

Paradigms of Self Perception and Attributional Behaviour Among Selected Nigerian Commercial Sex Workers

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ABSTRACT This study focused on identifying the paradigms of self-perception and attributional behavior among selected Nigerian commercial sex workers. The study is guided by research question set to investigate whether the Nigerian commercial sex workers possess an unbiased and stable self-perception attribute when they are measured on the three self-perception primary factors of 'self as perceived by subjects', 'self as perceived by other' and 'the real self', and the extent to which Nigerian commercial sex workers attribute their self-perception to 'associate causes', (extrinsic motivation) culturally favored causes (conformity), accessible causes (intrinsic) and salient causes (extrinsic). The findings reveal that Nigerian commercial sex workers possess and unbiased and stable self-perception attributes. They equally exhibit a positive bias to accessible reasons, that is, the right thing expected to be done in explaining the primary factor that motivates them to behave in a particular way. Explanations were given in respect of the findings and their implications were discussed.