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Methodology

The NPR/Kaiser Family Foundation/Kennedy School National Survey on Sex Education is part of an ongoing project of National Public Radio, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Representatives of the three sponsors worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and to analyze the results, with NPR maintaining sole editorial control over its broadcasts on the surveys. The project team includes:

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The results of this project are based on two nationwide telephone surveys: a survey of the general public and a survey of principals. The survey of the general public was conducted among a random nationally representative sample of 1,759 respondents 18 years of age or older, including an oversample of parents of children in 7th through 12th grade which resulted in interviews with 1001 parents. Statistical results for the total survey were weighted to be representative of the national population. The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points for total respondents and plus or minus 4.7 percentage points for parents. The survey of principals was conducted among 303 principals of public middle, junior, and senior high schools across the country. Schools were randomly and proportionally selected from a national database of public schools by type of school (middle, junior, and senior high). Statistical results were weighted to be representative of public middle, junior, and senior high schools in the United States based on geographic region and type of residential area (urban, suburban, non-metropolitan). The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 6 percentage points for total respondents. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of error is higher.

Princeton Survey Research Associates conducted the fieldwork for both surveys between September and October, 2003. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

An asterisk () indicates a response of less than 1%.*

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NOTE: Responses of parents with 7th - 8th graders, and parents of 9th – 12th graders are broken out of the total and presented separately.

Q1 What do you think is the most important problem facing teens today? (OPEN-ENDED)

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
30	26	29	Use of alcohol or other illegal drugs
4	6	4	Academics, getting an education
8	6	6	Sex, promiscuity
2	3	2	Unwanted pregnancy
2	1	1	HIV/AIDS, STDs
1	2	1	Violence
6	6	6	Broken families, family values, bad parenting
2	4	1	Lack of discipline
4	4	5	Lack of moral values, character
1	0	2	Lack of religion
1	2	2	Lack of direction, boredom, apathy
3	2	2	Media influence
16	27	24	Peer pressure/relations with peers
1	1	2	Stress, mental health
2	2	1	Lack of awareness, knowledge, information
1	1	1	Having to grow up too fast
5	3	6	Other
10	4	5	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused

Q2 I am going to read you a list of issues that teens today may face. For each one, please tell me how big a problem you think it is for teens in general—a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all. The first is (Insert). Is this a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

Items were rotated

a suicide

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
46	43	50	Major problem
46	50	44	Minor problem
4	4	4	Not a problem at all
4	4	2	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

b unwanted pregnancy

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
73	74	69	Major problem
23	23	29	Minor problem
1	1	*	Not a problem at all
2	2	2	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

c getting HIV/AIDS

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
65	57	60	Major problem
31	38	36	Minor problem
2	2	2	Not a problem at all
3	3	2	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

d poor academic performance

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
60	58	57	Major problem
33	39	38	Minor problem
3	1	4	Not a problem at all
4	2	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused

e getting sexually transmitted diseases – STDs – other than HIV/AIDS

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
70	62	70	Major problem
25	33	27	Minor problem
2	2	1	Not a problem at all
3	4	2	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

f violence

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
71	67	66	Major problem
26	29	31	Minor problem
2	1	1	Not a problem at all
2	3	2	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

g use of alcohol or other illegal drugs

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
87	86	86	Major problem
11	12	13	Minor problem
1	1	1	Not a problem at all
1	1	*	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q3 You said (INSERT MAJOR PROBLEM ITEMS) were major problems. Which one is the biggest problem?

Based on those with more than one major problem

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
4	6	4	Suicide
9	12	6	Unwanted pregnancy
8	9	9	Getting HIV/AIDS
6	7	9	Poor academic performance
4	2	3	Getting sexually transmitted diseases – STDs – other than HIV/AIDS
13	10	13	Violence
48	48	52	Use of alcohol or other illegal drugs
6	5	4	Don't know
*	0	1	Refused
n=1641	n=306	n=449	

Q4 Do you think it is morally wrong for unmarried adults to engage in sexual intercourse or not?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
50	39	49	Yes
46	60	49	No
3	1	2	Don't know
1	0	0	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

Q5 Do you think it is a SIN for unmarried adults to engage in sexual intercourse or not?

