



DEBRIEFING STATEMENT

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Thank you for your participation in this experiment. The purpose of this experiment was to investigate your views of crime and accountability. We are interested in determining how the actions of a victim may result in her receiving more or less blame. In this study there were four stories – you read only one of them. In half the stories the woman worked in a local law firm, in half she was a known prostitute. In half the stories the woman was dressed provocatively, in half her clothing was not mentioned. The goal of this study is to determine whether these factors play a role in how accountable the woman is held for her rape as opposed to the suspect. We anticipate that, in general, participants will blame the woman who is a prostitute more than the woman who works in the local law firm and also blame the more provocatively dressed woman than the woman whose clothing is not described.

People won't act naturally if they come into the study knowing its content and purpose, so we have a favor to ask of you. Please don't discuss this study or your participation for the next two weeks.

If you begin to feel distressed or upset following today's session, contact the Faculty Supervisor (listed above) or call the Iona College Counseling Center at (914) 633-2038. If it is after hours, please contact LifeNet a toll-free crisis line at 800-543-3638.

If you have questions about the study, please contact the Faculty Supervisor (listed above). If you are interested in this study and would like more information about it, we will be happy to send you a copy of the results at the end of the semester. If that is your desire, please leave your name and Iona email address.

If you have concerns about your treatment as a participant, please contact

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Thanks again for participating.