



The topic of snakes in teacher training El tema de las serpientes en la formación del professorado O tema serpente e o professor em formação

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Abstract: Perceptions about snakes range from fascination to phobia. This topic allows us to discuss important environmental issues of basic education that must be approached with safety and empathy by teachers. Considering that environmental education is a curriculum guideline to be developed by teachers from different areas of knowledge, we investigated which factors influence the attitude of undergraduate students in dealing with the topic in an extra-classroom activity when encountering a snake. Future teachers (n=120) were evaluated through an online survey regarding their area of expertise, training stage, values, and emotion or feeling, in relation to their professional attitude when faced with a snake. We found that only "fear" feeling and "scientist" value interfered in the response of future teachers. Environmental education with stigmatized animals is strongly indicated for undergraduate courses to expand positive didactic experiences that minimize preconceptions and fears and, thus, facilitate the (re)construction of knowledge.

**Keywords:** Education; ophidians; degree; teaching; conduct.

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#### Resumen

Las percepciones sobre las serpientes van desde la fascinación hasta la fobia. Este tema permite discutir importantes asuntos ambientales en la educación básica, que deben ser abordados con confianza y empatía por los docentes. Considerando que la educación ambiental es una directriz curricular a ser desarrollada por profesores de diferentes áreas del conocimiento, investigamos algunos factores que pueden influir en la actitud de los estudiantes de pregrado durante la docencia en cursos al tratar el tema en una actividad extracurricular. Los futuros docentes (n=120) fueron evaluados a través de un formulario en línea, en cuanto a su área de actuación, etapa de formación en el curso, valores, y sus emociones o sentimientos en relación a su actitud profesional al encontrar una serpiente durante una actividad educativa. Así, verificamos que sólo el "miedo" y el valor "científico" interfieren en el desempeño de los futuros docentes. La educación ambiental con animales estigmatizados es muy recomendable para que los estudiantes de grado amplíen experiencias de enseñanza positivas que minimicen prejuicios, miedos y así faciliten la (re)construcción del conocimiento y favorezcan su difusión a través de la acción docente consciente por parte de los futuros educadores.

Palabras llave: Enseñanza; ofidios; grado, enseñanza; conducta.

### Resumo

As percepções sobre as serpentes envolvem desde fascínio até a fobia. Esse tema permite discutir importantes questões ambientais na educação básica que deve ser abordado com segurança e empatia pelos professores. Considerando que a educação ambiental é uma diretriz curricular a ser desenvolvida por docentes das diferentes áreas do conhecimento, nós investigamos alguns fatores que podem influenciar a atitude de estudantes de cursos de graduação em licenciatura ao tratar o tema em uma atividade extrassala. Futuros professores (n=120) foram avaliados, através de formulário online, quanto a sua área de atuação, estágio de formação no curso, valores, emoção ou sentimento em relação a atitude profissional ao deparar-se com uma serpente durante uma atividade de educação ambiental em ambiente não formal. Verificamos que apenas o "medo" e o valor "cientista" interferem na atuação dos futuros docentes. A educação ambiental com animais estigmatizados é fortemente indicada para as licenciaturas ampliarem experiências didáticas positivas que minimizem preconceitos, temores e assim facilitem a (re) construção de

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conhecimentos e favoreça a sua disseminação através da ação docente consciente dos futuros educadores.

Palavras-chave: Ensino; cobras; licenciatura, docência; conduta.

### Introduction

Human-animal relationships are common narratives for different communities of people worldwide. In this context, snakes are mentioned in several legends, myths and beliefs in different ethnicities and religions since the beginning of humanity, often resulting in antagonistic views, ranging from sacred and renewal beings to dangerous and deadly creatures, depending on religious and cultural contexts (Vizzoto, 2003; Alves et al., 2014; Cosendey & Salomão, 2016; Vasconcelos-Neto et al., 2018). These aspects can influence many people, adding difficulty to dealing with the danger issues that these animals may represent. This innate fear can be as extreme as a phobia (Andersson et al., 2013). According to Öhman and Mineka (2003), fear of snakes may in fact comprise an evolutionary and innate response, as reptiles have been associated with danger throughout human evolution, and it is likely that snakes represent a fear stimulus.