Asked of respondents who believe sexual intercourse between unmarried adults is morally wrong

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
83	NA	87	Yes
13	NA	12	No
4	NA	1	Don't know
1	NA	0	Refused
n=416	n=73	n=107	

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.

Q6 Do you think it is morally wrong for unmarried teens to engage in sexual intercourse, or not?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
63	63	67	Yes
35	26	31	No
2	11	2	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

Q7 Do you think it is a SIN for unmarried teens to engage in sexual intercourse, or not?

Asked of respondents who believe sexual intercourse between unmarried teens is morally wrong

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
77	76	77	Yes
20	21	22	No
2	4	1	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused
n=559	n=119	n=172	

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about sex education classes or sessions in schools in your community. These are any classes or talks in school that discuss relationships, the basics of human reproduction, abstinence, AIDS, pregnancy prevention, and the like.

[IF RESPONDENT ASKS ABOUT LENGTH OF CLASS: These topics may have been taught in a separate sex education course, as part of another course, like health or science, or as independent lessons in the school auditorium or gym.]

Q8 How important do you think it is to have sex education as part of the school curriculum? Very important, somewhat important, not too important, or do you think sex education should not be taught at all in schools?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
69	72	72	Very important
21	21	19	Somewhat important
2	2	2	Not too important
7	4	6	Not taught at all
1	1	1	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q9 Is it your impression that there has been more debate or controversy in your community over sex education during the last few years, or not?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
29	24	29	Yes, more debate
54	68	61	No
18	8	10	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

Q10 How effective do you think the sex education in schools is in helping teens (Insert)? Very effective, somewhat effective, not too effective, or not effective at all, or don't you know enough to say?

Items were rotated

a avoid getting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
24	27	20	Very effective
44	50	52	Somewhat effective
12	11	13	Not too effective
7	4	7	Not effective at all
13	7	9	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

b avoid pregnancy

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
15	18	13	Very effective
47	55	53	Somewhat effective
16	13	19	Not too effective
11	8	10	Not effective at all
11	5	5	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

c postpone having sexual intercourse

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
11	11	12	Very effective
35	42	40	Somewhat effective
22	22	24	Not too effective
19	17	18	Not effective at all
13	7	7	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused

d make responsible decisions about sex

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
17	17	20	Very effective
44	54	48	Somewhat effective
18	16	18	Not too effective
10	5	9	Not effective at all
12	7	5	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q11 As you may know, there are different approaches to teaching about sex and sexuality in the schools. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your views?

Responses were read

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
47	53	48	Statement 1: When it comes to sex, teenagers need to have limits set, they must be told what is acceptable and what is not
51	45	48	Statement 2: Ultimately teenagers need to make their own decisions, so their education needs to be more in the form of providing information and guidance
2	1	3	Don't know
*	*	1	Refused

Q12 In order for a school to get money from the federal government for one sex education program, the law requires that the exclusive purpose of the program be to teach the benefits of "abstaining from sexual activity." Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Responses were read

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
30	24	32	Statement 1: The federal government should fund sex education programs that have "abstaining from sexual activity" as their only purpose
67	72	65	Statement 2: The money should be used to fund more comprehensive sex education programs that include information on how to obtain and use condoms and other contraceptives
3	3	2	Don't know
*	1	*	Refused

Q13 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of THESE statements.

Items were rotated

a Abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage is the expected standard for all school-age children.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
62	68	65	Agree
36	27	34	Disagree
2	4	1	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused

b Sexual activity outside of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
57	59	58	Agree
41	38	39	Disagree
2	2	3	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused

Q14 Earlier we asked you a question about abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for school aged children. How were you defining the word abstinence? Did you include abstaining from (Insert)?

a sexual intercourse

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
95	94	95	Include
3	3	4	Not include
2	3	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

b oral sex

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
89	91	90	Include
10	7	9	Not include
1	2	1	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

c intimate touching

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
63	63	63	Include
35	35	35	Not include
1	1	1	Don't know
*	1	*	Refused

d passionate kissing

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
40	31	42	Include
59	68	57	Not include
2	1	1	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

e masturbation

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
44	33	44	Include
51	60	53	Not include
5	6	2	Don't know
*	1	*	Refused

