

**Determinants of condom use among young adults: The role of preparatory behavioral strategies in the theory of planned behavior** (pp. 111-128)

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This study tested a modified version of the theory of planned behavior (TPB) in condom use that incorporated preparatory behavioral strategies (PBS) in a sample of French young adults (n= 350, Mean age= 22.31, SD= 2.49, Age range= 18-30 yrs.) This extended model was able to explain 42% of the variance of behavioral intention and 44% of condom use. In accordance with the TPB, condom use was predicted by intention. Perceived behavioral control (PBC), entourage norms and attitudes were significant predictors of intention, whereas socio-cultural norms had no effect on intention but had a direct effect on behavior. Intention had a direct influence on condom use and was also influenced by PBS, especially active PBS. The effect of PBC on condom use was significantly related through active PBS. The current study provides support for the importance of planning strategies to improve compliance with condom use in young adults.