

SURVEY OF ONLINE AND OTHER CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE PERPETRATION BEHAVIORS AND RISK/ PROTECTIVE FACTORS

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DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS

Section Instructions

The following items ask about different experiences or characteristics you may have, such as age, employment, and relationship status.

Remember, your answers are confidential. Your honest and thoughtful responses are important to us and to the study. As you go through the survey items, be honest and thoughtful in your responses.

01 What is your current age?

Response scale: (18 to 100)

02 What country were you born in?

Response scale: Dropdown of country names

03 Where do you currently reside?

Response scale:

- A medium to large city (population of 50,000 or more)
- A suburb near a medium to large city
- A small city (population of 5,000 to 49,999)
- A town or village (population of 500 to 4,999)
- A rural area

04 Were you born...?

Response scale:

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Don't know
- Refused

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05 Do you think of yourself as...?

Response scale:

- A woman
- A man
- Something else (e.g., gender fluid, non-binary)
- Don't know
- Refused

06 Do you currently have a romantic partner?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

IF "YES" is selected, the following 1 question is asked:

06b Are you living with your romantic partner?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

07 What is your marital status?

Response scale:

- Single
- Married
- Common-law
- Divorced
- Widowed

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08 Please check the *ONE* option below that most accurately reflects your current understanding of yourself.

Response scale:

- Exclusively sexually attracted to females
- Mostly sexually attracted to females, occasionally have sexual attractions to males
- Primarily sexually attracted to females and have some definite sexual attractions to males
- More or less equally sexually attracted to females and males
- Primarily sexually attracted to males and have some definite sexual attractions to females
- Mostly sexually attracted to males, occasionally have sexual attractions to females
- Exclusively sexually attracted to males

09 What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?

Response scale:

- Never attended school
- Incomplete primary education
- Incomplete secondary education
- Complete secondary education
- Incomplete vocational/technical school
- Complete vocational/technical school
- Incomplete higher education
- Complete higher education
- Masters-level degree
- Doctoral-level degree

10 What is your current employment/education status?

Response scale:

- Full-time employed
- Part-time employed
- Not employed
- Homemaker or unable to work (e.g., taking care of a sick parent/relative, living with a disability)
- Military
- Full-time student
- Part-time student
- Retired

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11 Have you ever been charged for an offense against property (e.g., theft, burglary)?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

12 Have you ever been charged for a violent offense (e.g., bodily injury)?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

13 Have you ever been charged for a sexual offense against an adult (e.g., indecent exposure, sexual coercion, rape, sexual abuse)?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS

We would like to ask you some questions about your history, in particular, experiences that you may have had when you were under the age of 18. Although some of the following questions may seem similar to one another, they differ in important ways. Some of the items ask about sensitive information, please remember your answers will remain confidential and try to be honest in your responses. Prior to your 18th birthday:

14 Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you? Or act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

15 Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? Or ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

16 Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? Or attempt or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you?

Response scale:

- No
- Yes

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

Section Instructions

The following questions are about sexual interactions you may have had with others or sexual behavior you may have engaged in during your adulthood. By sexual interaction, we mean behavior that is motivated by sexual arousal or sexual excitement and is intentional. It would not include behavior motivated by nonsexual reasons (e.g., playing a prank on someone) or unintentional behavior (e.g., accidentally viewing sexual images of children online).

*The following questions ask about sexual interactions you have had with people **under** the age of 18. In some instances, the age of a person may be unknown, but you **BELIEVED** that the person was **under** the age of 18. In such instances, you would answer “Yes”.*

Remember, your responses are confidential, and you can skip any question that you do not want to answer.

Your honest and thoughtful responses are important to us and to the study. Remember as you go through the survey items, be honest and thoughtful in your responses.



OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

IF “YES” is answered to any of the below questions, immediately ask the 5 following up questions on pages 15 and 16.

01 Since you turned 18, have you ever had sexual contact with someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Sexual contact includes touching someone in a sexual way or touching sexual body parts, including genitals, breasts, and buttocks. Sexual contact also includes vaginal, oral, or anal sex or the insertion of hands, fingers, or other objects into your anus by someone else.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

02 Since you turned 18, have you ever asked someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 to touch you in a sexual way, but the touching did **not** happen? For example, the person refused to do it, they ran away, you were interrupted by someone walking in, or some other reason.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

03 Since you turned 18, have you ever taken a sexual picture or made a sexual video of someone, you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18, who knew you were recording them?

