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Abstract

The relationship between male sex role orientation and the perception of rape, acceptance of rape-supportive attitudes, and self-reported likelihood of acquaintance and stranger rape was investigated. Subjects completed the Bem Sex-Role Inventory and scales assessing rape-supportive attitudes (Adversarial Sexual Beliefs Scale, Acceptance of Interpersonal Violence Scale, Rape Myth Acceptance Scale). Half completed the Likelihood of Raping Scale and Rape Responsibility Questionnaire after reading an acquaintance rape vignette and half completed these scales following a vignette depicting stranger rape. Results indicated that males, in general, considered stranger rape more serious than acquaintance rape. Further, across the rape-vignette and attitudinal measures, masculine sex-typed and undifferentiated males repeatedly

attitudinal measures, masculine sex-typed and undifferentiated males repeatedly responded in a more rape-supportive fashion than did androgynous males. Findings are discussed in terms of the importance of feminine expressivity in the male personality, and the significance of reducing rape-supportive attitudes and myths in American society.



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