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Teen and unplanned pregnancy remain a serious challenge in the United States. Consider the following:

- At present, nearly three in ten girls get pregnant by age 20.
- After declining for 14 straight years, the teen birth rate has increased five percent since 2005.
- The rates of teen pregnancy and childbearing in the United States remain far higher than in other comparable countries.
- Fully seven in ten pregnancies among unmarried women in their 20s are unplanned.

To date, much of the research on teen and unplanned pregnancy—its causes and remedies—has focused on girls and women. But the nearly 1.5 million teen girls and single women in their early 20s who find themselves unintentionally pregnant every year don't get there by themselves.

To better understand what *guys* think about these issues, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and *Seventeen* magazine developed and commissioned a survey of 1,200 boys and men ages 15-22. (Complete methodology, glossary of terms, and data summary can be found beginning on page 7.) The survey results presented in *That's What He Said* shed light on what guys think—and how they behave—when it comes to love, sex, contraception, relationships, unplanned pregnancy, and related issues. Too often, discussions about guys' responsibility don't happen until it's time to buy diapers. We asked about their attitudes and actions pertaining to romance and relationships in order to paint a more complete picture and encourage more informed conversation.

The results may surprise you. Many commonly accepted stereotypes about guys—that they're all in a rush to have sex, that relationships don't matter, that they don't care what girls or their parents think—are not supported by this survey. However, other stereotypes—the double

standard that exists between the genders when it comes to sex, and the fact that guys tend to lie a lot about sex—live on. Interestingly, there are not a lot of dramatic differences between the responses from high school-aged guys (ages 15-18) and those from the older respondents (ages 19-22). Certainly the older group has had more relationships and more sexual experience, but their attitudes, anxieties, intentions, and knowledge gaps tend to be consistent with those of the younger group. Notable differences in responses by age are highlighted.

### KEY FINDINGS

**Relationships are more important than—and even preferable to—sex.** An overwhelming majority of respondents put relationships ahead of sex.

- Two-thirds (66%) say they would rather have a girlfriend but no sex compared to only one-third (34%) who say they would prefer to have sex but no girlfriend.
- Similarly, two out of three (66%) agree that they could be happy in a relationship that doesn't include sex.

**More than half of sexually experienced guys would rather give up sex for a month than give up going online for a month.**

- More than half (53%) say they would not have sex with someone unless they really loved her (58% of the younger group, 48% of the older group).
- Many (35%) worry that sex will change their relationship.

- When asked what makes a relationship serious, guys ranked “the desire to be with someone and wanting to see a future with them” highest on the list. 75% said “becoming exclusive and not dating anyone else;” 61% said “saying ‘I love you;” while 34% said “having sex.”
- Only 6% of guys say they’ve ever broken up with someone because she wouldn’t have sex with him.

**Guys feel pressure to have sex—and from many different sources.** Conventional wisdom suggests that guys are sexual aggressors and always on the make, while girls struggle to play defense. The results of this survey paint a different picture.

- One in five (21%) say they’ve been pressured by a girl to go further sexually than they wanted to (17% of younger guys, 25% of the older group).
- Nearly one in four (23%) admit they’ve lied to get friends to stop pressuring them about having sex.
- More than three-quarters (78%) agree that there is “way too much pressure” from society to have sex.

**Guys have a lot to say about respect, relief, and regret.** What they have to say on these particular issues may come as a surprise to many who believe guys are cavalier about sex.

- Nearly three out of four (73%) say they have more respect for girls who say no to sex.
- More than half (56%) say they are “relieved” when their female partner wants to wait to have sex.

61% of guys would rather have sex with someone who is “super hot” than with someone who is “smart and funny.”

But 78% would rather be in a relationship with someone who is smart and funny than someone who is super hot.

- Three out of four (74%) say teens and young adults take sex too lightly.
- Even more (77%) say that sex can be intimidating for guys.
- Among sexually active teen guys and young men, nearly half (45%) say they’ve had sex with someone and regretted it afterwards.

71% of guys say they are confused about whether or not girls want them to initiate sex.

**The first time is meaningful.** Another commonly-held belief is that sex is never that significant for guys. But when it comes to losing their virginity, guys take sex seriously.

- Two out of three sexually experienced guys (67%) say that the first time they had sex was a “big deal.”
- 80% of virgins expect that their first time will be a big deal.
- In fact, three-quarters of guys (75%) say they would prefer to wait and lose their virginity with someone they love; only one-quarter would rather get it over with as soon as possible.

