

Straight Talk About Oral Sex

1. Oral sex is definitely a sexual act. That's why they call it oral sex.
2. No boy who truly cares about or respects a girl would ever ask her to do this.
3. Nearly all of the sexually transmitted diseases can be passed on through oral sex. Doctors report seeing an increase of oral herpes among teens.
4. If you engage in oral sex, especially if you're a girl, you are in danger of experiencing the same emotional hurts—low self-esteem, feeling used, feeling degraded—that can follow uncommitted sexual intercourse.
5. If you're a boy and are getting girls to do this, even if they seem willing, you are exploiting the girl (Would you want somebody doing this to your sister?) and not respecting either her sexuality or your own (Is this something you'd be proud to tell the person you marry? Is this something you'd want your future wife to be doing with some other guy?). You are also deforming your character by becoming the kind of person who selfishly manipulates other people.
6. If you engage in this behavior, you're not treating your body with reverence for the sacred gift that it is.

—Tom and Judy Lickona, *Sex, Love & You: Making the Right Decision* (www.Amazon.com)