

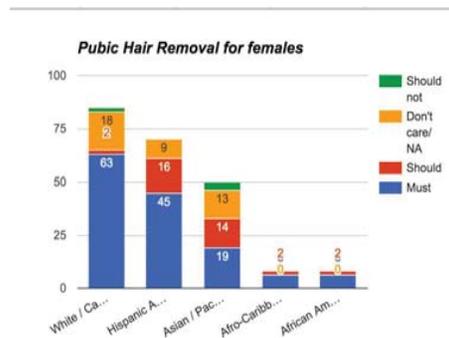
Introduction

Across the globe women rely on their physical appearance to fit into society. Body hair is commonly removed since both women and men find it to be unappealing. Pubic hair, in particular, can be sexually uninviting. Unfortunately, getting rid of pubic hair (and hair in general) is painful and uncomfortable. People go to great lengths to remove these unwanted follicles, from shaving to waxing or even using chemical techniques to modify their bodies and reach what they consider a perfect look. Considering that these methods of hair removal can cause things like irritation and bruising, why do we still do it? It's said that pubic hair is meant to be used as a cushion against friction during sex. But does it really play a positive or negative role in sexuality? More importantly, do certain groups of women have stronger opinions about pubic hair? Or is the removal shared by women of all ranges in the US?

Methods & Materials

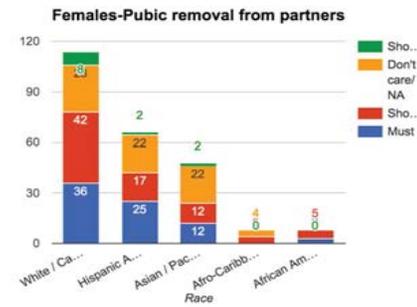
More than 500 surveys were carried out by the students of ANT 100. These surveys discussed sexuality and the preferences of young adults in New York City. The data taken from these surveys focuses particularly on the importance of body hair removal.

Pubic Hair Removal for Females



White/ Caucasian: display the highest percentages concerning pubic hair removal with or without a partner
Afro-Caribbean: display the lowest percentages concerning pubic hair removal with or without a partner

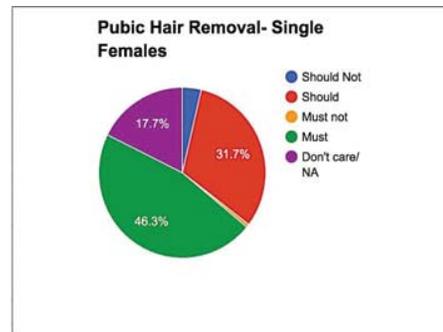
Females Pubic Hair Removal for Partners



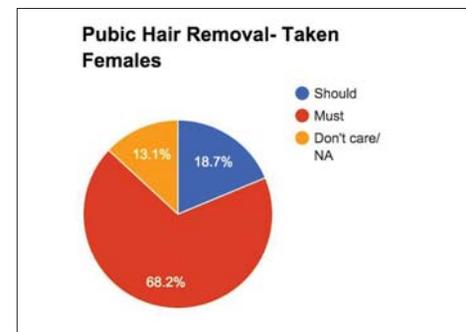
Conclusions

Out of all of the ethnicities that were surveyed, Caucasian females feel most strongly that they and their partners should remove their pubic hair. Other ethnicities that feel strongly about both their own and their partner's removal of pubic hair are Asians and Hispanics. Almost half of single females feel as though they must remove their pubic hair, while only about a fifth say they don't care. The reason behind why certain ethnicities feel more strongly about the removal of pubic hair is still uncertain, but it is suggested that the socio-economic background of whites might push them to modify their bodies more than others, and be the perfected image they pictured, which further reinforces the crazy standards for everyone else to follow suit. On the other hand, when in a relationship, females feel even stronger about the removal of their pubic hair. Almost all of the participants in the survey feel that they must or should remove their pubic hair while dating. Based on the data, it can be inferred that pubic hair removal matters most to those in a relationship/dating. The fact that someone else may be involved increases the chances of pubic hair removal.

Pubic Hair Removal - Single Females



Pubic Hair Removal - Taken Females



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