**What they don’t know about preventing pregnancy could get them into trouble, especially because they think they know it all.** When it comes to sex, contraception, and fertility, guys do not know as much as they think they do. More than 8 in 10 (82%) say they are *not at all* confused about how to prevent pregnancy but:

- Four in ten (42%) don’t know that it’s possible for a girl to get pregnant during her period.
- One-third (34%) don’t know that wearing two condoms is not more effective than one (in fact, it’s far less effective due to friction and tearing).
- One in five (20%) don’t know that pregnancy is possible even when someone’s on the pill.
- 15% don’t know that condoms aren’t foolproof.

- Perhaps it's not surprising then that among those who have had sex, about half (49%) of the older group (age 19-22) surveyed and one-third (35%) of the younger group (15-18) have had a pregnancy scare.

**Guys are just as likely to say that pornography influences their attitudes and decisions about sex as they are to cite sex education.**

**Guys often talk a good game when it comes to responsibility, but many are risk-takers too.** More than 8 in 10 (83%) say that both partners are equally responsible when it comes to getting birth control and using it to prevent pregnancy, but:

- More than half (57%) admit they've had unprotected sex (47% of the younger group, 63% of the older group).
- Nearly one-third (30%) say they would have sex even if they didn't have a condom handy.
- Three out of ten (29% of the total, 19% of the younger group, 35% of the older group) say they have had sex with someone when they knew she was drunk.
- One in six (17%) admit they've waited for their partner to insist before using protection.
- One in ten (11%) admit to pressuring a girl to go further sexually than she wanted.
- One in ten (10%) say they have *refused* to wear a condom during sex.

- 24% have lied about the number of sexual partners they have had (19% of the younger group, 30% of the older group).
- 23% have lied about not being virgins when they actually were.

Of the 60% of guys who admit they've lied about sex:

- 44% have lied to appear more sexually experienced.
- 39% say they have lied about sex to appear "cooler" (44% of the younger group, 35% of the older group).
- 39% have lied to "protect their reputation."
- One-fourth (23%) have lied to get their friends to stop pressuring them about sex.
- Only 1 in 6 (17%) say they have lied to get a girl to have sex.

**Seven out of ten (71%) guys ages 15-22 say that a girl who has "sexted" (e.g. sent/posted nude or semi-nude images of herself electronically) is not girlfriend material.**

**There's lots of lying about sex.** Many guys admit that they lie about sex and love, but the reasons they give for doing so may surprise you.

Of all the guys in the survey:

- 31% have lied about being in love when they knew they weren't or they weren't sure.
- 30% have lied about how far they've gone sexually.

**Girls have more influence than they may think, and guys are waiting for them to speak up.** The age-old idea that guys are always in the driver's seat doesn't hold up, according to these data.

- Nearly 8 in 10 guys (78%) say their girlfriend influences their decisions about sex, and half (51%) say she has *a lot* of influence.
- More than 8 in 10 (83%) say they would "gladly" wear a condom if asked (an additional 11% would "be annoyed but would do it").
- Two-thirds (66%) would gladly go with someone to get birth control if asked (an additional 23% would be annoyed but would do it).
- More than half (53%) would gladly get tested for sexually transmitted diseases or HIV if asked (an additional 38% would be annoyed but would do it).

**Parents play an important role.** In this survey and in many previous surveys commissioned by The National Campaign (see [www.TheNationalCampaign.org/national-data/polling-data.aspx](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org/national-data/polling-data.aspx)), young people say their parents are an important influence on the decisions they make about sex. In this survey:

- Two-thirds of guys (65%) who have talked to their parents about preventing pregnancy say it was helpful—unfortunately only slightly more than half (53%) report having had such conversations. Guys are more comfortable talking to their moms about their feelings (how to treat girls, their feelings about girls), but want to talk with their dads about sex and protection.
- 85% of guys say that getting someone pregnant before marriage is not acceptable in their families. Half (49%) say that sex before marriage is not.

