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Effects of Media on adolescents

Abstract paragraph

Source:

"Prepregnancy Contraceptive Use Among Teens With Unintended Pregnancies Resulting In Live Births -- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), 2004--2008."*MMWR: Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report* 61.2 (2012): 25-29. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 8 Nov. 2015.

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Description:

The source listed above is a 2012 report that was provided by Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), a surveillance system that collects state-specific data on attitude and experiences before, during, and after pregnancy for thirty-seven states. In its report PRAMS showed Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analysis of its own data for 2004-2008 sample. In the analysis, it was revealed that among all of the teen-births (15-19years old) occured during the years of 2004 – 2008 73.2% were unintended. In my paper I have described the potential problems of having a slightly outdated sample, but, nevertheless, such high percentage was a surprising and interesting fact for my research. PRAMS also showed that 50.1% of teens in the study reported using no method of birth control and 31.4% of them reported thinking they could not get pregnant as the main reason for not using any contraception methods. In my paper I connected these shockingly high percentage numbers to the effects of overly sexualized media on the perception of sex and its “risk-free” consequences by adolescents. The source also had many interesting statistics and tables, describing responses of different ethnic groups on questions of why they didn’t use contraception.