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Sexual Aggression among African Adolescent Males in South African Context

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ABSTRACT This paper reports on sexual aggression among African adolescent males in South African context. Literature findings demonstrated that cultural belief system, family structures and gangsterism exert enormous influence on sexual behavior of adolescent males. Various books, journal articles, dissertations and internet sources were explored. Grounded in multiple theories such as Bandura's social learning theory and Emerson's social exchange, the aim of this paper is to investigate the factors which propel male youth to engage in sexual aggressive behavior and recommends context-based approaches to equip cultural indoctrinated African adolescents against sexual ill-health. This paper also contends that the power of modelling and growing up in disorganized communities fraught with alcohol and drug abuse lead to irresponsible manhood amongst many adolescent males. To ameliorate sexual aggressive behavior of African adolescent males, parents should proactively work alongside the church, school and traditional leaders responsible for male circumcisions in designing psycho-educational programs.