Focus Group Discussion with FEMALE Students

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the discussion. As I said during the consent process, I am going to ask you several questions about sex and violence on campus, but I will not ask you for personal information. Please provide answers only about women and men at the university in general. This discussion will be important for us to learn how to best address these issues. Are you ready to begin?

1. Let’s start by talking about romantic relationships among university students. Tell me about relationships between men and women.
2. Tell me about the sexual behaviors of students.
3. Do university students use alcohol or other substances?
4. Does using these substances affect their sexual behavior? How?
5. Now let’s talk about how female students are treated on campus.
6. How do you define gender-based violence (GBV)?
7. How do you define intimate partner violence (IPV)?
8. Do these types of violence happen to female students at this university? Why?
9. What are some ways female students try to avoid violence?
10. Who do female students tell if they have experienced violence?
11. What resources are available to female students on campus if they experience violence?
12. Does violence or the threat of violence affect female students’ sexual health? How?
13. What happens to men at this university if they commit violence against women?
14. What is the response of the police or other legal bodies on campus regarding violence against female students?
15. If incoming freshmen students were to receive training on sex and HIV, what would it look like?
16. What if incoming freshmen students were to receive training on gender-based violence, what would it look like?
17. Is there anything you wish the university would do differently for students regarding STIs/HIV? For female students in particular?
18. Is there anything you wish the university would do differently for students regarding GBV?
19. Is there anything else you would like to tell me about what we discussed today, or anything else you think I should know?
20. Do you have any questions for me?

Thank the respondents for their time and give them a copy of the resource guide and payment.