

## ABSTRACT

This study aimed to compare self-concept and heterosexual relationships of incarcerated child molesters with rapists and non-sex offenders in Hong Kong. 28 child molesters (extrafamilial), 19 rapists and 40 non-sex offenders completed a questionnaire examining self-esteem as a man, fear of negative evaluation from women, intimacy and loneliness. Relative to the non-sex offenders, the child molesters were found to have lower self-esteem as a man, more deficiencies in intimacy and greater loneliness. The correlations between scores on most of the measures were significant among the sex offenders (especially the child molesters). The results are discussed in terms of their theoretical and treatment implications.