

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE OF ADOLESCENTS ON PREVENTIVE SEX BEHAVIOR IN THE WEST OF INDONESIA**

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### **Abstract**

Free sex is a relationship between men and women without marital ties. Free sex has now become a trend in some groups. As many as 62.7% of teenagers in Indonesia have had premarital sex. This study was conducted to describe the knowledge and attitudes of adolescents regarding the behavior of preventing free sex in western Indonesia. The study was descriptive and quantitative that involved teenagers with an age range of 18-21 years who lived in the western part of Indonesia. The study used a random sample, with a sample size of 96 respondents. The univariate analysis found that as many as 89 respondents (92.7%) had good knowledge about free sex prevention behavior, and more than half of the respondents had a negative attitude about free sex prevention behavior, as many as 49 respondents (51.0%). Sex is God's gift to humans, which is permissible for married humans because sex outside marriage is an act against God's decree. Sex is good if it is used as a gift from God and can be experienced in holy marriage. Further research could reach a larger population outside of western Indonesia and with the same topic but different research.

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