**Sex doesn't guarantee anything.** Those who believe sex solidifies a relationship may be disappointed to learn:

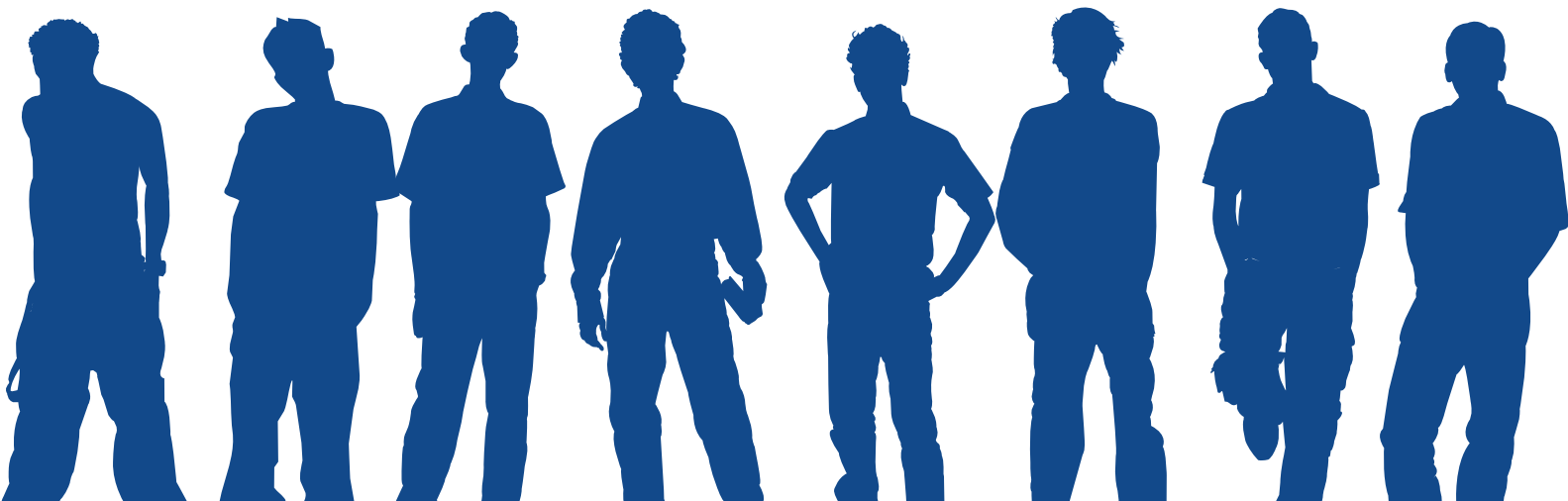
- Among sexually experienced guys, 40% say they've had sex with someone when they knew it meant more to her than it did to him.
- More than one in four (27%) say they've had sex with someone and not called, texted, or emailed after they said they would.
- Although two-thirds (65%) say they fell in love or felt more deeply attached to someone after having sex with her for the first time, more than half (57%) also say they've had experiences where they've slept with someone for the first time and felt exactly the same about her as before.

**95% of guys would rather have sex with a girlfriend or someone they love than have sex with a random girl.**

- Three-quarters (74%) say that sex wouldn't make them stay in a relationship they didn't want to be in.

**The double standard is alive and well.** Results from the survey suggest that guys still find certain behavior acceptable for them but not necessarily for girls when it comes to sex and hooking up.

- Among guys ages 19-22, 26% would have sex with a girl they just met. Yet among that same group, 8 in 10 would *not* consider someone "girlfriend material" if they knew she had done the same thing.
- Similarly, 53% of all guys surveyed (ages 15-22) say having lots of hook-ups makes them more popular while just one in four (24%) believe that lots of hook-ups make girls popular.
- Nearly half of guys (42%) say that girls who carry condoms are "promiscuous." However, more than half (55%) also say they consider these girls to be "responsible."





# TALKING TO YOUR SONS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS, SEX, AND LOVE: SIX TIPS FOR PARENTS

Parents usually underestimate their influence when it comes to talking with their teens (especially their sons) about love, values, relationships, and sex. Your sons are listening to you, even if they don't always act like it. What you say matters. Here are some ideas to help you get the conversation started:

**1. No parent is off the hook.** Guys would rather hear from their dads about sex and protection, and from their moms about feelings and relationships—so both parents need to be involved. More than half of guys (53%)—and especially high school-aged teens (61%)—say their parents influence their decisions about sex, and two-thirds who have discussed pregnancy prevention with their parents say the conversation was helpful. If they haven't asked you about relationships and sex, it doesn't mean they don't have questions, so don't wait for them to come to you. Start the conversation now, preferably before there is a particular girl in the picture. It may be awkward, but it doesn't make you nosy. It makes you parental.