Snakes exhibit recognized value in ethnozoology (Fita et al., 2010; Linares-Rosas et al., 2021) and ecology (Mills et al., 1993; Pinto-Coelho et al., 2021), as well as a food resource (Klemens & Thorbjarnarson, 1995), in medicine (Alves & Alves, 2011) and as pets (Kusrini et al., 2021). In this complex scenario, snakes can trigger admiration, fascination, curiosity, and protective feelings to people. However, hostility is still widespread (Moura et al., 2010; Shankaret al., 2013; Onyishi et al., 2021). The conflicting relationship between humanity and snakes may result in people fleeing from these animals avoiding their presence or even in confrontation for extermination purposes, resulting in indiscriminate snake killing. Secco et al. (2014) demonstrated that snakes are intentionally run over when they attempt to cross the roads, with vehicles modifying their normal trajectories to reach these animals. This behavior represents a threat to snake conservation. However, research on how human attitudes in relation to snakes may intensify this type of conflict is still, however, lacking (Mendes, 2018). In this context, investments in research and awareness campaigns can comprise an important strategy to minimize thisproblem (Mendes, 2018). Consequently, educational actions aimed at training



citizens to employ critical and scientific thinking regarding the need for environmental preservation and its surrounding biodiversity become paramount (Freitas et al., 2020).

Knowledge dissemination on the importance and preservation of feared and rejected animals, such as bats, scorpions, and snakes (Cosendey & Salomão, 2013) is a major challenge for Environmental Education (EE), because conservation efforts are often focused on or strengthened only for animals considered charismatic (Ballouard et al., 2013). Studying environmental perception and working on EE projects that aim to correct this bias are, therefore, vital in generating citizen awareness regarding the environment as an essential life maintenance component (Bixler & Floyd, 1997; Freitas et al., 2020; Freitas et al., 2022). This becomes specifically relevant as a topic to be taken into the classrooms of aspiring teachers, who are at the forefront in training future citizens (Freitas et al., 2020).

In this regard, one of the roles of university degree courses is providing knowledge on nature components and opportunities for the intellectual improvement of future educators, aiming at developing skills and abilities able to enhance EE as a transversal topic (Santos & Fachín-Téran, 2012). Brazilian legislation determines the inclusion of socio- environmental ethics content in initial professional training and in technical and professional specialization course activities. This also demonstrates the need to incorporate complementary teacher training, as established in the Brazilian National Curriculum Guidelines for basic education teacher training, as well as at higher levels, in full graduation degree courses, from 2001, as established in the EE principles and objectives set in the National Council of EducationResolution n° 2, of June 15, 2012. In this regard, educational institutions must provide academics with the possibility of integrating both knowledge and experience arising from school education (Vasconcelos & Lima, 2010). The more confident a teacher is about a certainteaching knowledge, being skillful (displaying conceptual content mastery integrated with his/her actions) and aware of the cultural influence of certain subjects, the more easily his/her work can be optimized in the classroom and in other non-formal spaces. In this context, studies that present and value the important contributions of snakes are primordial, especially regarding environmental preservation efforts and particularly those evidencing care for these animals in the daily lives of people in contact with nature, even in urban settings.

An environmental approach must be present in Brazilian teacher training, and the research that intends to understand the abilities of teachers on this topic enhances its implementation (Freire



& Rodrigues, 2020). Therefore, by gaining knowledge on socioenvironmental realities, humans need to feel that they are an essential part of the environment, displaying awareness that environmental problems must be solved. Freirean Pedagogy proposes a type of education in which human relationships with both other humans and the world are questioned. This aims to provide opportunities for discovery processes and social transformation (Freire, 1999), as well as reflections on ethics and the necessary respect for every life form and its multiple actions and relationships, which implies relationships with a surrounding nature. Thus, one of the roles of teachers, as collaborators in citizen training, is to develop strategies that allow students to understand the environment in which they live (Oliveira, 2006). Freire (1987) argued that educating to educate does not mean imposing a specific world vision. The educators play a role in expressing their vision and in understanding student views, so both can dialogue and reflect about the living world. Therefore, universities would need to invest in the training of professionals within the socio-environmental vision, and to offer solutions according to the social needs, in ahistorical context (Araújo & França, 2013).