Sexual pictures and videos include someone engaging in sexual contact or showing their genitals and/or buttocks, or breasts if they are female.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

04 Since you turned 18, have you ever used a camera to remotely watch or record someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18, **without** their knowledge, while they were nude, undressing, or engaging in sexual behavior?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

IF “YES” is answered to any of the below questions, immediately ask the 5 following up questions on pages 15 and 16.

05 Since you turned 18, have you ever watched, **in person**, someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 while they were nude, undressing, or engaging in sexual behavior without them being aware of your presence?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

06 Since you turned 18, have you ever asked someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18, either **face-to-face** or **via messaging**, to send you sexual images/videos?

Face-to-face can include requests made in person or in a live call or video chat; messaging includes text messages or messages sent via apps.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

07 Since you turned 18, have you ever asked someone, you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18, **online** to send you sexual images/videos or have you sent them sexual images/videos?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

08 Since you turned 18, have you ever asked someone, you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18, **online** to meet in person for a sexual interaction of some kind?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

IF “YES” is answered to any of the below questions, immediately ask the 5 following up questions on pages 15 and 16.

09 Since you turned 18, have you ever **intentionally** viewed sexual images/videos of someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

10 Since you turned 18, have you ever shared sexual images/videos of anyone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Sharing sexual images/video can include posting images/videos to a website; uploading images/videos to a file-sharing website; or sending images/videos by text, emailing, or postal mail.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

11 Since you turned 18, have you ever shown adult pornography to someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

12 Since you turned 18, have you ever broadcast a live-streamed video of someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 while they were nude, undressing, or engaging in sexual behavior?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

IF “YES” is answered to any of the below questions, immediately ask the 5 following up questions on pages 15 and 16.

13 Since you turned 18, have you ever watched a livestream of someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 while they were nude, undressing, or engaging in sexual behavior?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

14 Since you turned 18, have you ever **purposefully** exposed your genitals, in a public place, to an unsuspecting person you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

15 Since you turned 18, have you ever traveled to another country to have sexual contact with someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

16 Since you turned 18, have you ever traveled a long distance **within your home country** for the specific purpose of having sexual contact with someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18? A long distance can include travelling at least three hours by car, train, or bus, or taking a plane.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

IF “YES” is answered to any of the below questions, immediately ask the 5 following up questions on pages 15 and 16.

17 Since you turned 18, have you ever offered someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 money, drugs, alcohol, other valuables, or essential supports in exchange for sexual activity? Essential supports include food, medicine, transportation, or a place to stay.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

18 Since you turned 18, have you ever threatened to share sexual messages, images, or videos of someone you knew or believed was **under** the age of 18 unless they agreed with your sexual requests or gave you money?

Sexual requests can include asking for actual sexual contact or asking for more sexual images or videos.

Response options:

- Yes
- No

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

CONDITIONAL QUESTIONS 1

IF “YES” is answered to any of the question 1-18 then immediately ask the below follow up questions.

[x]b Did you do this in the past 12 months?

Response options:

- Yes
- No

[x]c About how old were you the **first** time you did this?

Response options:

[Slider from 18 to 100]

If you do not remember how old you were, please check this box:

[x]d About how old were you the **last** time you did this?

Response options:

[Slider from 18 to 100]

If you do not remember how old you were, please check this box:

OCSEA PERPETRATION ITEMS

CONDITIONAL QUESTIONS 2

IF “YES” is answered to any of the question 1-18 then immediately ask the below follow up questions.

[x]e What was the age of the **youngest** person, under the age of 18, you did this with? If you do not know the person’s exact age, provide your best guess.

Response options:

[Slider from 0 to 17]

Follow-up:

About old were you at that time?

[Slider from 18 to 100]

If you do not remember how old you were, please check this box:

[x]f What was the age of the **oldest** person, under the age of 18, you did this with? If you do not know the person’s exact age, provide your best guess.

Response options:

[Slider from 0 to 17]

Follow-up:

About old were you at that time?

