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THE OBJECTIFICATION OF OTHERS SCALE: CONFIRMATORY AND EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS IN A SAMPLE OF EMERGING ADULTS

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The researchers examined the psychometric properties of an unnamed instrument designed to measure the objectification of others. Using classical test theory, modifications to the instrument resulted in the creation of *The Objectification of Others Scale* (OOS). The researchers explored the psychometric properties of the OOS with a sample of emerging adult college students ($N = 1,584$). The researchers used two random subsamples ($n = 792$) of the dataset to conduct exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis, which resulted in a two factor model (72.37% of the variance explained). The two factors of the OOS measured individuals' sexual objectification of others and their evaluation of others' attractiveness. However, the two factors of the OOS demonstrated questionable concurrent validity when compared with participants' scores of empathy. The researchers present recommendations for counselors, counselor educators, and future research.

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