

ATTITUDE TOWARDS ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION IN NIGERIAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

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Abstract

This paper critically examines the attitude, knowledge and practice of abortion and contraception among Nigerian tertiary institution students. The sample of three (3) academic institutions was taken; a university, a polytechnic and a college of education. The data was obtained using a questionnaire. The study shows that although a significant proportion of students resort to abortion to solve their problem of unwanted pregnancy, liberalized abortion was opposed by a majority (82.3%). Although majority of the students are sexually active, the knowledge of contraception is very low and that explains the reason for the increasing rate of abortion among them. It was also discovered that students' attitude towards the practice of sex, abortion and the use of contraceptives are independent on their sex, age and relationship status

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