

Due Date: Wednesday February 26, 2014
Points Possible: 30 points

The news media is the primary method most Americans use to get their information about myriad issues, including human sexuality. How reliable a source are they?

For this assignment you are to analyze a current news article about that is about explicitly or tangentially human sexuality (from a *reputable* source, this includes, newspapers, online news or reputable sources, magazines, etc.) in sociological terms. Find a story that intrigues you about a human sexuality. Critically analyze the article using the social construction of reality premise and concepts we've discussed in class. Although the first part asks for a brief summary of 'the facts' this is the *least* important part of the assignment. The *most* important part are the questions that follow! Do not forget to answer all of the questions for full credit and answer them with knowledge gained from this course. Be sure to include the following points:

Identify the following:

- Who is involved?
- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- Where did it occur?
- When did it occur?
- What aspect of human sexuality is being addressed?

This is the most important part! Thoroughly answer the following questions:

- I. How can the aspect of human sexuality in question be explained with the social construction of sexuality concept and other course concepts?
- II. Be sure to apply the SCoR (and key concepts, yes this means using terms from the course) correctly!
- III. How (if) could this issue be addressed differently in this situation?
- IV. Be sure to clearly state how the groups or people involved are invested in the definition of the situation provided (either resolving it or perpetuating it).

This paper should take 3-4 pages. Be sure to include a citation of the article you discussed.