**4. Make sure your sons have the information they need before they're sexually active.** Nearly 4 in 10 high school-aged boys (39%) worry about their parents finding out they're having sex, and less than half are comfortable talking to either parent about sex. But what they don't know *can* hurt them—nearly half (44%) of sexually active guys have had pregnancy scares and many don't know the basics about pregnancy prevention (even though the vast majority think they do). Talk to them early and often, point them to helpful resources, and make sure they know that contraception is their responsibility too. Help them learn how to protect themselves and their futures.

**5. Girls aren't the only ones who feel pressure.** Reassure your son that he does not have to have sex. Nearly 8 out of 10 guys say there is way too much pressure on them to have sex—from society, from their friends, and from girls. More than half say they are relieved when a girl doesn't want to have sex and 45% say they've had sex and regretted it afterwards. One in five (21%) say they have been pressured by a girl to go farther sexually than they wanted to. Boys can say "no" too—even if they've said "yes" before.

**2. Remind them that sex and love are NOT the same thing.** You can have a serious relationship without sex. Don't assume that all boys want only one thing. Two out of three say they'd prefer to have a girlfriend but not have sex rather than sex but no girlfriend. The vast majority (95%) would rather have sex with someone they love than a random girl. Support your sons and reassure them that there are lots of guys who put love before sex, and that there are many good reasons to wait—such as protecting their feelings and avoiding pregnancy.

**3. Reinforce the healthy attitudes they already have.** Relationships matter, sex is a big deal (the first time and every time), and girls who say no to sex or insist on using contraception deserve their respect. Three out of four guys say they have more respect for girls who say no to sex, and three in four also think teens and young adults take sex too lightly. Talk to your boys about how they feel and encourage them to stand up for what they think is right.

**6. Be clear about what's right and wrong.** It's never okay to have sex with someone who is drunk (though nearly 1 in 3 guys say they have). It is never okay to pressure someone into having sex (11% of guys admit they have). Make sure your sons know what is acceptable behavior in your family and what you expect of them when it comes to relationships, sex, and pregnancy.



# FIVE THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GUYS

*There's more to a guy than meets the eye. If you're wondering how guys feel about about relationships, sex, and love, ask them. We did and here's what they had to say:*

**1. The majority of guys are okay with not having sex.** More than half say they're relieved when a girl wants to wait, two-thirds say they could be happy in a relationship that doesn't include sex, and three out of four would rather wait to have sex with someone they love than lose their virginity as soon as possible. In fact, more guys would rather give up sex for a month than give up going online for a month.

**2. Sex won't keep him in a relationship.** Three out of four guys say that sex won't make them stay in a relationship they don't want to be in. Four out of ten have had sex with someone when they knew it meant more to her than it did to him. One in four has had sex with someone and then not called, texted, or emailed afterward like they said they would. Sex isn't what makes a relationship serious—more guys say being exclusive, meeting her parents, or calling each other boyfriend/girlfriend is more serious than having sex.

**3. Guys are influenced by girlfriends, parents, and porn.** In fact, guys say that girlfriends are most influential on their decisions about sex, but that parents also play a significant role. And porn ranks equally with sex education when guys were asked to rate their influences when it comes to sex. Of those guys who have had conversations with their parents about preventing pregnancy, two-thirds say it was helpful. Guys want to have real conversations about relationships and preventing pregnancy—and about sex.

**4. Even guys who act like they know it all can be dangerously misinformed.** The vast majority of guys say they're not confused at all about preventing pregnancy—but one-third don't know that two condoms aren't better than one, 15% don't know that certain sexual positions don't eliminate the risk of pregnancy, and more than one in ten still don't know that a girl can be pregnant the first time she has sex. Be sure the guys in your life are getting information about sex and protection from trusted sources.

**5. It takes two people to make a pregnancy but only one to prevent it. Girls need to speak up.** Most guys will gladly wear a condom if asked and most will go with someone to get birth control if she wants him too. Talk about what precautions you are going to take in the heat of the moment *before* the moment arrives. Most guys say it would be both partners' responsibility if there were a pregnancy—but why wait until that point to share accountability?



# SURVEY RESULTS

## METHODOLOGY

TRU conducted 1,200 online interviews with male teens and young men ages 15-22 from October 26, 2009 – November 8, 2009. African American and Hispanic respondents each comprised about 13% of the sample. Survey invitations were nationally dispersed consistent with U.S. Census figures in order to ensure a representative geographic mix. This total sample size yields a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Each interview was approximately 17 minutes in length.