[Slider from 18 to 100]

If you do not remember how old you were, please check this box:

EMOTIONS ITEMS

Section Instructions

We would like to ask you some questions about your emotional life, in particular, how you regulate and manage your emotions and your behavior. Although some of the following questions may seem similar to one another, they differ in important ways.

Please indicate how accurately the following two statements describe you: ¹

01 Sometimes I will take a risk just for the fun of it.

02 I often do whatever brings me pleasure here and now, even at the cost of some distant goal.

Response scale for the above 2 items:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please indicate how often the following three statements apply to you: ²

03 When I'm upset, I have difficulty controlling my behavior.

04 I am confused about how I feel.

05 When I'm upset, I have difficulty concentrating.

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- Almost never (0-10% of the time)
- Sometimes (11-35% of the time)
- About half the time (36-65% of the time)
- Most of the time (66-90% of the time)
- Almost always (91-100% of the time)

EMOTIONS ITEMS

Instructions

Please answer the below question using the provided scale. ³

06 How much self-control do you have?

Response scale for the above 1 item:

- 11-point scale from 0 to 10, with “None at all” and “Very much” as scale endpoint anchors.

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Section Instructions

We would like to ask you some questions about who you are sexually attracted to and your sexual behavior. Although some of the following questions may seem similar to one another, they differ in important ways. Some of the items ask about sensitive information, please remember your answers will remain confidential and try to be honest in your responses.

01 What is the age range of people you are typically sexually attracted to?

- Youngest age [slider from 0-100 years]
- Oldest age [slider from 0-100 years]

02 Since the age of 18, when you have been sexually attracted to someone, how often has this been to someone age 15 or younger? In some instances, the age of a person may be unknown, but you **believed** that the person was **under** the age of 15.

Response scale for the above 1 item:

- Never (0% of the time)
- Almost never (1-10% of the time)
- Sometimes (11-35% of the time)
- About half the time (36-65% of the time)
- Most of the time (66-90% of the time)
- Almost always (91-100% of the time)

IF any response other than “Never” is selected, the following 3 questions are asked: (Continued on next slide)

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Continued: IF any response other than “Never” to question 02 is selected, the following 3 questions are asked:

02b Please check the ONE option below that most accurately reflects your current understanding of yourself. Please keep in mind that “children” refers to individuals 15 years of age or younger and “adults” refers to individuals 18 years of age or older.⁴

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Mostly sexually attracted to adults, occasionally have sexual attractions to children
- Primarily sexually attracted to adults and have some definite sexual attractions to children
- More or less equally sexually attracted to adults and children
- Primarily sexually attracted to children and have some definite sexual attractions to adults
- Mostly sexually attracted to children, occasionally have sexual attractions to adults
- Exclusively sexually attracted to children

02c What gender of child (i.e., people 15 years of age or younger) do you typically find most sexually attractive? Please check the ONE option below that most accurately reflects your current understanding of yourself.

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Exclusively sexually attracted to girls
- Mostly sexually attracted to girls, occasionally have sexual attractions to boys
- Primarily sexually attracted to girls and have some definite sexual attractions to boys
- More or less equally sexually attracted to girls and boys
- Primarily sexually attracted to boys and have some definite sexual attractions to girls
- Mostly sexually attracted to boys, occasionally have sexual attractions to girls
- Exclusively sexually attracted to boys

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Continued: IF any response other than “Never” to question 02 is selected, the following 3 questions are asked:

02d Over the past six months, how frequently have you experienced distress about your sexual attractions to children (i.e., people 15 years of age or younger)?

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Never (0% of the time)
- Almost never (1-10% of the time)
- Sometimes (11-35% of the time)
- About half the time (36-65% of the time)
- Most of the time (66-90% of the time)
- Almost always (91-100% of the time)

03 Since the age of 18, have you ever fantasized about having sex or sexual contact with someone who was age 15 or younger?

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Never (0% of the time)
- Almost never (1-10% of the time)
- Sometimes (11-35% of the time)
- About half the time (36-65% of the time)
- Most of the time (66-90% of the time)
- Almost always (91-100% of the time)

IF “YES” is selected, the following 3 questions are asked:

03b Since the age of 18, when you have fantasized about having sex or sexual contact with someone, how often has this been someone age 15 or younger?

