

G7	Sexauction: Exploring the cost of pursuing and engaging in casual sex		
Session aim(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ To explore officers' monetary loss while seeking potentially risky casual sex ♦ To encourage thrift and saving amongst uniformed officers 		
Material(s)	Pen and paper (or use the ground and stick if these are unavailable), chair.		
Duration	60 minutes	Participants	Mixed Gender, Not more than 40 officers
Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask for a male volunteer to play the role of an officer pursuing casual sex. Inform participants that they shall try and calculate the average monetary cost of an officer's casual sexual relationships. 2. Ask participants to guesstimate and agree on the duration it will take the officer, from meeting the partner to actually having sexual intercourse. <i>(Note that some pursuits fail to end up in sex despite the costs. In this case we can have two volunteers and plot the expense timelines concurrently.)</i> 3. Inform participants that we shall use that duration (days, weeks, months) to plot a timeline of expenses incurred. A second volunteer should play the accountant and note the agreed costs. 4. Ask the volunteer to sit on the chair at the starting point. Inform officers that that is the beginning of the sex pursuit. 5. Ask participants to estimate the detailed costs prior to first meeting (e.g. telephone calls, Sh. 150/-) at first meeting, (e.g. meals, Sh. 300/-, transport, Sh. 200/-) etc. For each physical meeting, move the chair a step forward. Costs incurred without physical meeting (e.g. sending money) should be added to the previous encounter. 6. Once the volunteer reaches the end point (having sex), ask the accountant to sum up and announce the total. Lead a discussion with the following guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What alternative risk-free and useful needs and expenses would the total amount arrived at purchase? Why are they neglected? ♦ Does the man know he has spent that much on sex? If 'No', ask why men do not track their expenditures? What would the man have done if he knew he would spend that amount? ♦ Are there post-sex (or aborted pursuit) expenses. Also explore emotional and social costs here. What are the casual sex partner's costs? ♦ What are the consequences of Sexauction to families, individuals? How does the costs incurred compare in the event that the officer gets infected with an STI or HIV or gets unwanted pregnancy? Is it worth spending that much and ending up with an infection? ♦ How does Sexauction contribute to HIV and other STIs spread amongst officers? ♦ How do women's expectations of men, and gender attitudes towards men, contribute to Sexauction? How much do women spend in the course of the Sexauction? ♦ What do women think of men who can't '<i>treat a lady like a queen</i>'? Why should a woman be treated like a queen? How can men treat women like queens without attracting infections? How should women '<i>treat men like kings</i>'? ♦ What risk is posed to a woman after a man has spent money and other resources on her? Do women enjoy spending a men's money? How would a woman feel if her husband was spending money on other women at the expense of family obligations? ♦ Ask any volunteer participants to share real life or personal experiences with 'Sexauction'. Is there a participant who has ever consciously stopped incurring these expenses and would share their experience? What can we do to stop/reduce Sexauction? 		
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