In the teaching-learning process, challenging topics – such as issues involving religion, legends, or beliefs, mystical beings, and monsters, as well as animals like snakes - require special attention in the classroom, in order to generate interest, curiosity or even doubts, both to for student and teachers (Cosendey & Salomão, 2013). However, conceptual errors regarding snakes are noted in schools and textbooks Sandrin et al., 2005; Pandey & Khanal, 2013), which contributes to continuing misperceptions and misconceptions (Cosendey & Salomão, 2013). For example, Sandrin et al. (2005) detected questions associated to the concept, identification and identification of venomous and non-venomous snakes and their biology in textbooks, where they were described, in general, as dangerous to humans. This approach to snakes (see Sandrin et al., 2005; Moura et al., 2010) demonstrates the need for approaches enlightening the fact that some snake species can cause serious accidents but are also important in many aspects, such as life equilibrium on Earth (Cornelis et al., 2021), biotechnological applications (Patlak, 2004; Koh et al., 2021), or providing important ecosystem services (Dodd Jr., 1987; Fraga et al., 2013; Pandey et al., 2020), requiring preservation. Reflecting on this content as an EE theme, *i.e.*, as an interdisciplinary proposal, aims at facilitating the production and (re)construction of both knowledge and values are required (Jeronimo, 2013). Thus, professionals should experience and develop EE activities and/or projects focusing on environmental issues, during their teacher training formation (Tozoni-Reis & Campos, 2014). This will strengthen decision-making skills regarding their attitude in exercising teaching activities, i.e., interdisciplinary topics, and the use



of non-formal uncontrolled environments (Yavorski et al., 2021).

In this sense, concepts and values regarding the biota, particularly snakes, must be approached safely and empathetically by teachers from different areas, considering that these professionals are subjected to experiences with these animals, even at urban areas, such as in green areas, parks, lakes, and their surroundings (Parkin et al., 2020). Therefore, based on Paulo Freire's guidelines and contributions, our study evaluated the values and attitudes of teachers in initial training stages at a higher education institution in the centre-west of Brazil when faced with a snake in a non-formal educational environment, considering the relationship between certain scientific contents and sociocultural knowledge. To achieve this, we asked the following questions: a) What factors influence student emotions when faced with a snake? b) Do information and culture, through legends and popular stories, influence the fear of snakes? c) Do people from different backgrounds exhibit different values when it comes to wildlife? d) What factors influence future faculty to act as teachers when faced with a snake? Do Biology students have different wildlife values and attitudes when it comes to snakes compared to other areas?

## Methodology

A Google Forms survey approved by the Ethics Committee was applied (Protocol 30719920.2.0000.0021). Two types of questions were included in the survey: 1) multiple-choice questions, where participants could mark more than one option and write their opinion as text (clicking on "others"), and 2) open questions, where participants were able to report legends and myths about snakes and explain if these had influenced their perceptions about these animals (Appendix 1). The survey was sent via e-mail to students from the Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul Biological Sciences, Physics, Geography, History, Literature, Chemistry and Pedagogy undergraduate courses at the Aquidauana, Três Lagoas, Pantanal, Ponta Porã and Cidade Universitária *campi* (Brazil). Student electronic addresses were provided by course coordinators. A selection of the target audience comprising teachers in training in different knowledge areas was applied to reinforce the interdisciplinarity character advocated in school EE approaches (Brasil, 2012). A total of 774 e-mails were sent to undergraduate students from 12/07/2020 to 04/27/2021.