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Never (0% of the time)
- Almost never (1-10% of the time)
- Sometimes (11-35% of the time)
- About half the time (36-65% of the time)
- Most of the time (66-90% of the time)
- Almost always (91-100% of the time)

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Continued: IF “YES” is selected for questions 03, the following 3 questions are asked:

03c What age group did this person or people belong to?

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Age 12 or younger
- Age 13–15

03d Have you fantasized about having sex or sexual contact with someone age 15 or younger in the last 12 months?

Response scale for above 1 item:

- Yes
- No

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Please think back to the past six months and indicate how often or to what extent the following three statements apply to you. There is no right or wrong answer. Please indicate the answer that most applies to you.⁵

04 How often have you had trouble controlling your sexual urges?

05 How often have you used sex to deal with worries or problems in your life?

06 How often have you had sex or masturbated more than you wanted to?

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Frequently
- Very frequently

SEXUAL INTERESTS AND BEHAVIOR ITEMS

Pornography is defined as material (text, picture, video, etc.) that (1) creates or elicits sexual feelings or thoughts and (2) contains explicit exposure or descriptions of sexual acts involving the genitals, such as vaginal or anal intercourse, oral sex, or masturbation.

Please think back to the past six months and indicate how often or to what extent the following three statements apply to you. There is no right or wrong answer. Please indicate the answer that most applies to you.⁶

07 I felt that I had to watch more and more porn for satisfaction.

08 When I vowed not to watch porn anymore, I could only do it for a short period of time.

09 I became stressed when something prevented me from watching porn.

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Sometimes
- Often
- Very often
- All the time

RELATIONSHIP ITEMS

Section Instructions

We would like to ask you some questions about your social life, in particular, your social and intimate relationships and how you feel about other people. Although some of the following questions may seem similar to one another, they differ in important ways.⁷

Indicate how often each of the three statements below is descriptive of you.

01 How often do you feel that you lack companionship?

02 How often do you feel left out?

03 How often do you feel isolated from others?

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- I often feel this way
- I sometimes feel this way
- I rarely feel this way
- I never feel this way

04 Since you turned 18, have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone age 18 or older and lived with them for more than two years?

Response scale for the above 1 item:

- Yes
- No

RELATIONSHIP ITEMS

Indicate how often each of the three statements below is descriptive of you.

05 Consider your longest romantic relationship, how frequently did you and your partner experience conflict (i.e., verbal and/or physical fights) in the course of this relationship?

06 Consider your longest romantic relationship, how frequently did you and your partner break up and get back together in the course of this relationship?

Response scale for the above 2 items:

- Extremely infrequently (includes never)
- Very infrequently
- Somewhat infrequently
- Neither infrequently nor frequently
- Somewhat frequently
- Very frequently
- Extremely frequently
- Not applicable, I have never been in a romantic relationship

RELATIONSHIP ITEMS

The following items present four general relationship styles that people often report. Please rate each of the relationship styles to indicate how well or poorly each description corresponds to your general relationship style.⁸

07 It is easy for me to become emotionally close to others. I am comfortable depending on them and having them depend on me. I don't worry about being alone or having others not accept me.

08 I am uncomfortable getting close to others. I want emotionally close relationships, but I find it difficult to trust others completely, or to depend on them. I worry that I will be hurt if I allow myself to become too close to others.

09 I want to be completely emotionally intimate with others, but I often find that others are reluctant to get as close as I would like. I am uncomfortable being without close relationships, but I sometimes worry that others don't value me as much as I value them.

10 I am comfortable without close emotional relationships. It is very important to me to feel independent and self-sufficient, and I prefer not to depend on others or have others depend on me.

Response scale for the above 4 items:

- 7-point scale with the scale anchors “Disagree strongly” (set at 1), “Neutral/Mixed” (set at 4), and “Agree strongly” (set at 7)

RELATIONSHIP ITEMS

Please rate each of the following three items in terms of how characteristic they are of you.⁹

11 Other people always seem to get the breaks.

12 I sometimes feel that people are laughing at me behind my back.

13 When people are especially nice, I wonder what they want.

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- 7-point scale with “Extremely uncharacteristic” (set at 1) and “Extremely characteristic” (set at 7) as scale anchors

ATTITUDES ITEMS

Section Instructions

We would like to ask you some questions about your thinking, in particular, how you think about children. Although some of the following questions may seem similar to one another, they differ in important ways. Some of the items ask about sensitive information, please remember your answers will remain confidential and try to be honest in your responses.

