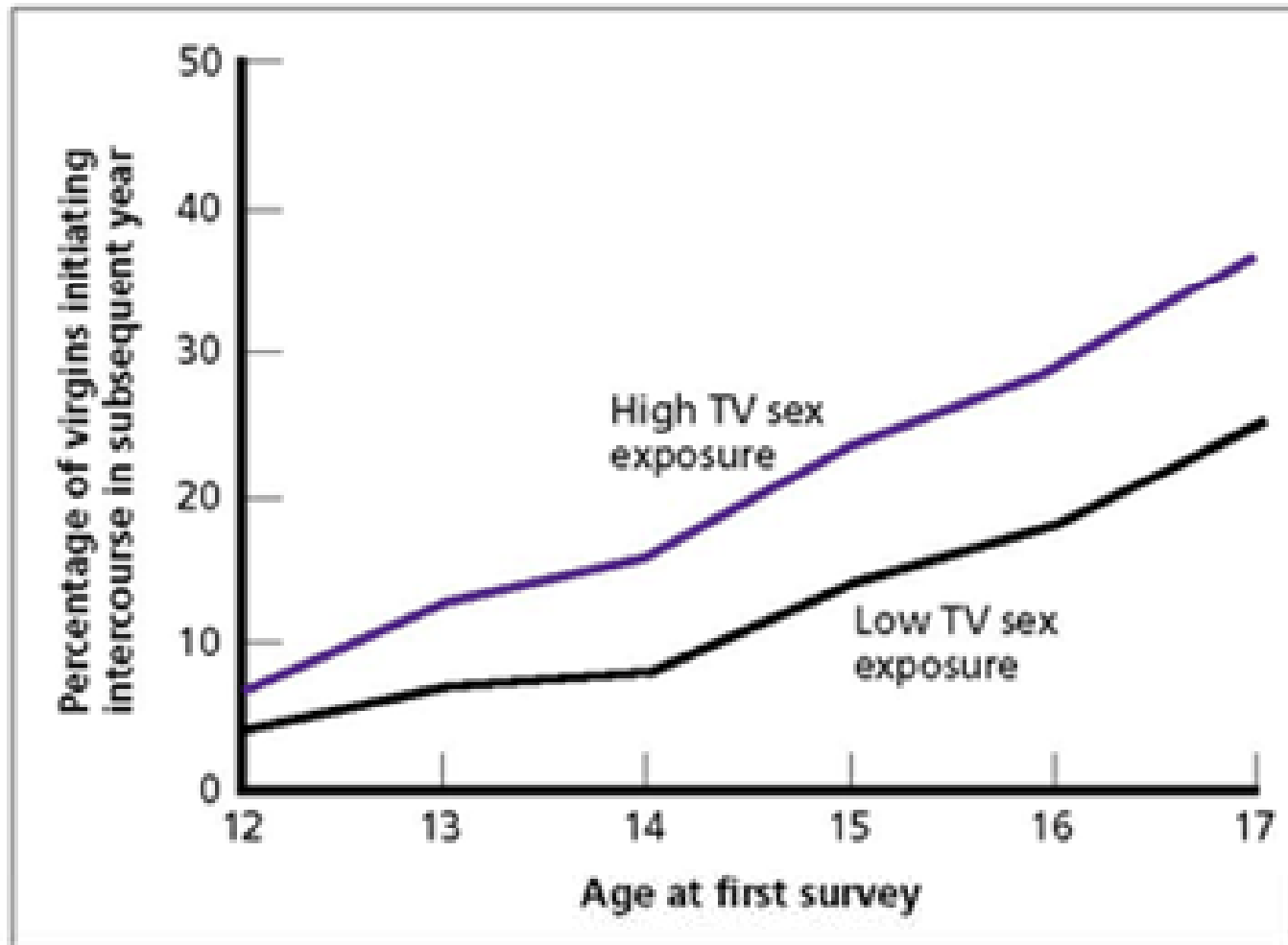Across All Age Groups, Teens Who Saw the Most Sex on Television Were Twice as Likely to Initiate Intercourse Within the Next Year as Were Those Who Saw the Least

Generalizations vs. Stereotypes

Generalization

- Flexible descriptions about *some* or *many* that can help to begin an inquiry and expand possibilities
- Example: "Some white people have no rhythm."

Stereotype

- Rigid conclusions about *all* or *most* that tend to end inquiry and limit possibilities
- Example: "White people can't dance."

A Stock Character

- is one which relies heavily on cultural types or names for his or her personality, manner of speech, and other characteristics
- is a dramatic character representing a type in a conventional manner and recurring in many works.