Considering the theoretical assumptions of environmental perception studies (Tuan, 1983; Kozel, 2018), we identified some parameters to assess whether intrinsic factors (*i.e.*, emotions, feelings and wildlife values), course knowledge area and training period could be associated to future teacher attitudes, and we classified their potential for professional (teaching) performance. Environmental perception focuses on the understanding of human actions as a way of living and acting in society within the human-environment relationship (Tuan, 1983). Thus, future teacher's answers were categorized into four groups based on course enrollment level, namely "beginning", "medium", "advanced" and "graduated" (Table 1), aiming to characterize participant instructional conditions and indirectly, the knowledge acquired from their study areas.

Table 1. Participant classification in terms of teacher training stage at the time the forms were

answered.

Training stage	Categories
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Beginning
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> semester	Medium
7 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> semester	Advanced
Alumni or Graduated	Graduated

Emotions were classified into three groups, "indifferent", "positive" or "negative" (Izard, 2009), while feelings expressed towards snakes were categorized as "afraid" or "not afraid" (O'hmnan, 2005). Wild animal values were determined according to Kellert and Berry (1980) (Table 2), a routinely employed classic classification system (Ficher & Santos, 2021). In general, attitudes in this regard are considered as resulting from four interrelated factors, namely core values, wildlife understanding, species perceptions and human-animal interactions(Clark & Kellert, 1988; Kellert, 1994, 2009; Yorek, 2009). In this context, to identify the basicvalues of future teachers is important to understand their role as teachers when the opportunity to teach or not to teach about the topic of snakes arises. Although such values may overlap the answers potentially presenting more than one value (*e.g.*, both "naturalist" and "scientist" values), only the most prominent answer was assigned (Table 2). Future teacher attitudes were then classified as "teaching" and "non-teaching" activities.



**Table 2.** Description of the Wildlife Core Value classification (c.f. Kellert & Berry, 1980)

Naturalistic: Primary interest and affection for wildlife and the outdoors

**Ecologistic:** Primary concern for the environment as a system, for interrelationships between wildlife species and natural habitats

**Humanistic:** Primary interest and strong affection for individual animals, principally pets, and highly emotional perspective of the natural world

**Moralistic:** Primary focus on the right and wrong treatment of animals and nature, withstrong opposition to environmental exploitation and cruelty towards animals

**Scientistic:** Primary interest in the physical attributes and biological functioning of animals and the nonhuman world

**Aesthetic:** Primary interest in the physical attractiveness and symbolic characteristics of animals and the natural environment

**Utilitarian:** Primary concern for the practical and material value of animals and the naturalenvironment

**Dominionistic:** Primary interest in the mastery and control of animals and nature, often insporting situations

**Negativistic:** Primary orientation an avoidance of animals and natural objects due toindifference, dislike or fear

A multinomial regression model using the multinom() function of the *nnet* R package was applied to assess whether teacher knowledge areas are associated with participant emotions. This analysis consists of a logistic regression model used in situations where the objective is to classify subjects based on the values of a set of predictor variables (Ripley et al., 2016; R Core Team, 2021). In this way, with emotion as the response variable and knowledgearea as the explanatory variable. A Generalized Linear Model (GLM) with the binomial family of errors, that is, a logistic regression, was employed, applying the glm() R function, to analyze whether "fear" was related to knowledge area and training stage. Herein, "fear" consisted in the response variable and study area, training stage, and their interactions comprised the explanatory terms. We predicted that biology students, as they have more contact with nature and are familiar with different animals would exhibit less fear. To test if the knowledge area was associated to

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wildlife values, a multinomial regression was fitted using the multinom() function available in the the *nnet* R package (Ripley et al., 2016), with "wildlife values" as the response variable and

knowledge area as the explanatory one.