Q15 If sex education is taught, do you think sex education should be required for students, or should it be optional?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
66	70	65	Required
32	29	33	Optional
2	1	2	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

Q16 I am going to ask you about certain things that might be included in sex education programs in schools. After I read each topic, please tell me whether you think it is an appropriate topic for middle school students – that is, grades 6, 7, and 8 – high school students – that is, grades 9 through 12 – both age groups, or neither age group.

a The basics of how babies are made, pregnancy, and birth

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
96	99	97	Appropriate (NET)
14	13	12	Appropriate topic for middle school students
13	11	11	Appropriate topic for high school students
69	75	73	Appropriate topic for both age groups
3	*	3	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	1	*	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

b HIV/AIDS

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
98	100	99	Appropriate (NET)
9	9	7	Appropriate topic for middle school students
11	10	9	Appropriate topic for high school students
78	81	83	Appropriate topic for both age groups
1	*	1	Not appropriate topic for either age group
*	0	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

c Sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV/AIDS, such as herpes

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
98	100	98	Appropriate (NET)
9	8	7	Appropriate topic for middle school students
15	13	14	Appropriate topic for high school students
75	79	77	Appropriate topic for both age groups
1	*	2	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	*	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

d Birth control and methods of preventing pregnancy

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
94	95	93	Appropriate (NET)
8	5	5	Appropriate topic for middle school students
29	35	28	Appropriate topic for high school students
57	54	60	Appropriate topic for both age groups
5	5	7	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	*	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

e How to use and where to get contraceptives

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
87	88	85	Appropriate (NET)
5	4	3	Appropriate topic for middle school students
37	42	37	Appropriate topic for high school students
44	42	44	Appropriate topic for both age groups
12	11	16	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	*	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

f Waiting to have sexual intercourse until older

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
95	97	96	Appropriate (NET)
10	8	7	Appropriate topic for middle school students
12	11	11	Appropriate topic for high school students
73	79	77	Appropriate topic for both age groups
4	2	4	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	1	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

g How to get tested for HIV and other STDs

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
94	97	96	Appropriate (NET)
5	5	5	Appropriate topic for middle school students
33	37	34	Appropriate topic for high school students
56	55	56	Appropriate topic for both age groups
4	4	4	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	*	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

h How to deal with the emotional issues and consequences of being sexually active

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
94	95	96	Appropriate (NET)
7	7	4	Appropriate topic for middle school students
23	23	18	Appropriate topic for high school students
64	65	75	Appropriate topic for both age groups
5	5	4	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	0	0	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

i Waiting to have sexual intercourse until married

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
93	95	94	Appropriate (NET)
8	11	4	Appropriate topic for middle school students
13	7	13	Appropriate topic for high school students
72	77	77	Appropriate topic for both age groups
7	5	5	Not appropriate topic for either age group
*	0	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

j How to talk with a girlfriend/boyfriend or partner about “how far to go” sexually

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
93	95	94	Appropriate (NET)
6	6	3	Appropriate topic for middle school students
23	22	21	Appropriate topic for high school students
63	67	69	Appropriate topic for both age groups
6	5	5	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	*	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

k How to put on a condom

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
83	83	79	Appropriate (NET)
5	5	1	Appropriate topic for middle school students
38	38	36	Appropriate topic for high school students
40	40	41	Appropriate topic for both age groups
15	17	21	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	0	0	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

l Masturbation

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
77	81	76	Appropriate (NET)
8	6	4	Appropriate topic for middle school students
22	28	20	Appropriate topic for high school students
47	47	51	Appropriate topic for both age groups
19	18	24	Not appropriate topic for either age group
4	1	*	Don't know
1	0	0	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

m How to talk with parents about sex and relationship issues

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
97	98	98	Appropriate (NET)
12	7	11	Appropriate topic for middle school students
8	7	5	Appropriate topic for high school students
77	84	81	Appropriate topic for both age groups
2	*	2	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	2	0	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

n Abortion

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
85	91	83	Appropriate (NET)
5	3	6	Appropriate topic for middle school students
30	44	30	Appropriate topic for high school students
50	44	46	Appropriate topic for both age groups
13	9	14	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	1	3	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

o How to make responsible sexual choices based on individual values

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
91	98	89	Appropriate (NET)
9	6	7	Appropriate topic for middle school students
21	26	17	Appropriate topic for high school students
61	65	66	Appropriate topic for both age groups
8	3	10	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	1	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

p That teens can obtain birth control pills from family planning clinics and doctors without permission from a parent

