

PSYC 350A – Take Home Assignment

Due Date: **August 9th, 2017** – hard copy must be handed in at the beginning of class.

Value: 25%

- Late assignments will not be accepted without an excused absence (e.g., a medical note).
- Please follow APA guidelines for academic writing. A useful resource can be found at: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
- Essay should be no more than 5 pages, plus references, typed, and double-spaced (around 1250-1500 words). Please use Times New Roman font, size 12.
- Please edit your work. Marks will be deducted for spelling and/or grammar errors, poor writing quality, etc. If writing is not your strong suit, seek the advice of classmates, friends, or the UBC Learning Commons.

Format:

Please select ONE of the following TV shows or movies and provide a critical analysis of how this show/movie has influenced sexuality.

Shows:

- House of Cards
- Game of Thrones
- Girls
- Orange is the New Black

Movies:

- 50 Shades of Grey
- Moonlight

The topic for the paper is intentionally broad. You are free to write about any aspect of influence (good and/or bad) that you choose. However, to keep your paper focused, it is recommended that you choose a specific influence on which to develop a strong thesis statement. In other words, you can write on anything you like so long as it has a focus and direction. As an example, you could choose to answer one of the following questions:

Examples:

- How has this show/movie influenced women's sexuality?
- How has this show/movie influenced men's sexuality?
- How does this show/movie compare to pornography in their influences on men and women's sexuality?

- How has this show/movie affected understanding of the specific communities (e.g., BDSM, LGB, Trans, POC)?
- How does the influence of this show/movie compare to the influence of past sexual works of historical importance?
- How has this show/movie influenced our understanding of relationships (e.g., open/closed, gay/straight)?

Important: This is not your opinion - you need to back up your arguments. You can use references (journal articles), you could do an interview(s), you could do a small survey, etc.

Grading:

Language (15%)

- Includes mechanics, style, and coherence
- Paper should be free of spelling and grammar errors, well-written, and easy to understand

Organization and Formatting (20%)

- Paper should be structured in essay format according to APA guidelines
- Any references used should to be cited in APA format

Thesis Statement (5%)

- You should have a clear, precise, and insightful thesis statement. It should be very clear from this statement what the paper is going to be discussing

Analysis of Influence (60%):

- You should be able to support your thesis statement through clear and logical arguments using sound evidence including examples from the material and additional references as needed (60%)