1,200 ONLINE INTERVIEWS			
	MALES		MALES
15-18	600	Virgins	542
19-22	600	Sexually-experienced	658
TOTAL	1,200	TOTAL	1,200

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

These definitions were stated at the beginning of the survey and a link to the definitions was kept visible throughout.

- **Sex:** Vaginal intercourse, sometimes called “making love,” “having sex,” or “going all the way.”
- **Hook-up/hooking-up:** A “no strings attached,” “no expectations,” intimate physical encounter, which may or may not include sex.
- **Casual dating:** A physical and emotional relationship, may or may not include sex, but not exclusive or committed.
- **Serious relationship:** A physical and emotional relationship, may or may not include sex; exclusive, committed, significant, call each other boyfriend/girlfriend.
- **Birth control/protection:** Anything used to prevent pregnancy; common examples may include a condom, the pill, the patch, vaginal ring, diaphragm, spermicide, etc.



## DATA SUMMARY

Survey results found in this report come from the following questions. For the complete survey and responses, please see [www.TheNationalCampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/ThatsWhatHeSaid-Questionnaire.pdf](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/ThatsWhatHeSaid-Questionnaire.pdf).

### 1. Are you male or female?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Male	100%	100%	100%

### 2. What is your age?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
15	10%	20%	--
16	15%	30%	--
17	11%	21%	--
18	15%	29%	--
19	14%	--	28%
20	11%	--	22%
21	13%	--	27%
22	12%	--	24%

### 3. Are you...

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
White or Caucasian	70%	67%	73%
Hispanic / Latino	14%	13%	15%
Black / African-American	13%	17%	9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6%	7%	6%
Other	1%	1%	1%

### 4. Which of the following describes your marital status?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Single	100%	100%	100%

### 5. Which, if any, of the following have you ever done? *Please check all that apply.*

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Had a serious girlfriend	59%	47%	71%
Ever hooked up	56%	49%	64%
Ever had sex	55%	41%	68%

6. In your opinion, which, if any, of the following makes a relationship serious? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Seeing a future with the person and wanting to stay with them	79%	76%	83%
Becoming exclusive (not dating anyone else)	75%	73%	76%
Saying "I love you"	61%	56%	66%
Meeting the parents	53%	51%	56%
Calling each other boyfriend/girlfriend	49%	48%	51%
Having sex	34%	33%	35%

7. Which, if any, of the following have you ever done after having sex with someone for the first time? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=658 (Sexually-experienced)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Felt more deeply attached to her	60%	59%	61%
Fell in love with her	26%	25%	26%
Felt exactly the same about her as before having sex	57%	52%	61%

8. Please answer true or false for each of the following statements. *If you're unsure, please mark "don't know."*

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TRUE</b>			<b>FALSE</b>			<b>DON'T KNOW</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
A girl can get pregnant the first time she has sex	89%	88%	90%	9%	10%	8%	3%	3%	3%
A girl can get pregnant during her period	58%	57%	59%	23%	22%	24%	19%	21%	17%
Wearing two condoms at the same time is more effective than wearing just one	18%	22%	14%	66%	60%	73%	16%	18%	13%
A girl cannot get pregnant if she's on the pill	15%	16%	14%	80%	79%	82%	5%	5%	5%
A guy cannot get a girl pregnant if he's wearing a condom	13%	15%	11%	85%	82%	88%	2%	4%	1%
Certain sexual positions can eliminate the risk of pregnancy	7%	7%	6%	85%	83%	87%	9%	10%	8%

9. Which, if any, of the following have you ever done? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Said no to having sex	38%	31%	45%
Broken up with a girl because she wouldn't have sex with you	6%	5%	8%
Pressured a girl to go further sexually than she wanted to	11%	9%	13%

10. If you had to choose between each of the following, would you rather...?

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
A. Have sex with a girlfriend or someone you love	95%	95%	95%
B. Have sex with a random girl	5%	5%	5%
A. Have a girlfriend, but NOT have sex	66%	71%	62%
B. Have sex, but NOT have a girlfriend	34%	29%	38%
A. Wait to lose your virginity to someone you love	75%	76%	73%
B. Lose your virginity as soon as possible	26%	24%	27%
A. Get into your dream college	58%	66%	51%
B. Have sex with your dream girl	42%	34%	49%
A. Give up sex for a month*	54%	50%	57%
B. Give up going online for a month*	46%	50%	43%
*n=658 (Sexually-experienced)			
A. Have sex with someone who is super hot	61%	60%	62%
B. Have sex with someone who is smart and funny	39%	40%	38%
A. Be in a relationship with someone who is smart and funny	78%	76%	80%
B. Be in a relationship with someone who is super hot	22%	24%	20%