In addition, we analyzed whether area, activity stage, values, emotions or feelings condition

future teacher attitudes during occasional snake encounters, leading them to discuss the subject

with students or just observe the animal without intervening as a teacher. A multiple logistic

regression model was fitted applying the glm() R function and the binomial family of errors (i.e.,

logistic regression). Finally, to assess whether the fact that the students were aware of any

legend or myth about snakes and the reaction this may have incurred concerning their

representation, in terms of emotion, feeling or professional attitude, a Chi-square test was

applied by comparing the variable "knowing the legend" with the variables "emotion",

"feeling" and "professional attitude". A significance level of p < 0.05 was established for all

analyses.

**Results and Discussion** 

Just 5% of these e-mails returned with an error message and 15% of forms were answered

(n=120). However, this study was conducted during the coronavirus pandemic (SARS-CoV -2),

which made face-to-face interviews impossible. Most answers were attended by Biological

Sciences (n=39), Geography (n=31) and Pedagogy (n=29) students (Table 3). Most respondents

were second-year students or were nearing the end of their courses, comprising "medium and

"advanced" training stages (Table 4). The reason why students are in an advanced stage (7th to

14<sup>th</sup> semester) of training is due to the fact that the Teaching Institution allows them to complete

the course with a delay of up to two years, thus, a 5-year course (10 semesters), can be completed

in up to 7 years (14 semesters).

**Table 3.** Frequency (%) values of undergraduate licentiate students who participated in the

present study distributed by expertise area (n=120).

Area of operation

Frequency (%)

Biology	32.50
Physics	5.84
Geography	25.83
History	3.33
Letters	3.33
Pedagogy	21.67
Chemistry	7.50

**Table 4.** Frequency values (%) of undergraduate students who participated in the present study according to training stage (n=120).

Training internship in the	Percentag
course	e
Start	16.66
Average	30.00
Advanced	46.67
Graduated	6.67

Only three Kellert and Berry (1980) values were identified among study participants (n=120), namely "naturalist", "scientist" and "negativist" (Table 5). A total of 83.33% of potential future teachers would not use the opportunity to talk about snakes, an attitude presentin all wildlife animal value categories, although the first two categories totaled almost 81% of the sample (Table 5).

**Table 5.** Quantitative (N) and percentage (%) values concerning undergraduate licentiate students with regard to wild animals according to Kellert and Berry (1980).



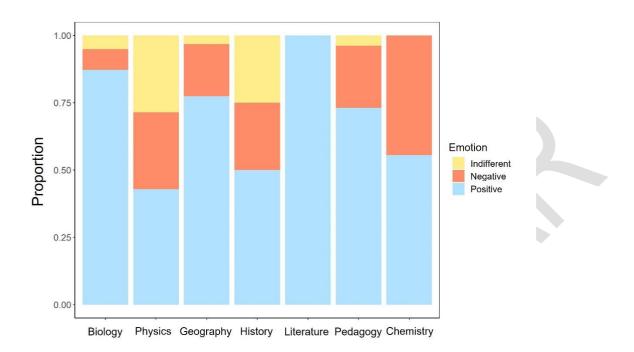
Value in relation to wild animals	N	Percentag
		e
Scientist	35	29.17
Naturalist	62	51.67
Negative	23	19.16

In the associations between participant knowledge areas and emotions ("indifferent", "negative" or "positive"), only Physics students exhibited fewer positive emotions (p = 0.04), although this difference was not statistically significant compared to the other knowledge areas (p > 0.05 in all cases). However, only seven Physics course studentswere evaluated, and the "p" value was close to 0.05, it stands to reason that the knowledge does not area significantly influence teachers in training emotions when faced with a snake (Figure 1).

Although we predicted that biology students would display less fear of snakes due to their familiarity with these animals, mainly in advanced training stages, knowledge area was not significantly associated with "fear" (p > 0.05 for both factors and their interaction; Figure 2). Thus, knowledge area, training stage or feeling when encountering a snake did not influence their attitude to act as a teacher. No significant relationship was noted between student knowledge concerning legends or myths about snakes and their representations and emotions, feelings, or professional attitudes. Hence, the fact that participants were familiar with legends or myths about snakes did not modify their emotions, feelings, or professional attitudes towards these animals.



