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operationalize my variables by using questions from the social, gender, sexual, and health climate sections to assess my three factors described above. Analyzing how questions like “how often one participates in fraternity parties” and “how often you consumed alcohol prior to sex”, address many factors on the transformative nature of the definition of rape and sexual assault on this campus.

Thirdly, I will be administering confidential surveys electronically to all freshmen and all seniors. I have obtained the list of all freshmen and seniors from the Registrar and will simply use the Google Documents “Form” model to e-mail my survey out. I will not track the emails of participants that complete the survey. In my surveys I will be testing out all three factors- the perpetrators identity, the setting of a rape or sexual assault, and the victims own behavior. Within each scenario there will be three variables describing each factor that will be manipulated. For the setting- the scenario will either take place at a Fraternity party, a local bar, or in the general downtown area. For the victims own behavior, the victim will be drunk at night, sober at night, or socially drinking. For the identity of the perpetrator, he will be a Colgate student a student from another university, or a local Hamilton male. With all of these variables combined there are twenty-seven possible scenarios. However, when administering my survey, each participant will get six of the twenty-seven randomly shuffled scenarios. I plan on following up by e-mail several times so that I can get a high enough response rate (I am aiming for 30% of the freshman class at 30% of the senior class. I will also be asking the Link Staff for help in getting the word out about my survey to all freshmen.

### **Manner of Obtaining Participants:**

I will obtain participants by going through the entire list from the registrar of all registered students at Colgate and e-mailing all freshmen and all seniors. Also, I will be asking the links to help with getting the word out to all freshmen about my survey- however, I will make it extremely evident to the links that this survey is voluntary so the subjects do not have to take the survey. Since the issues of rape and sexual assault are interesting and worthwhile topics discussing and researching, I feel that many people will want to respond to my survey. Since I am aiming to get 30% of both the freshmen class and the senior class, I plan on sending out follow up emails to get the response rate that I would like. By administering my survey to two different age groups, I will be able to get a well-rounded view of how both male and female freshman view rape and sexual assault as well as how male and female seniors view rape and sexual assault. There will be no form of monetary compensation for the participants. In order to get consent I will explain why I am conducting my survey in my detailed consent form which outlines my study.

## **Certificate of Informed Consent**

**Purpose and Procedures:** The purpose of this research is to understand how rape and sexual assault are categorized on Colgate's campus. By granting consent to be part of this research, you agree to voluntarily participate in a 20-minute survey asking you questions about hypothetical sexual interactions. You will be asked to read six scenarios and answer questions about these scenarios in specific ways.

**Benefits/Risks:** There is only minimal risk associated with this study. You may feel uncomfortable answering some of the questions in the survey. There is no personal benefit in participating in the current study.

**Confidentiality:** You understand that all information collected in this study will be kept strictly confidential and used only for the purposes of this study. Your responses will not be linked to your

Survey Questions (removed from example)