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Academic Research Study on Women in Fan Culture (v.8)

Thank you for participating in this study on women in pop fan culture. Your responses are invaluable, no matter your level of fandom.

Your permission: By completing the questions within this survey, you authorize the researcher to use your answers for the purposes of this study. Your answers will be completely anonymous if used in the study. We won't disclose your name.

1. Please complete the following information about yourself:

Name:

City/Town:

Country:

Email address:

2. About your favorite band or artist:

Who are they?

When did you become a fan (what age?)

3. What attracted you to this band to begin with?

4. What has kept you a fan for so long?

5. What's your favorite memory associated with this band?

6. How do you feel about the label "fan"?

- I like it.
- I don't like it.
- I don't care.

Please explain why you feel that way:

7. How does your partner react to your fandom?

- This doesn't apply to me. I don't have a partner
- He's supportive.
- He doesn't care.
- He teases me, thinks I'm obsessive, or that I'm too old for this.
- He is really jealous! Of my interest in the band or of the time I spend with my fan friends.
- Money is an issue. He doesn't like me to go to shows or to travel to see the band or fan friends.

How does this make you feel?

8. How do your friends, peers, & family react to your fandom?

- They are supportive.
- They don't understand it.
- They think it's funny and tease me about it.
- They think I'm obsessive.
- It's a big secret! I don't tell anyone because they'll make fun of me.
- Other (please specify)

How does that make you feel?

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9. Before the days of the Internet (or when you were a teen), what types of fan activities did you engage in?

- Listening to Records/Tapes/CDs
- Reading Magazines/Fanzines
- Buying & Hanging Posters
- Watching Videos
- Going to Concerts
- Writing to Pen Pals in the fan community
- Other (please specify)

10. What types of fan activities do you engage in now?

How often?

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Listening to CDs/MP3s	<input type="text"/>
Watching videos or youtube of performances and interviews	<input type="text"/>
Visiting the band's website	<input type="text"/>
Visiting fan community website(s)	<input type="text"/>
Browsing the web for photos or news about my idols	<input type="text"/>
Communicating with other fans via forums, chat, or email	<input type="text"/>
Communicating with other fans via phone	<input type="text"/>
Hanging out with other fans in person	<input type="text"/>
Going to concerts	<input type="text"/>

Other (please specify)

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11. Do you, or have you ever, day dreamed or fantasized about any of the members of this band?

- No
- YES! Please share the juicy details! (Remember your answers are anonymous, we don't disclose your name in the study!)

12. When you see the band perform live - Is the experience more meaningful to you now than it was when you were younger? Why?

13. Are you a member of any fan community web sites or forums? (either paid membership or free)

- Yes
- No

List them here please:

14. If you are friends with other fans, how did you meet them?

- Online
- At shows
- At fan-related events
- Randomly out in public, we learned of each other's mutual interests
- Other (please specify)

15. Check all that apply to your fan community:

- One big happy family
- I don't pay attention to the other fans, I'm only there for tour news, tickets, or CD release information
- It's like high school! Really political, people can be catty and there is lots of drama
- I don't feel I'm very welcome there. I get ignored mostly
- Fans just talk about the band, there really aren't any cliques or drama
- There are cliques but they leave each other alone
- It's cliquey, but my friends are great. I only hang around them
- I think some fans need to develop a thicker skin. They are too sensitive when other people express their opinions

Please tell us more about your answer(s):

16. How has the Internet increased your level of involvement? (i.e. Do you have other fan friends whereas you used to feel as though you were the only one? Is it easier to keep up with what the band is doing these days?)