**Figure 1.** Emotion distribution (I= "indifferent", N= "negative", P= "positive") demonstrated byteachers in training (n= 120) from different knowledge areas. These variables were not associated (p > 0.05 in all cases).



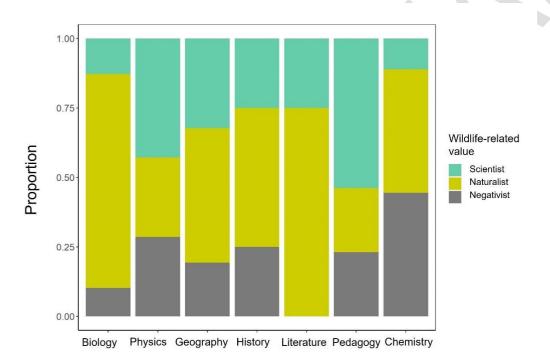
Basic wildlife values suggest how people perceive a particular species or animal, pointing out that specific knowledge in this regard can interfere with attitudes towards animals (Kellert, 1994). This represents the influence of learning and of regional cultures, which may vary between individuals and groups (Kellert, 2009). Our results indicate that only three values ("naturalist", "scientist" and "negative", c.f. Kellert & Berry, 1980) were identified in the undergraduate students who participated in this study, reflecting a public presenting order, meaning, connection, knowledge, understanding, critical thinking ability and protection or fear profiles (Kellert, 2009). Consequently, to teach is much more than wisdom, knowledge or understanding of a certain life form, requiring the development of other skills and abilities. So future teachers would have to understand how to act in specific situations, such as encountering a snake in open-air classes (Brasil, 2001, Santos & Fachín-Terán, 2012). To teach requires practice and methodology to contextualize each topic. However, professionals without this expected profile exist and, as non-classroom methodologies are scarce (Santos & Fachín-Terán, 2012, Guerra et al., 2020), hindering the advancement of EE.

As mentioned previously, knowledge area did not influence the emotions of future teachers towards snakes ("indifferent", "negative" or "positive"), although we predicted that biology students would present different results due to the direct contact with this topic in their training



(that is, a bias towards a "positive" emotion was expected). Another interesting result is the feeling of "fear" as, although fear may be associated with some professions and the degree of intensity was not assessed among the participating groups (see Maurice et al. 2018), our analyses indicate that the "fear" is not associated with the assessed knowledge areas or to training stage.

**Figure 3.** Wildlife values ("scientist", "naturalist" and "negativist") of teachers in training who participated in this study (n=120) varied between different knowledge areas. Pedagogy, Geography and Physics students exhibited more "scientist" values, while biology exhibited more "naturalist" values. No differences were found for the other knowledge areas.



The "scientist" wildlife value was remarkable among Pedagogy, Geography and Physics students, and the "naturalist" value, among Biology students. The "scientist" value is characterized by a primary interest in physical animal attributes and biological functioning, while the "naturalist" value focuses on the interest and affection for both wildlife and nature (Kellert & Berry, 1980). Students categorized as "scientists" exhibited a profile focused on the systematic and empirical study of snakes, while biology students aimed for their exploration and discovery (Kellert, 2009). Students from all courses presented mostly the "positive" emotion in relation to snakes.

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Our results indicate that future teachers categorized as "scientists" are more able to work as teachers than "naturalists" (Figure 4). Kellert (2009) indicates that scientists reflect the human desire to understand the world with authority, providing intellectual development and cognitive skills through studies and systematic observations. This author also points out that the natural world offers a great set of opportunities to improve these skills, particularly problem-solving and critical thinking. This clarifies why teachers in the training categorized as "scientists" display future teacher attitudes.

