



Precursors  
of youth's sexual  
and romantic  
relationships

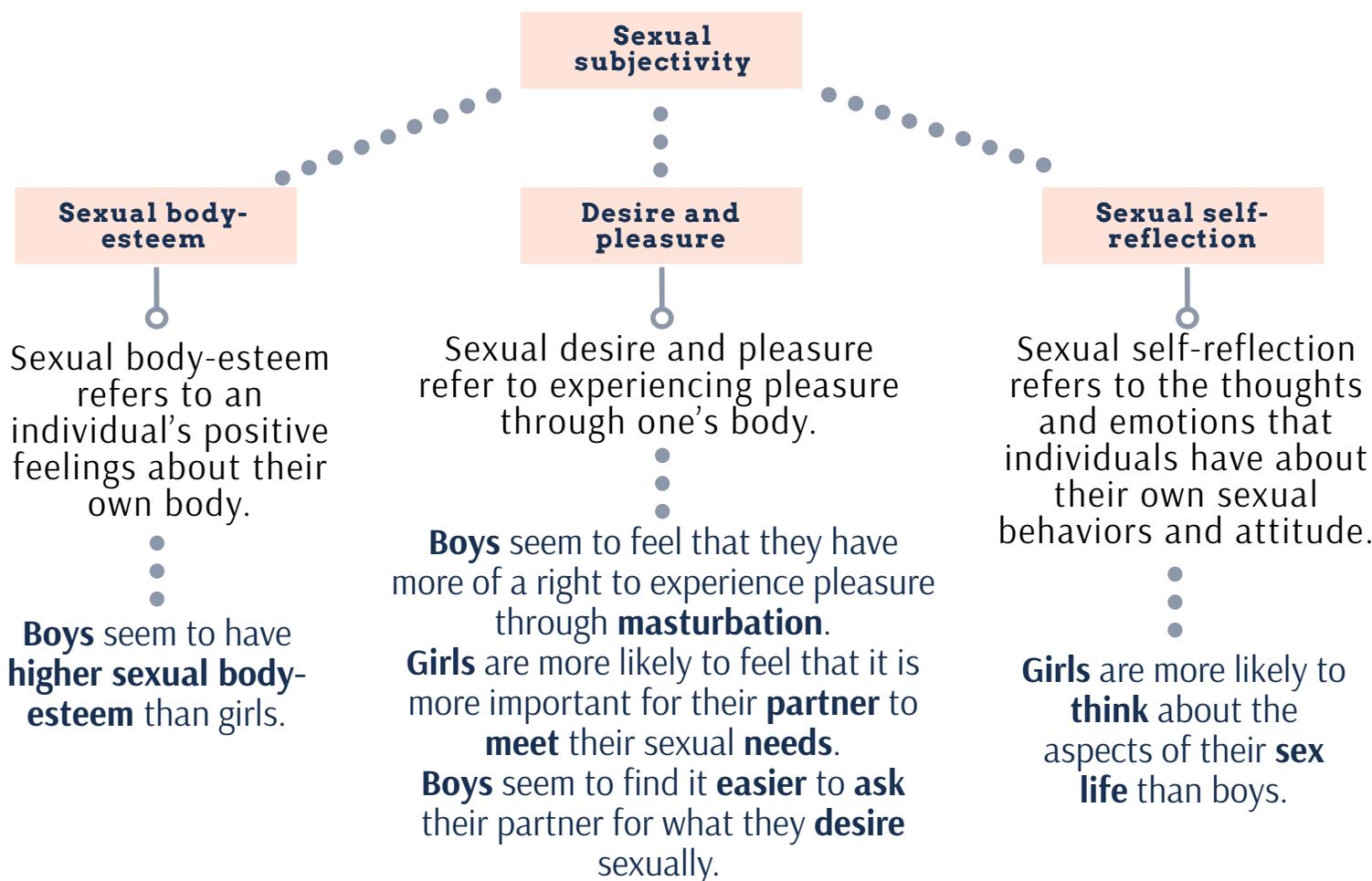
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# Sexual Subjectivity

Sexual subjectivity refers to the way individuals **consider** and **experience** themselves as **sexual beings** (Horne & Zimmer-Gembeck, 2006).<sup>1</sup>

In other words, sexual subjectivity is the process through which we come to understand that we are sexual beings having **choices, desires, deserving pleasure and safety.**

In secondary five (grade 11) adolescents from the PRESAJ Study ....



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