

## **Experimental Survey on Hazing Using Vignettes**

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## **Introduction**

Survey Intro Thank you for your interest in this survey. The goal of this survey is to gauge WVU students' perceptions of hazing.

Your responses to this survey are anonymous. This survey will not record any identifiable information such as your name, WVU ID number, or email. Please do not provide such identifiable information in any open-ended response questions. Though your answers are anonymous, please answer each question truthfully and to the best of your ability.

This survey begins with a scenario which we ask you to read carefully and completely before navigating to the next page. After reading the scenario, you will be presented with 32 questions. Completion of this survey is estimated to take between 20 to 30 minutes.

There is no penalty for failure to complete this survey and you may stop at any time. Use the arrows on the bottom left and right of the page to navigate through the survey. You must answer every question on each page before you are able to proceed to the next page.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cheyenne Jackson at [caj0023@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:caj0023@mix.wvu.edu).

If you are ready and willing to begin the survey, please click the arrow on the bottom right.

## Vignettes

### Vignette 1.

**Please carefully read the following scenario before continuing to the next portion of the survey.**

An extracurricular student group on your campus is under investigation for hazing. Veteran group members initiated new members by striking them multiple times with a paddle. The new members were told their refusal or failure to participate would lead to them being kicked out of the group. When interviewed, each new member confirmed this event, but insisted they consented to being struck with a paddle.

### Vignette 2.

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### Vignette 3.

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An extracurricular student group on your campus is under investigation for hazing. Veteran group members initiated new members with a drinking game. The drinking game involved consuming large amounts of alcohol in a short amount of time. The new members were told their refusal or failure to participate would lead to them being kicked out of the group. When interviewed, each new member confirmed this event but insisted they consented to participating in the game.

### Vignette 4.

**Please carefully read the following scenario before continuing to the next portion of the survey.**

An extracurricular student group on your campus is under investigation for hazing. Veteran group members initiated new members with a drinking game. The drinking game involved consuming large amounts of alcohol in a short amount of time. The new members were told their refusal or failure to participate would lead to them being kicked out of the group. When interviewed, each new member confirmed this event.

**For what is the student group being investigated?**

Cheating on an exam

Hazing

Stealing money from their university

Excluding students of a certain race

**What did the veteran group members do to the new members?**

The veteran group members administered a drinking game.

Veteran group members and new members played against each other in a softball game.

The veteran group members struck new members with a paddle.

New members were encouraged to steal from a grocery store to show loyalty to the group.

**True or false: The new members were told they would be kicked out of the group if they did not participate.**

True

False

**Do you believe the veteran group members are guilty of hazing?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**From an ethical standpoint, to what extent were the actions of the veteran group members good or bad?**

Extremely good

Moderately good

Neither good nor bad

Moderately bad

Extremely bad

I don't know

**Do you feel the veteran members of the group deserve some sort of punishment from the university?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**If the veteran members of the group are punished by the university, what punishment do you feel is the most appropriate?**

I firmly believe they should not receive any punishment.

They should receive a warning to avoid these actions in the future.

The veteran team members should be anti-hazing training.

The veteran members should be removed from the group.

They should be suspended from the university for 1-2 semesters.

The should be suspended from the university for more than 2 semesters.

They should be expelled from the university.

**Do you feel the veteran members of the group should be reported to the police?**

Yes

Maybe

No

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

An action is not hazing if the victim consents.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Everyone drinks before they turn 21.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

I would recognize hazing if I saw it.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

It is my responsibility to report students I suspect are involved in hazing.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Hazing is useful for group cohesion.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Hazing can be fun.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Hazing is a serious issue which needs to be prevented.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree



Somewhat Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Hazing is dangerous.

Strongly Agree  
Somewhat Agree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Somewhat Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Hazing should be Illegal.

Strongly Agree  
Somewhat Agree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Somewhat Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Most student groups haze their new members.

Strongly Agree  
Somewhat Agree  
Neither Agree nor Disagree  
Somewhat Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

My university does not do enough to stop hazing.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Sometimes hazing is acceptable.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

The definition of hazing is clean.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

There are no benefits to hazing new group members.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

Underage drinking is not a serious issue.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

All initiations of new group members are hazing.

Strongly Agree

Somewhat Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Somewhat Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**Do you know someone who has been hazed?**

Yes

Unsure

No

**Have you ever been hazed?**

Yes

Unsure

No

**In the space below, please define hazing to the best of your ability.**

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**What best describes your gender identity?**

Male

Female

Non-binary

Other [Please specify] \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your race/ethnicity? [Select all that apply]**

White

Black or African American

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Other [Please specify] \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your age in years? Please use the space below to enter your age in years.**

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**Of the following, which area of study reflects your current major or discipline at WVU?**

Biological and Health Sciences

Business and Professional Fields

Education

Humanities/Arts

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Social Science

No Major/Exploratory

Other [Please specify] \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you an active member of any of the following types of student organizations?**

**[Select all the apply]**

Academic or educational organization

Club sport team

Community service organization

Political or multicultural club

Religious/spiritual student organization

Social fraternity/sorority

Student government

Varsity sport team

Other [please specify] \_\_\_\_\_

I am not an active member of any student organization.

**Which of the following best describes your student classification?**

Freshmen

Sophomore

Junior

Senior/Super Senior

Graduate/Professional

Other [Please specify] \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any thoughts related to this survey or hazing that you'd like to share? If so, please use the space below to share any relevant information to this survey.**

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## **Gratitude Message**

You have reached the end of this survey. As a reminder, if you have any questions please contact Cheyenne Jackson at [caj0023@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:caj0023@mix.wvu.edu).

Until you navigate from this page using the arrow on the bottom right of the screen, you are still able to go back and change your response to any question. To do so, please use the arrow on the bottom left of the page. If you are satisfied with your responses, please submit the survey with the arrow on the bottom right.

Thank you for your participation.