completed in classrooms.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

- 1) "Which of the following best describes your feelings? (a) 100% heterosexual (attracted to persons of the opposite sex) (b) Mostly heterosexual (c) Bisexual (equally attracted to men and women) (d) Mostly homosexual (e) 100% gay/lesbian; attracted to persons of the same sex) (f) Not sure"
- 2) "Have you ever had any kind of sexual experience with a male/ (a) yes (b) no. Have you ever had any kind of sexual experience with a female? (a) yes (b) no"
- 3) "Which of the following best describes your feelings? (a) I am only attracted to people of the same sex as mine, and I will only be sexual with persons of the same sex (b) I am strongly attracted to people of the same sex as mine, and most of my sexual experiences will be with persons of the same sex as mine (c) I am equally attracted to men and women and would like to be sexual with both (d) I am strongly attracted to people of the opposite sex, and most of my sexual experiences will be with persons of the opposite sex (e) I am only attracted to people of the opposite sex, and I will only be sexual with persons of the opposite sex."

4) "When you think or daydream about sex, do you think about: (a) males (b) females (c) both?"