

**Appendix G:
Rape Myth Acceptance**

Table 1. *Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale.*

Please read each of the following statements and indicate the number that indicates how true each is of you:

1 = strongly disagree

5 = strongly agree

Subscale: she asked for it

1. If a girl is raped while she is drunk, she is at least somewhat responsible for what happened.
2. When girls go to parties wearing revealing clothes, they are asking for trouble.
3. If a girl goes to a room alone with a guy at a party, it is her own fault if she is raped.
4. If a girl hooks up with a lot of guys, eventually she is going to get into trouble.

Subscale: it wasn't really rape

11. If a girl doesn't physically resist sex—even if protesting verbally—it really can't be considered rape.
12. If a girl doesn't physically fight back, you can't really say it was rape.
17. If the accused "rapist" doesn't have a weapon, you really can't call it a rape.
19. If a girl doesn't say "no," she can't claim rape.

Subscale: she lied

13. A lot of times, girls who say they were raped agreed to have sex and then regret it.
14. Rape accusations are often used as a way of getting back at guys.
15. Girls who say they were raped often led the guy on and then had regrets.
16. A lot of times, girls who claim they were raped just have emotional problems.
18. Girls who are caught cheating on their boyfriends sometimes claim that it was rape.

Subscale: he didn't mean to

5. When guys rape, it is usually because of their strong desire for sex.
6. Guys don't usually intend to force sex on a girl, but sometimes they get too sexually carried away.
7. Rape happens when a guy's sex drive gets out of control.

Subscale: he didn't mean to – alcohol

8. If a guy is drunk, he might rape someone unintentionally.
9. If both people are drunk, it can't be rape.
10. It shouldn't be considered rape if a guy is drunk and didn't realize what he was doing.

Table 2. *Frequencies of responses on the Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale and its subscales.*

	5 = strongly agree		4 = agree		3= neither agree/disagree		2 = disagree		1 = strongly disagree	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
Overall Scale	12	1.5	37	4.6	204	25.0	292	36.0	267	32.9
She asked for it - Subscale	24	2.8	87	10.3	231	27.4	237	28.1	265	31.4
It wasn't really rape - Subscale	27	3.3	21	2.5	127	15.2	178	21.3	482	57.7
She lied - Subscale	23	2.7	90	10.8	243	29.2	209	25.1	268	32.2
He didn't mean to - Subscale	52	6.1	128	15.2	224	26.5	166	19.7	274	32.5
He didn't mean to – alcohol - Subscale	24	2.9	37	4.4	164	19.6	260	31.0	352	42.1

Table 3. *Means and standard deviations for the Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale and its subscales.*

	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
Overall Scale	2.09	.884
She asked for it - Subscale	2.16	1.04
It wasn't really rape - Subscale	1.68	.972
She lied - Subscale	2.28	1.07
He didn't mean to - Subscale	2.43	1.22
He didn't mean to – alcohol - Subscale	1.96	.993

Table 4. *Independent samples t-tests comparing the Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale and its subscales by gender.*

	Female		Male		<i>t</i> -test
	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	
Overall Scale	1.99	.860	2.37	.897	- 5.41***
She asked for it - Subscale	2.07	1.03	2.42	1.02	- 4.22***
It wasn't really rape - Subscale	1.59	.930	1.91	1.06	- 3.89***
She lied - Subscale	2.17	1.05	2.58	1.05	- 4.87***
He didn't mean to - Subscale	2.33	1.19	2.73	1.23	- 4.22***
He didn't mean to – alcohol - Subscale	1.87	.948	2.24	1.06	- 4.54***

p*<.05; *p*<.01; ****p*<.001.

Table 5. Means and standard deviations for the Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale and its subscales by class standing.

	Freshman		Sophomore		Junior		Senior		Graduate	
	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
Overall Scale	2.26	.968	2.07	.886	2.11	.865	2.04	.864	1.79	.735
She asked for it - Subscale	2.20	1.00	2.15	1.06	2.17	1.03	2.16	1.90	1.89	.981
It wasn't really rape - Subscale	1.84	1.12	1.69	.980	1.65	.940	1.62	.931	1.46	.676
She lied - Subscale	2.41	1.13	2.24	1.09	2.25	1.07	2.28	1.05	1.97	.881
He didn't mean to - Subscale	2.63	1.28	2.44	1.22	2.51	1.22	2.31	1.19	1.96	1.00
He didn't mean to – alcohol - Subscale	2.16	1.09	1.89	.949	2.03	.991	1.88	.981	1.60	.727

Table 6. One way analysis of variance with post-hoc comparisons for Illinois Rape Myth Acceptance Scale and its subscales by class standing.

	<i>F</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>p</i>	Post hoc analysis (Tukey $p < .05$)
Overall Scale	3.25	4, 791	.01	Freshmen > Graduate student**
He didn't mean to - Subscale	4.10	4, 823	.003	Freshmen > Senior*
He didn't mean to – alcohol - Subscale	3.05	4, 816	.002	Freshmen > Sophomore* Freshmen > Senior*

* $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$.