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| Title of Research: | The Relationship Between Self-Body Image and Depression |
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| Procedure: | In this survey subjects were asked to take three surveys and answer a few demographics questions. Subjects took the Beck Depression Inventory to measure their levels of depression (Beck, Steer, & Carbin, 1988); to measure self-body image subjects took two surveys: the Body Parts Satisfaction Scale (Berscheid, 1973) and the Body Self Relations Questionnaire (Winstead & Cash, 1984). The purpose of this survey is to gain a more complete understanding of the factors affecting depression and self-body image. Subjects were a part of the Answers University community or the Reddit Community ages 18 and older. |
| Research question and results: | The purpose of this survey is to gain a more complete understanding of the factors affecting depression and self-body image. We are expecting that the relationship between depression and self-body image will be consistent across culture and ethnicity while a stronger correlation between Depression and self-body image will be found in women and a weaker correlation among men.  |
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