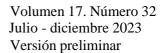
Another significant factor for future teacher actions was "fear", as students who displayed "fear" would comprise those who would not act as teachers when encounteringsnakes (Figure 4). Ophidiophobia (snake phobia) is one of the most common phobias (Dinh et al., 2021). According to Öhman and Mineka (2003), fear is considered evolutionary, and the brain has been trained to activate defensive behavior in the form of immobility or fight-flight in the presence of threats. This behavior becomes more evident in the presence of animals considered threatening in the evolutionary past, like reptiles. Studies suggest that an innate fear of snakes is present in humans and may be associated with aversion or unconscious and instinctive snake avoidance (Dinh et al., 2021).

In this context, it is expected that interactions between teachers and students will significantly motivate beliefs, feelings and attitudes in relation to covered content (e.g., Machado et al., 2010). Therefore, the influences of teachers and experienced learning are relevant for students in the medium and long term, interpreted by students as important marks left by teachers (Leite & Tagliaferro, 2005). Thus, if an educator expresses fear in front of students, this may influence fear in the student, although the aforementioned studies indicate that fear is an often-uncontrolled feeling, presenting an evolutionary or even innate basis.

#### **Final considerations**

The "fear" of snakes and the values of undergraduate students can determine how they react to snakes when acting as teachers; while knowledge area, instruction stage (training) and emotion were not associated with this reaction.

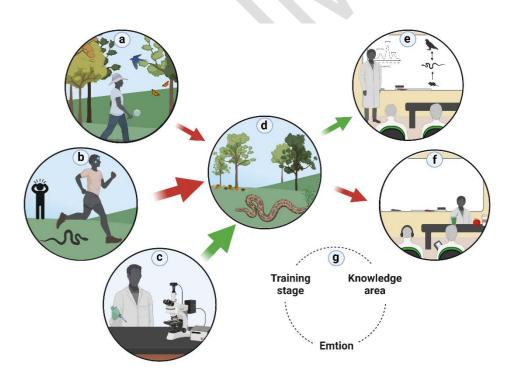
The development of EE with snakes and other stigmatized animals is highly indicated, as it can





substantially contribute to bring people closer to nature, especiallysnakes, in order to value them as part of the environment (see Wojnowski, 2008; Moura et al., 2010; Guerra et al., 2020), aiming to minimize innate prejudices and fears (Onyishi et al., 2021). According to Tuan (1983), reinforced by Kozel (2018), even if people behave as corneredand suspicious animals or as scientists (even coldly), humans are complex beings, capable of experiencing new sensations, emotions, feelings, and knowledge (Kozel, 2018). Humans are capable of transforming themselves and the world. "It is in the incompletion of the being, which is known as such, that education is founded as a permanent process [...]" (Freire, 1996, p. 64).

**Figure 4.** The "fear" of snakes and the values of undergraduate students (a, b, c) can determine how they react to the presence of snakes (d) when acting as teachers (e, f). However, knowledge area, instruction stage (training) and emotion were not associated with this reaction (g). Arrows indicate positive (green) or negative (red) associations when undergraduate students encounter a snake and act as teachers, and the thickness of the arrows indicates the intensity of the interaction. Thus, future teachers categorized as "naturalists" (a) are less probable of acting as teachers (e) than "scientists" (c). Furthermore, the "fear" of snakes (b) may determine that they are also less likely to act this way (f). (Created with BioRender.com).





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## Appendix 1

Questionnaire sent to students:

Imagine that you organized a class or meeting with children or teenagers outdoors in a park, and at some point you come across a boa (which is a non-venomous snake) perched on a fence, what is your reaction towards the students?

- a) Collect all students from the place
- b) Take advantage of the moment to observe the animal
- c) Take the opportunity to explain the animal, capturing
- d) would kill her



- e) Rescue call
- f) I would ignore your presence and follow the class normally
- g) Others

Do you know any legends or myths related to snakes?

- a) Yes
- b) No

What is the influence of this legend or myth on the representation of snakes for you?

