

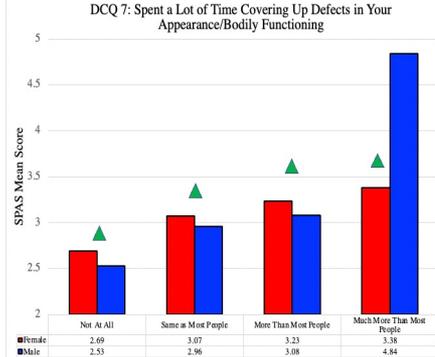
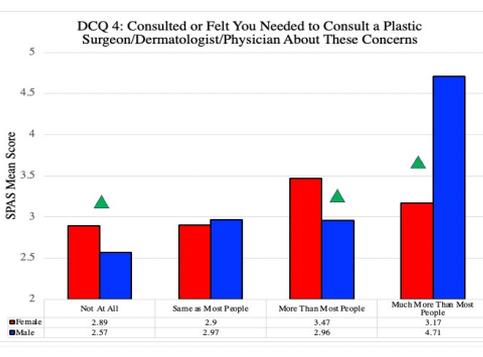
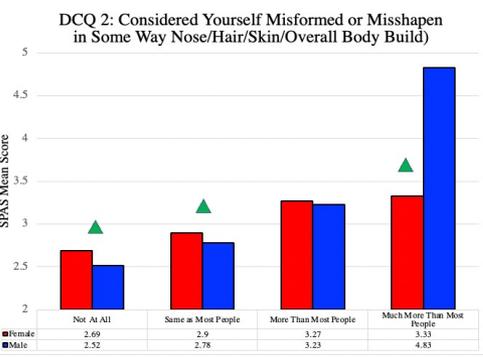
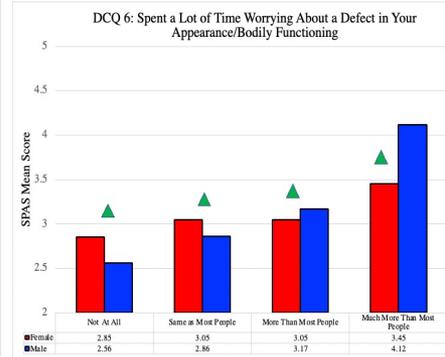
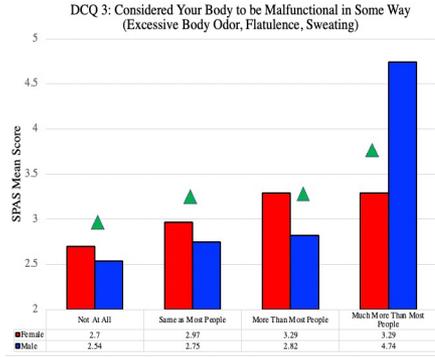
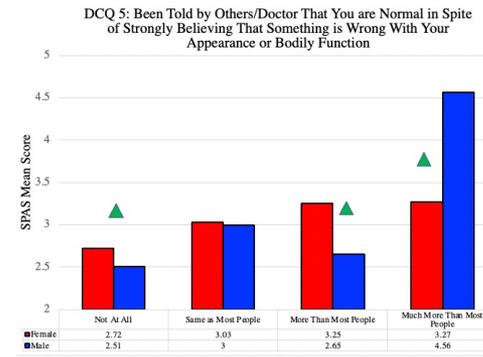
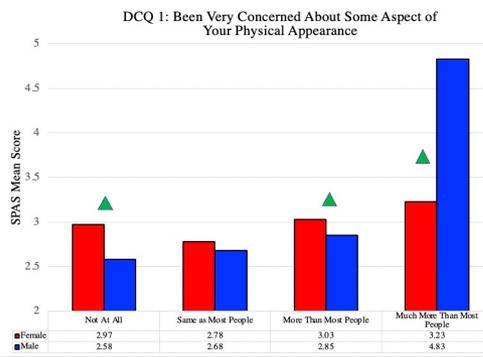
Sex Differences in Dysmorphic Concern



- The Dysmorphic Concern Questionnaire (DCQ) (Oosthuizen, Lambert, & Castle, 1998) is a seven-item measure intended to capture the severity of appearance-related concerns.
- Participants in the present study included 336 women and 240 men with an average age of 21.44 (SD: 4.14). Participants completed a battery of demographics as well as the Dysmorphic Concerns Questionnaire (DCQ) and the Social Physique Anxiety Scale (SPAS). Standing on the SPAS was analyzed using analyses of variance as a function of sex of participant and response on each DCQ item (not at all, same as most people, more than most people, and much more than most people) with appropriate post-hoc comparisons

DCQ 1 (Been very concerned about some aspect of your physical appearance). Significant main effects were observed for sex of participant ($F = 25.75, p < .001$), DCQ response ($F = 183.68, p < .001$), and their interaction ($F = 94.57, p < .001$). Briefly, social physique anxiety scores were higher for women on the not at all and more than most people response categories but were significantly higher for men than women on the much more than most people response category. Similar results were observed for DCQ Question 2, 4, and 5.

DCQ 3 (Considered yourself misformed or misshapen in some way, e.g., nose/hair/skin/sexual organs/overall body build). Significant main effects were observed for sex of participant ($F = 40.22, p < .001$), DCQ response ($F = 99.69, p < .001$), and their interaction ($F = 8.45, p < .001$). Briefly, social physique anxiety scores were higher for women on the not at all, the same as most people, and more than most people response categories but were significantly higher for men than women on the much more than most people response category. Identical results were observed for DCQ Question 3 and 6.



Women reported higher levels of social physique anxiety than men at the lower levels of dysmorphic concern (not at all, same as most people, and more than most people) where men reported higher levels of social physique anxiety than women at the highest level of dysmorphic concern.