

## Investigating the Abolishment of Virginty Testing in South Africa

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**Abstract :** This paper argues that the custom of virginty testing has been revived in order to combat against social ills such as unwanted pregnancies, immorality, promiscuity and the spread of HIV/AIDS. However, virginty testing is not free from challenges such as the belief that having sexual intercourse with a virgin can cure men from AIDS, virginty testing is not accurate because there is scientific evidence supporting the fact that there many ways of losing virginty other than sexual intercourse, for example, the usage of tampons and participation in physical activities may tear the hymen. South African parliament took some positive steps in combatting against harm associated with virginty testing by regulating it in the Children's Act. It is argued, in this paper, that the abolition of virginty testing may lead to paper law and it would be premature to abolish virginty testing in South Africa.

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