Your Choice, Your Consequences

Time: 15 minutes

Materials:

• Your choice, your consequences statements

Prepare Ahead

 Cut out the statements and put them into an envelope from which to draw them at random

Instructions

- Inform students that for this exercise we will assume that everyone is sexually
 active, but we know this is not the case.
- Students will use the month that they were born as their cue
 - Optional: If there are more students in a certain both, divide the statements among students with other months that aren't claimed
- Draw a statement and read the month aloud to the students.
 - All students with that particular birth month will be asked to stand
 - Read the statement associated with the month
- Ask the students to remain standing if they are "pregnant" or to be seated if they are not "pregnant"
- Continue in the same fashion until all the statements have been read. Ask the students what they learned from this activity. Elicit the following points:
 - o A person can become pregnant the first time
 - A person can choose to avoid pregnancy
 - Alcohol and other drugs can impair a person's judgement
 - o Contraception must be used every time to be effective
 - Contraception must be used correctly to be effective

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