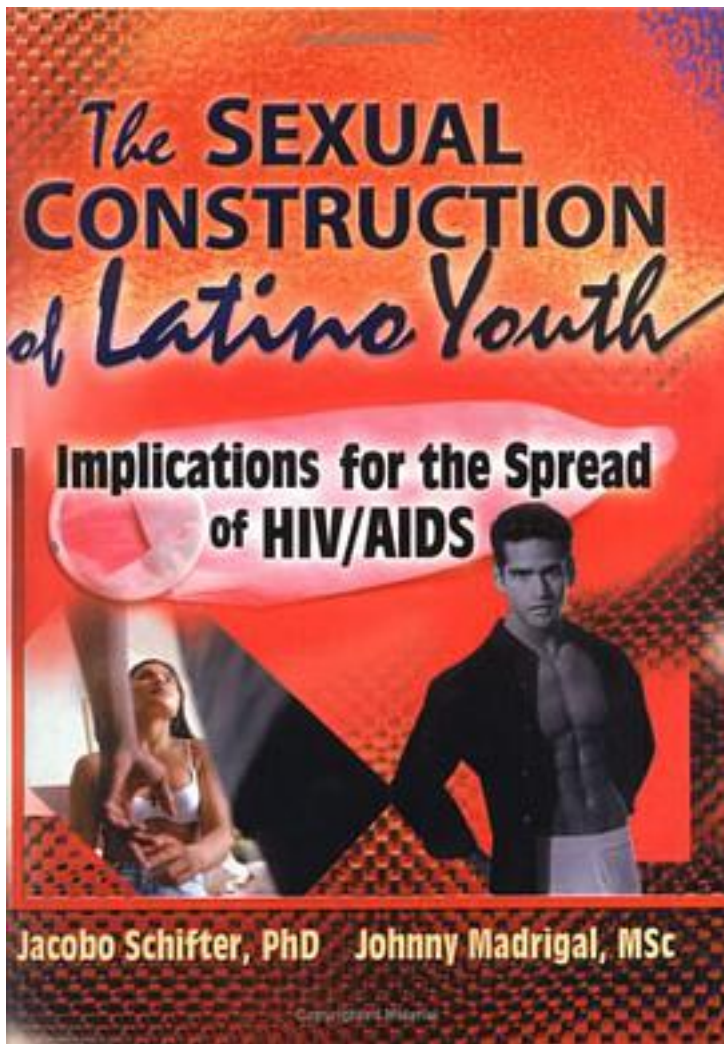


The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth



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Learn about Latino sexuality and how to help curb the spread of AIDS among young Latinos! The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth: Implications for the Spread of HIV/AIDS is a comprehensive study of what young Latinos learn about sexuality and a detailed description of the Latin sexual culture and its direct relation to HIV infection. This unique book discusses how the social construction of gender in Latin America contributes to sexual violence in countries such as Costa Rica, where violence is used as a means of controlling and asserting ownership over women's bodies by their fathers, brothers, and boyfriends. You will discover how this violence and control often leads women to develop post-traumatic stress disorder, a seemingly hopeless condition that makes them incapable of responding to a new crisis. The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth calls for the development of individual prevention programs that take into account the differences in sexual culture and the role of gender and class in producing such differences. The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth contains shocking information on several Latin American countries such as Honduras, which has more than fifty percent of the Central American AIDS cases. Twenty percent of the people there living with AIDS are fifteen to twenty-four years old. Through your knowledge of the situation, you can work to prevent tragedy among young people in Latin America who are among the least informed group on HIV prevention and the most likely to engage in practices that place them at high risk of contracting HIV. Through The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth, you will discover unique tips and suggestions for connecting with young people and developing a program to lower infection rates, such as: discovering how the Roman Catholic churches' position that a condom campaign to prevent HIV infection is immoral prevents young people from using condoms realizing that censorship by the media and public at large regarding premarital sex and AIDS- related topics is one of the key barriers to effective AIDS prevention strategies understanding that because sex education remains unavailable to the young people of Latin America, these countries will continue to experience unwanted pregnancies and HIV infection recognizing that in Latin America, fear, guilt, disgust, and shame are all used in an attempt to control a young person's body and assure that all expressions of sexuality are directly related to procreation finding that young people in Latin America live at home until they are married, rely on their parents for gainful employment and are expected to live their lives for their families, not for themselves The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth discusses why traditional approaches to sex education in Latin America are ineffective and demonstrates what culturally-minded steps need to be taken to teach these youths how to protect themselves. The Sexual Construction of Latino Youth will help you make a difference and enable you to turn some of these tragic stories into successful and healthy lives.

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