11. Which, if any, of the following have you ever done? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=658 (Sexually-experienced)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Took a risk (NET)	69%	60%	74%
Had unprotected sex	57%	47%	63%
Had a pregnancy scare with a girl you've had sex with	44%	35%	49%
Waited for a girl to insist on using protection	17%	14%	19%
Refused to wear a condom during sex	10%	9%	12%
Had sex with someone and then regretted it afterwards	45%	41%	48%
Had sex with someone when you knew it meant more to her than it did to you	40%	40%	41%
Had sex with a girl when you knew she was drunk	29%	19%	35%
Had sex with someone and not called, texted, emailed, etc. after you said you would	27%	26%	27%
Wished you had waited longer to lose your virginity	24%	23%	24%
Stayed in a relationship strictly for the sex	22%	22%	22%

12. Which, if any, of the following worries you or makes you anxious when it comes to sex? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
The possibility of getting a girl pregnant	73%	74%	71%
That our relationship will change	35%	35%	35%
That my parents will find out	28%	39%	16%

13. Which, if any, of the following confuses you when it comes to sex?

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>VERY</b>			<b>LITTLE</b>			<b>NOT AT ALL</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Knowing whether or not a girl wants you to initiate sex	22%	23%	20%	49%	49%	49%	30%	28%	31%
What to do during sex	8%	11%	6%	39%	44%	35%	52%	46%	59%
How to prevent pregnancy	3%	4%	2%	16%	21%	11%	82%	76%	88%

14. Which, if any, of the following have you ever lied about? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=1,200</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
Saying you were in love when you weren't or weren't sure	31%	30%	31%
How far you've gone sexually	30%	31%	29%
How many sexual partners you've had	24%	19%	30%
Saying you weren't a virgin when you actually were	23%	23%	23%
Having unprotected sex	12%	10%	14%
Whether or not you had a condom handy	8%	6%	9%
Whether or not you've been tested for STDs	5%	3%	7%
None of these	40%	43%	37%

15. What are the reason(s) you've lied about sex or hooking-up? *Please check all that apply.*

<b>n=720 (Lied about sex)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>19-22</b>
To appear more experienced	44%	46%	42%
To protect my reputation	39%	41%	38%
To appear cooler	39%	44%	35%
To stop friends from pressuring me to have sex	23%	23%	22%
To avoid embarrassing someone else	22%	19%	24%
To get a girl to have sex with me	17%	16%	17%

16. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

n=1,200	STRONGLY AGREE			STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
My first time will be a big deal to me*	58%	58%	58%	80%	80%	82%
I could be happy in a serious relationship that doesn't include sex	36%	40%	33%	66%	68%	65%
My first time was a big deal to me**	35%	38%	33%	67%	69%	66%
Having lots of hook-ups makes guys more popular	15%	15%	14%	53%	54%	51%
If I did not have a condom, I would have sex anyway	10%	8%	11%	30%	25%	35%
Having lots of hook-ups makes girls more popular	7%	8%	5%	24%	27%	21%

\*n=542 (Virgins)

\*\*n=658 (Sexually-experienced)

17. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

n=1,200	STRONGLY AGREE			STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
I have more respect for girls who stop a hook-up if they aren't ready or comfortable	52%	56%	49%	84%	85%	84%
I think there is way too much pressure from society to have sex	44%	47%	42%	78%	80%	76%
I think teens and young adults today take sex too lightly	41%	42%	40%	74%	74%	73%
Having sex with someone won't make me stay in a relationship I don't want to be in	40%	40%	39%	74%	74%	74%
I think sex is a big deal	38%	42%	35%	75%	75%	75%
I have more respect for girls who say no to sex	36%	40%	33%	73%	75%	71%
Sex can be intimidating for a guy	28%	30%	27%	77%	78%	75%
I won't have sex with someone unless I really love her	28%	31%	25%	53%	58%	48%
I often feel relieved when a girl wants to wait to have sex	23%	27%	19%	56%	60%	53%

