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Attitudes toward Obesity

- Society has a negative view of the obese. This is true even of physicians. In one study more than half of physicians described their obese patients as “weak-willed, ugly, awkward, lazy, and having a lack of willpower. Most patients stated they had been treated disrespectfully by the medical profession
- In a study at Michigan State University students indicated that they would rather marry a cocaine user, shoplifter, or communist over an obese person
- Contrary to common belief, studies have shown that the obese actually eat LESS than people of normal weight
- The obese are discriminated against in all areas of life. They are less likely to get jobs, into a college, or housing. In one study obese renters were told that no units were available when normal weight renters were told that units were available.
- The obese are discriminated against in dating, more by men than women. 80% of men said they would not regularly date an obese woman
- In one study, the main reason given by the subjects for why obese people were considered unattractive is that obesity was considered to be a persons choice
- Many obese people have bad images of themselves and negative feelings about themselves