- a) Negative
- b) Positive
- c) Did not influence

# TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO (TCLE)

Você está sendo convidado a participar de uma pesquisa, intitulada **Percepção ambiental sobre aspectos conceituais, saberes culturais e experiências cotidianas com serpentes.** Você precisa decidir se quer participar ou não. Por favor, não se apresse em tomar a decisão. Leia cuidadosamente o que se segue e pergunte ao responsável pelo estudo qualquer dúvida que você tiver.

Este estudo está sendo conduzido pelo pesquisador (a) de la companhará e dará assistência aos participantes durante e após as atividades relativas à pesquisa, através de e-mails, ligações ou presencialmente.

Participarão deste estudo acadêmicos de licenciatura do Projeto de Extensão Vagalume e acadêmicos dos cursos de Licenciatura em Biologia, História, Física, Pedagogia e Química da Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS), situada no município de Campo Grande. Para participação de menores de 18 anos, os pais ou responsáveis legais deverão assinar o Termo de Assentimento Livre e Esclarecido (TALE) e o menor, o Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido (TCLE).

A coleta de dados será realizada por meio de um questionário on-line contendo 21 (vinte e



uma) questões, via *Google Formulário*. O questionário abordará informações voltadas ao tema serpente a fim de investigar sua percepção ambiental em relação ao tema. Depois de realizada a análise das respostas do questionário, todos os dados serão organizados em diagramas, quadro ou tabelas, partindo para a interpretação orientada pelos objetivos organizados na forma de diagramas, quadros ou tabelas.

Não haverá nenhum prejuízo ou eventos adversos na sua participação na referida atividade. A presente pesquisa resultará em acesso a informações e conhecimentos sobre o tema serpentes.

A participação nesta pesquisa não dá direito a qualquer espécie de remuneração.

Todos os dados coletados serão utilizados na elaboração do manuscrito e análise dos resultados desse estudo, sendo garantido o sigilo dos nomes dos participantes

A pesquisa tem como riscos a quebra de sigilo das informações obtidas no questionário e sua exposição, podendo levar a constrangimentos, assim como, a discriminação e estigmatização a partir do conteúdo revelado

Para evitar tais riscos, todos os dados coletados serão utilizados na escrita dos resultados desse estudo, sendo garantido o sigilo dos nomes dos participantes. Os dados brutos serão armazenados em microcomputador de uso pessoal com sistema antivírus que reduzirá os riscos de ataques cibernéticos e eventual exposição do banco de dados originais dessa pesquisa. A adoção do questionário eletrônico, assegura, tanto quanto possível, o anonimato das respostas, que será acessado somente pela pesquisadora e suas orientadoras. O participante pode escolher não fazer parte do estudo, ou pode desistir a qualquer momento.

Ao participar dessa pesquisa, não haverá nenhum benefício direto. Entretanto, esperamos que esse estudo traga informações importantes no que se refere ao tema serpentes, de forma que o conhecimento que será construído a partir desta pesquisa possa contribuir para o seu crescimento pessoal e profissional.

Após o término da pesquisa, será efetuada uma pesquisa de satisfação e sugestões onde cada participante voluntariamente irá avaliar o projeto.

Se você concordar em participar do estudo, seu nome e identidade serão mantidos em sigilo.



Em caso de dúvidas, entre em contato

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Os dados desta pesquisa em arquivo, físico ou digital, serão mantidos sob a guarda e responsabilidade do pesquisador, por um período de cinco (5) anos após o término da pesquisa.

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de Ética em Pesquisa com Seres Humanos local, CEP - UFMS, através do telefone, e-mail ou
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Sua participação no estudo é voluntária. Você pode escolher não fazer parte do estudo, ou pode
desistir a qualquer momento. Você receberá uma via assinada deste termo de consentimento.
O pesquisador (a) estará à disposição para contato futuro para qualquer tipo de assistência,
questionamento ou esclarecimento sobre a pesquisa realizada.
Declaro que li e entendi este formulário de consentimento e todas as minhas dúvidas foram
esclarecidas e que sou voluntário a tomar parte neste estudo.
Assinatura do participante:
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