18. Who would you do each of the following activities with? *Please check all that apply.*

n=1,200	GIRL YOU JUST MET			FEMALE FRIEND			GIRLFRIEND		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Sexual intercourse	20%	14%	26%	25%	18%	33%	78%	73%	83%



19. Would you consider someone as “girlfriend material” if you knew that she ...?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
“Sexted” you or someone else	29%	23%	34%
Had sex with someone she just met	14%	12%	17%

20. What would your reaction be if a girl asked you to do each of the following...?

n=1,200	WOULD GLADLY DO IT			BE ANNOYED, BUT WOULD DO IT			WOULDN'T DO IT		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Wear a condom	83%	84%	82%	11%	9%	12%	6%	7%	5%
Go get birth control or protection with her	66%	63%	69%	23%	24%	22%	11%	14%	9%
Go get tested for STDs/HIV	53%	53%	53%	38%	36%	39%	10%	11%	8%

21. In your opinion, who has primary responsibility to get birth control and use it to prevent pregnancy?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Both are equally responsible	83%	86%	80%
The girl	13%	10%	17%
The guy	4%	5%	4%

22. If a girl that you had sex with told you that she might be pregnant, would you see it as...?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Both of your responsibilities	93%	92%	93%
Your responsibility	4%	5%	4%
Her responsibility	3%	3%	3%

23. Which, if any, of the following words would you use to describe girls who carry their own condoms? *Please check all that apply.*

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Responsible	55%	55%	56%
Promiscuous	42%	37%	46%

24. How much does each of the following influence your decisions about sex?

n=1,200	A LOT			A LOT/SOME		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Girlfriend	51%	48%	55%	78%	77%	80%
Parents	25%	30%	20%	53%	61%	45%
Friends	22%	25%	19%	62%	64%	59%
Religion	21%	23%	19%	41%	45%	37%
Pornography	13%	14%	13%	42%	42%	42%
Sex ed in class	13%	15%	11%	42%	47%	37%
Doctor or other health professional	13%	12%	13%	43%	45%	42%
Info from online searches	10%	9%	11%	38%	40%	37%
TV, movies, and/or online entertainment	10%	11%	8%	41%	42%	40%

25. Have you ever had a conversation with one of your parents about preventing pregnancy?

n=1,200	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Yes	53%	58%	48%
No	47%	42%	52%

26. How helpful was talking to your parent(s) about pregnancy?

n=637 (Had conversation with parents)	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Top Two Box (NET)	65%	71%	58%
Very helpful	35%	41%	27%
Somewhat helpful	30%	29%	31%
Bottom Two Box (NET)	35%	29%	42%
A little bit helpful	27%	23%	32%
Not at all helpful	8%	6%	10%

27. How comfortable do you feel talking to your parents about each of the following topics?

n=1,200	VERY COMFORTABLE			VERY/SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
<b>How to treat a girl</b>						
Mom	48%	51%	45%	74%	76%	72%
Dad	41%	43%	39%	69%	70%	68%
Step-Parent	29%	32%	27%	54%	55%	53%
<b>Feelings toward girls</b>						
Mom	27%	27%	27%	59%	59%	58%
Dad	23%	24%	22%	54%	55%	53%
Step-Parent	15%	15%	15%	38%	37%	38%
<b>Practicing safe sex</b>						
Mom	17%	19%	15%	36%	38%	34%
Dad	17%	19%	14%	40%	42%	38%
Step-Parent	13%	14%	12%	29%	30%	29%
<b>Sex</b>						
Mom	17%	19%	15%	37%	39%	35%
Dad	16%	18%	14%	41%	44%	39%
Step-Parent	12%	14%	10%	29%	29%	30%

28. How acceptable is each of the following in your family?

n=1,200	VERY ACCEPTABLE			VERY/SOMEWHAT ACCEPTABLE		
	TOTAL	15-18	19-22	TOTAL	15-18	19-22
Having sex before marriage	24%	16%	31%	51%	45%	58%
Getting a girl pregnant outside of marriage	4%	3%	5%	15%	11%	18%

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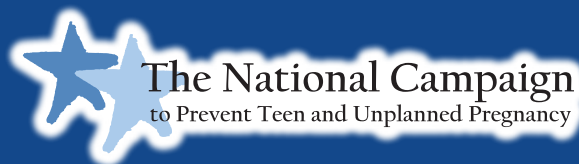
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