



# BRAVE MISS WORLD

## IX QUESTIONS

HIGH SCHOOL AUDIENCE

I

Linor Abargil was only 18 when she was beaten and raped while in Milan for a modeling job. Did her age at the time of the assault surprise you? Are you surprised to learn that young women between 16 and 19 years old are the group with the second highest rate of rape and sexual assault in the US (just after women between 20 and 24)?

II

Linor immediately told her mother about her experience of rape. If you were in her shoes, would you have a trusted adult, parent, friend, or family member you would feel comfortable telling about a rape or sexual assault?

III

High school is often a time of new relationship experiences for teenagers, and many teens are dating, becoming sexually active, or exploring their own sexual identity for the first time. Do you think this is also a good time for teens to learn about the incidence of rape and sexual assault? Should there also be education about consensual/mutual sexual experiences?

IV

If someone close to you—a friend, a relative, a school peer—experienced sexual assault or rape and confided in you, how would you respond? Do you feel that you’ve received training or instruction that would prepare you to be supportive to that person? If so, where did you receive that training? If not, where can you seek that kind of skill building?

V

There are many myths and misperceptions about rape. Among the most common of these is that women who dress or behave in a certain way are “asking for sex” or are consenting to sex without actually saying “yes”. Another is that only girls—and not boys—can be sexually assaulted. And yet another is that rapists are obvious criminals who are easy to spot and stay away from. Can you list other myths surrounding rape? Visit [www.smartersex.org/date Rape/facts myths.asp](http://www.smartersex.org/date Rape/facts myths.asp) to see a list of common rape myths. Which of these are at work in your own community? How can you combat them?

VI

In your school, what belief system or culture exists around rape? Is rape the subject of joking or teasing? Is it totally taboo to speak about at all? Do girls acknowledge it more than boys? Adults more than teens?

VII

In Linor’s case, her rapist was a man she knew and trusted. Does it surprise you that most survivors of rape know their assailants? Does this fact change the way you think about rape and sexual assault? Does it change the way you think about rapists?

VIII

Is there peer pressure in your school to perform sexual acts that you’re not ready for? Have you ever been part of a discussion that pressures others to be sexually active, or have you ever felt under pressure from others? How would you counsel a friend who asks your advice on whether to go along with a sexual act they might not want to participate in?

IX

Linor finds healing through talking about her experience of rape. Do you think the support of family, friends, and other survivors is crucial to healing from the trauma of rape? How else might rape survivors find support?