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
71	71	73	Appropriate (NET)
3	2	3	Appropriate topic for middle school students
40	53	38	Appropriate topic for high school students
28	16	31	Appropriate topic for both age groups
28	29	26	Not appropriate topic for either age group
1	*	1	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

q Homosexuality and sexual orientation – that is, being gay, lesbian or bisexual

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
73	80	73	Appropriate (NET)
5	3	6	Appropriate topic for middle school students
24	41	23	Appropriate topic for high school students
44	35	45	Appropriate topic for both age groups
25	20	25	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	1	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

r Oral sex

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
71	65	73	Appropriate (NET)
4	*	5	Appropriate topic for middle school students
29	36	30	Appropriate topic for high school students
39	30	37	Appropriate topic for both age groups
27	32	26	Not appropriate topic for either age group
2	1	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

Q17 What do you think schools should teach about homosexuality? Should schools teach that homosexuality is wrong, that homosexuality is acceptable, only what homosexuality is without discussing whether it is wrong or acceptable, or should schools not discuss homosexuality at all?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
18	12	17	Teach that homosexuality is wrong
8	4	8	Teach that homosexuality is acceptable
52	66	54	Teach only what homosexuality is without discussing whether it is wrong or acceptable
19	16	18	Schools should not discuss homosexuality at all
3	2	2	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

Q18 [You said earlier that sex education should not be taught at all in schools, but if it is to be taught] Which of the following three statements is closest to your view about the best way to teach sex education?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
15	14	16	Statement 1: Abstinence from sexual intercourse is best for teens. Sex ed classes should not provide information about how to obtain and use condoms and other contraception.
46	49	54	Statement 2: Abstinence from sexual intercourse is best for teens, but some teens do not abstain, so sex ed classes should provide information about condoms and other contraception.
36	36	30	Statement 3: Abstinence from sexual intercourse is not the most important thing. Sex ed classes should focus on teaching teens how to make responsible decisions about sex.
3	2	*	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q19 To what age do you think boys should wait before having sexual intercourse – until they are 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, or until they are married? [IF SAYS DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL: Of course, but *in general* to what age do you think boys should wait] (ONLY ACCEPT “depends” IF THE RESPONDENT INSISTS)

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
*	0	1	Until they are 12
2	0	1	Until they are 14
11	2	5	Until they are 16
31	36	41	Until they are 18
9	13	7	Until they are 21
44	48	42	Until they are married
1	1	2	Depends on the boy (VOL)
2	*	1	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

Q20 Do you think most boys will actually wait that long or will most have sexual intercourse earlier?

Asked of respondents who responded to previous question

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
11	11	6	Wait
84	87	91	Earlier
4	2	3	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused
n=824	n=149	n=215	

Q19/20 Combo Table Boys-Sexual Intercourse

To what age do you think boys should wait before having sexual intercourse? Do you think most boys will actually wait that long or will most have sexual intercourse earlier?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL

*** Until they are 12**

- Among those who say 12, say boys will wait until 12
- Among those who say 12, say boys will have intercourse earlier

2 Until they are 14

- Among those who say 14, say boys will wait until 14
- Among those who say 14, say boys will have intercourse earlier

11 Until they are 16

- Among those who say 16, say boys will wait until 16
- Among those who say 16, say boys will have intercourse earlier

31 Until they are 18

- 10 Among those who say 18, say boys will wait until 18
- 88 Among those who say 18, say boys will have intercourse earlier

9 Until they are 21

- Among those who say 21, say boys will wait until 21
- Among those who say 21, say boys will have intercourse earlier

44 Until they are married

- 3 Among those who say marriage, say boys will wait until they're married
- 91 Among those who say marriage, say boys will have intercourse earlier

1 Depends on the boy (VOL)

2 Don't know/Refused

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.
Don't know/refused responses not shown for subgroups.

