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- Freely Given
- Informed
- Reversible
- Enthusiastic
- Specific

Figure 2. The large majority of male and females report that they understand consent to be an agreement to a specific activity made while all parties are non-coerced and in no altered states. Yet, rates of assault persist. Future research should explore this disparity between knowledge and behavioral rates.

Comparison To Other Institutions

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Table 1. Resources offered by Duke compared to other similar universities.

For more information, see: https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/conduct/z-policies/student-sexual-misconduct-policy-dukes-commitment-title-ix
https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/sites/default/files/2017-07/Student_Experience_Survey_1.pdf

Next Steps

Based on this analysis of different institutions of higher education, we believe that Duke should adopt a Public Health framework, which encompasses gender, structural, and cultural concerns, in its consideration of sexual misconduct on campus.