Canada in the twenty-first century is rapidly evolving with respect to human sexuality. Underlying this change is a growing recognition and acceptance of diversity with respect to many aspects of sexuality. Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity fully embraces and affirms this diversity, especially within Canadian society.

**Human Diversity**

Colleges and universities undertake the mission of broadening students’ perspectives, encouraging them to tolerate and appreciate human diversity. Canada is a nation of hundreds of ethnic and religious groups, many of which endorse culturally distinct beliefs about appropriate gender roles for men and women, as well as distinctive sexual practices and customs. Diversity is even greater within the global village of the world’s nearly 200 nations and their subcultures.

Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity incorporates a multicultural, multi-ethnic perspective that reflects the diversity of sexual experience in Canadian society and around the world. Discussion of diversity encourages respect for people who hold diverse beliefs and attitudes.

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Features

The fifth Canadian edition of Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity includes several important changes that add substantially to its depth and ease of use:

• Chapter 1 has been revised to place greater emphasis on the theme of diversity and the socio-cultural aspects of human sexuality.

• Chapter 2 now includes a dual focus on theory and research methods, including expanded coverage of different theoretical approaches to the study of human sexuality.

• A new chapter Sexual Health Education (Chapter 15) has been added. This chapter introduces students to the theory and practice of sexual health education in a Canadian context.

• There is a greater emphasis on the impact of new information technologies on human sexuality throughout the book.

• There is a greater focus on diversity throughout the book.

• The authors made every effort to provide a textbook that is clear and succinct but also embodies the highest standards of academic rigor. In addition to emphasizing theory and up-to-date research, practical applications that are relevant to students’ lives are included.