For the five statements which follow, please select the response that best indicates your opinion/what you believe. For example, if you strongly agree with the statement, you would select “Strongly agree”; if you strongly disagree with a statement, you would select “Strongly disagree”; and so on.¹⁰

Note: For the purposes of the below items, “children” means people 15 years of age or younger

01 Some children can act very seductively

02 A lot of times, sexual assaults on children are not planned, they just happen

03 A lot of times, kids make up stories about people molesting them because they want to get attention

04 Some people turn to children for sex because they were deprived of sex from adults

05 Some young children are much more adult-like than other children

Response scale for the above 5 items:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

ATTITUDES ITEMS

The following three statements concern your experience of children and your feelings and thoughts about them. Read each statement carefully and select the option closest to your view or direct experience.¹¹

06 I prefer to spend my time with children.

07 Children remind me of myself.

08 I feel more comfortable with children than with adults.

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- Very true
- Somewhat true
- Somewhat untrue
- Very untrue

04 If you could be sure that no one would know and that you would not be punished, how likely is it you would have sex or sexual contact with someone age 15 or younger?¹²

Response options:

- Extremely unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Neither unlikely or likely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely
- Extremely likely

LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS

Section Instructions

We would like to ask you some questions about your spirituality and your experiences at school and work. Please select the options closest to your view or experience.

01 How important is religion/spirituality in your life?¹³

Response scale for the above 1 item:

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not really important
- Not at all important

02 How often do you engage in religious/spiritual practice?¹³

Response scale for the above 1 item:

- Never
- A few times a month
- Once a week
- A few times a week
- Every day

Please indicate how accurately the following two statements describe you:

03 Has an employer ever fired you?

04 Were you ever suspended or expelled in elementary or high school?

Response options for the above 2 items:

- Yes
- No

LIFESTYLE QUESTIONS

Below are three questions about your use of alcohol. Your answers will remain confidential so please be honest. Please select the response option that best describes your answer to each question.¹⁴

06 How often have you had trouble controlling your alcohol use?

07 How often have you used alcohol to deal with worries or problems in your life?

08 How often have you used alcohol more than you wanted to?

Response scale for the above 3 items:

- Never
- Rarely
- Occasionally
- Frequently
- Very frequently

ATTENTION CHECK/HONEST RESPONDING ITEMS

Section Instructions

Within this survey we asked some questions that many people would consider very private and highly personal. A common reaction to this is that people do not answer honestly. Therefore, we would like to know:

01 In how many instances during the questionnaire did you answer dishonestly?¹⁵

Response options:

- Not any answer at all
- One answer
- 2 to 5 answers
- 6 to 10 answers
- More than 10 answers

Note: This item will be placed at the end of the survey.

02 I verify that I have carefully and honestly answered all questions on this page.

Response options:

- A simple checkbox

Note: This checkbox item will be placed at the bottom of 2 or 3 pages of the survey.

03 This is a control question. Leave this question blank.

Response options:

- Never true
- Sometimes true
- Frequently true
- Mostly true
- Always true

Note: This item will be placed roughly 1/3 of the way through the survey.

ATTENTION CHECK/HONEST RESPONDING ITEMS

Section Instructions

Within this survey we asked some questions that many people would consider very private and highly personal. A common reaction to this is that people do not answer honestly. Therefore, we would like to know:

04 This is a control question. Mark “Mostly True” and move on.¹⁶

Response options:

- Never true
- Sometimes true
- Frequently true
- Mostly true
- Always true

Note: This item will be placed roughly 2/3 of the way through the survey.

05 I am an active person.

Response options:

- Not at all true
- A little true
- Somewhat true
- Mostly true
- Very true

Note: This item will be placed roughly 1/4 of the way through the survey.

06 I have an active lifestyle.¹⁶

Response options:

- Not at all true
- A little true
- Somewhat true
- Mostly true
- Very true

Note: This item will be placed roughly 3/4 of the way through the survey.

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