

Assignment 1: Attitudes toward Premarital Sex

**Learning Objectives:**

*Skill*

- Learning about survey methodology and sampling methods
- Using software to access and analyze census data
- Identifying independent and dependent variables
- Learning how to construct, read, and interpret bivariate tables displaying frequencies and percentages
- Using real world data to enhance and support key course concepts

*Substance*

- Use survey data to understand attitudes toward premarital sex and learn how to analyze data tables to discover demographic trends.

This assignment requires that you use the student resources from your Wadsworth Publishing Company. Please click on the following link [Analysis Tasks](#).

Click on autoanalyzer. Select the variable “premar sex”.

You should get a series of tables that depicts the degree to which people believe that premarital sex is wrong by different characteristics. You will need to answer the following questions.

1. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage? Represents:
  - a. the operationalized definition of attitude toward premarital sex
  - b. the ideal type
  - c. the Hawthorne effect
2. True or false. Age is positively associated with the belief that premarital sex is wrong.
3. What percentage of people believe that premarital sex is always or almost always wrong?
  - a. 40.1%
  - b. 20.1%
  - c. 38.8%
  - d. 53.8%
4. True or False. More educated respondents are less likely to believe that premarital sex is wrong.

5. Which is more likely to disagree with the statement that premarital sex is wrong, males or females?
6. Which is more likely to disagree with the statement that premarital sex is wrong, blacks or whites?
7. In all of the above examples, what is the likely dependent variable (Hint: It is the same for all of them).
8. Of the three political parties listed, among which are respondents most likely to say that premarital sex is wrong?
  - a. Republicans
  - b. Independents
  - c. Democrats
9. Among the three political parties listed, among which two are the respondents most alike on the issue of premarital sex?
  - a. Republicans and Democrats are most alike
  - b. Republicans and Independents are most alike
  - c. Democrats and Independent are most alike
10. Excluding the category of persons who report that they do not have a religion, among the religious groups depicted in the table, respondents who are of \_\_\_\_\_ are least likely to report that they believe premarital sex is wrong.
  - a. Jewish
  - b. Catholic
  - c. Liberal Protestant
  - d. Conservative Protestant