

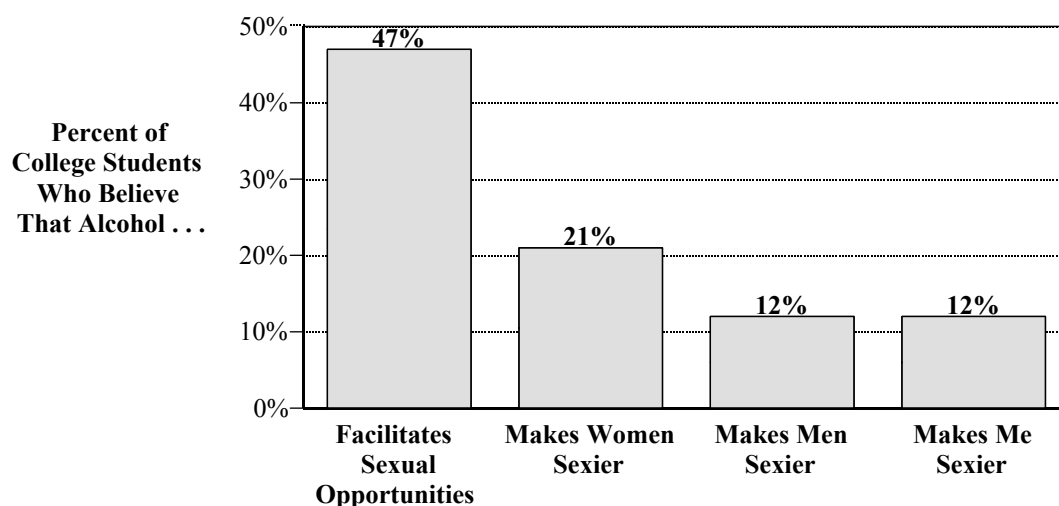
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Nearly Half of College Students Believe That Alcohol Facilitates Sexual Opportunities

As part of the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, college students at 2-year and 4-year institutions across the U.S. were asked several questions about the effects of alcohol on sexual behavior. Nearly half of the students interviewed reported that they think alcohol facilitates sexual opportunities (see figure below). One recent study concluded that “alcohol expectancies operate, at least partly, in the manner of a self-fulfilling prophecy to increase postdrinking sexual risk taking” (Dermen et al., p. 75). Prevention programs should consider stressing that alcohol use need not necessarily lead to increased sexual risk-taking behaviors.

College Students' Beliefs Regarding the Effects of Alcohol on Sexual Behavior
(n=89,874)



NOTE: Data are from the 1995 and 1996 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, administered to 89,874 students at 171 institutions of higher education across the U.S. Only institutions employing random sampling techniques to collect data representative of their campuses were included.

SOURCES: Cheryl Presley et al., “Alcohol and Drugs on American College Campuses: Issues of Violence and Harassment,” Core Institute, Carbondale, Ill., 1997.

Kurt Dermen et al., “Sex-Related Alcohol Expectancies as Moderators of the Relationship between Alcohol Use and Risky Sex in Adolescents,” *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* 59:71-77, 1998.

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