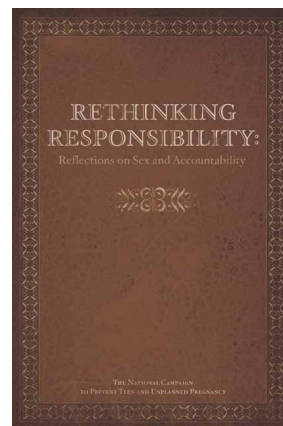


RETHINKING RESPONSIBILITY: REFLECTIONS ON SEX AND ACCOUNTABILITY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The essayists in *Rethinking Responsibility* offer a broad range of views on personal responsibility as it relates to pregnancy planning and prevention. We hope the essays have raised many thoughts and questions regarding personal responsibility. We encourage you to discuss your reaction to the individual essays and the collection as a whole within your family, faith community, and the community at large. As you ponder the definition of personal responsibility, use the following questions to guide your discussion:



1. As a general matter, do you think people are more personally responsible than they have been in the past?
2. Is personal responsibility a voluntary or involuntary action by an individual?
3. What factors contribute to developing an ethic of personal responsibility?
4. Is personal responsibility confined to the actions of an adult?
5. Should personal responsibility ever be abandoned? If so, under what conditions?
6. Has society, as a whole, turned its back on the concept of personal responsibility?
7. What is the difference between personal responsibility and the concept of "free will"?
8. Are we living in a valueless society where personal responsibility cannot thrive?
9. If a person lacks self-esteem, can they comprehend the concept of personal responsibility?
10. When it comes to sex and related issues, does the media foster a culture of irresponsibility? If so, how?
11. Should the faith community play a larger role in defining personal responsibility?
12. What factor has contributed the most to the dilution of the concept of personal responsibility?
13. Has the understanding of personal responsibility kept pace with the earlier age of sexual activity by adolescents? If not, what's the result?
14. Does school curriculum and regulations support the concept of personal responsibility?
15. How can parents best teach personal responsibility?



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