

Focus Group End of Year Report for 2023

Name of Focus Group: Sexuality

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1. What were your focus groups major activities or accomplishments this year?

Given that we were unsure of COVID and attendance, we opted to have our focus group meeting online in advance of the conference. We had a small group (7) join us on November 9th. While we often have in-depth discussions as teacher-scholars around topics related to sexuality, this year's discussion focused more on being activist-teacher-scholars in the wake of the Dobbs Supreme Court decision. Specifically, discussions about the need for greater sex education in reaction to Dobbs. We also had a long discussion about COVID and dating, particularly on college campuses and the impact of COVID on sexual debut.

2. What has your focus group done during the past year to further NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives?

Our focus group inherently support inclusion and diversity given our focus on sexuality from an educational and sex positive perspective. We discussed challenges faculty were experiencing in the classroom and how to have a supportive learning environment.

3. Please list any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Over the last few years, we have had large groups as well as small in attendance. This year with in-person, remote, and hybrid options for the conference, we are not sure how many participants to expect. A mid-week noon slot is possibly the best time we've had in recent years, so are hopeful for more participation.

Return by **Monday, October 16, 2023** to membership@ncfr.org