Mental Contamination Report

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Now that you have imagined yourself in that scenario, please answer the following questions about how you feel at this moment:

1. On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 represents “not at all” and 100 represents “completely”, please rate the extent to which you feel:

   Distressed__________ Anxious__________ Angry__________

   Disgusted--by the man’s physical attributes__________

   Disgusted--by the man’s behaviour__________

   Ashamed__________ Guilty__________ Humiliated__________

   Afraid__________ Sad__________ Cheap__________

   Sleazy__________

2. Do you feel dirty or unclean? Please rate the extent to which you feel dirty/unclean on a scale from 0 to 100.

   Rating: ____________

3. If you feel dirty, can you locate this feeling of dirtiness? -- Please check (✓) where you feel dirty:

   [ ] Mouth
   [ ] Arms
   [ ] Tongue
   [ ] Diffuse (all over)
   [ ] Face
   [ ] Difficult to locate
   [ ] Hands
   [ ] Internal
   [ ] Stomach
   [ ] Other ____________________________

4. If you feel dirty, do you have an urge to do anything about this feeling of dirtiness? Please rate each urge on a scale from 0 to 100.

   Rinse mouth/spit/drink something__________ Wash my face__________
   Brush teeth/use mouthwash__________ Wash my hands__________
   Try to think about something else__________ Take a shower__________
   Other (please specify) ____________________________
5. For the urges you endorsed in question 4, think about why you want to do this. Check (✓) off the statement(s) that most apply to you:

[ ] I am worried that, when I leave this room, other people will be able to tell that I feel dirty.

[ ] It would make me feel less distressed or anxious.

[ ] I am worried about spreading this dirtiness to other things or people.

[ ] It would prevent me from getting sick.

[ ] It would make me stop thinking about it.

[ ] I cannot think of a reason.

[ ] I have another reason (please specify) __________________________________

6. How easy was it to imagine the scenario in your mind?

(0-100)________

7. How clear/vivid was the imagined scenario?

(0-100)________

8. How realistic was the imagined scenario?

(0-100)________

9. Have you ever been to a party like the one described in the tape? (Circle one)

Never Rarely Sometimes Often

10. Have you ever experienced a non-consensual (i.e., forced) sexual encounter, such as a kiss?  

   Yes  No  

   If so, did it occur at a party?  Yes   No

11. Has a friend of yours ever experienced a non-consensual (i.e., forced) sexual encounter?  

   Yes  No  

   If so, did it occur at a party?  Yes   No

12. Have you ever witnessed a non-consensual (i.e., forced) sexual encounter, such as a kiss?  

   Yes  No  

   If so, did it occur at a party?  Yes   No
On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 represents “not at all” and 100 represents “completely”, please answer the following questions:

13. Based on your impression of the man in the scenario before you experience the kiss, how immoral would you say the man is?

(0-100)________

14. Based on your impression of the man in the scenario after you experience the kiss, how immoral would you say the man is?

(0-100)________

15. At the moment that you experience the kiss in the recording, how much would you say that you wanted the kiss to happen?

(0-100)________

16. How inappropriate (socially/morally wrong) would you rate the man’s behaviour?

(0-100)________

17. Do you think this man is trustworthy?

(0-100)________

18. Do you think this man would help someone if they were in need?

(0-100)________

19. Do you think this man would take advantage of a vulnerable or defenseless person?

(0-100)________

20. Do you think this man would risk harming someone else in order to get something he wanted?

(0-100)________

21. Do you think this man would decide not to do something immoral if he thought it might harm someone else?

(0-100)________
On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 represents “not at all” and 100 represents “completely”, please answer the following questions:

22. Do you think this man would choose to do the “right” thing even though he didn’t want to do it? (0-100)________

23. Do you think this man would decide not to do something he thought was wrong even though he really wanted to do it? (0-100)________

24. Do you think you did anything wrong in this situation? (0-100)________
   Why or why not? ________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

25. Do you think the man in the scenario did anything wrong in this situation? (0-100)________
   Why or why not? ________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

26. How responsible do you feel for the events that occurred in this situation? (0-100)________

27. Do you think you could have prevented this situation? (0-100)________

28. Would you expect this type of behaviour from this man? (0-100)________

29. Do you feel violated by this man’s behaviour? (0-100)________