Q21a And what about oral sex? To what age do you think boys should wait before they experience that – until they are 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, or until they are married – or never? [IF SAYS DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL: Of course, but *in general* to what age do you think boys should wait] (ONLY ACCEPT “depends” IF THE RESPONDENT INSISTS)

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
1	1	1	Until they are 12
2	1	0	Until they are 14
10	2	6	Until they are 16
25	31	33	Until they are 18
7	11	7	Until they are 21
33	48	42	Until they are married
16	4	6	Never
1	1	2	Depends on the boy (VOL)
4	*	3	Don't know
1	*	1	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

Q21b Do you think most boys will actually wait that long or will most have oral sex earlier?

Asked of respondents who responded to previous question

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
12	12	11	Wait
80	82	84	Earlier
8	6	5	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused
n=797	n=148	n=208	

Q21a/21b Combo Table Boys-Oral Sex

To what age do you think boys should wait before they experience oral sex? Do you think most boys will actually wait that long or will most have oral sex earlier?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL

1 Until they are 12

- Among those who say 12, say boys will wait until 12
- Among those who say 12, say boys will have oral sex earlier

2 Until they are 14

- Among those who say 14, say boys will wait until 14
- Among those who say 14, say boys will have oral sex earlier

10 Until they are 16

- Among those who say 16, say boys will wait until 16
- Among those who say 16, say boys will have oral sex earlier

25 Until they are 18

- 10 Among those who say 18, say boys will wait until 18
- 88 Among those who say 18, say boys will have oral sex earlier

7 Until they are 21

- Among those who say 21, say boys will wait until 21
- Among those who say 21, say boys will have oral sex earlier

33 Until they are married

- 5 Among those who say marriage, say boys will wait until they're married
- 89 Among those who say marriage, say boys will have oral sex earlier

16 Never

- 3 Among those who say never, say boys will never have oral sex
- 70 Among those who say never, say boys will have oral sex

1 Depends on the boy (VOL)

5 Don't know/Refused

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.
Don't know/refused responses not shown for subgroups.

- Q22** To what age do you think girls should wait before having sexual intercourse – until they are 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, or until they are married? [IF SAYS DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL: Of course, but *in general* to what age do you think girls should wait] (ONLY ACCEPT “depends” IF THE RESPONDENT INSISTS)

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
0	0	0	Until they are 12
1	0	0	Until they are 14
7	3	5	Until they are 16
33	35	35	Until they are 18
8	13	8	Until they are 21
47	48	51	Until they are married
2	*	1	Depends on the girl (VOL)
1	1	0	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

- Q23** Do you think most girls will actually wait that long or will most have sexual intercourse earlier?

Asked of respondents who responded to previous question

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
10	6	7	Wait
85	91	91	Earlier
5	3	3	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=875	n=175	n=256	

Q22/23 Combo Table Girls-Sexual Intercourse

To what age do you think girls should wait before having sexual intercourse? Do you think most girls will actually wait that long or will most have sexual intercourse earlier?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL

0 Until they are 12

- Among those who say 12, say girls will wait until 12
- Among those who say 12, say girls will have intercourse earlier

1 Until they are 14

- Among those who say 14, say girls will wait until 14
- Among those who say 14, say girls will have intercourse earlier

7 Until they are 16

- Among those who say 16, say girls will wait until 16
- Among those who say 16, say girls will have intercourse earlier

33 Until they are 18

- 10 Among those who say 18, say girls will wait until 18
- 85 Among those who say 18, say girls will have intercourse earlier

8 Until they are 21

- Among those who say 21, say girls will wait until 21
- Among those who say 21, say girls will have intercourse earlier

47 Until they are married

- 7 Among those who say marriage, say girls will wait until they're married
- 89 Among those who say marriage, say girls will have intercourse earlier

2 Depends on the girl (VOL)

1 Don't know/Refused

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.
Don't know/refused responses not shown for subgroups.

Q24a And what about oral sex? To what age do you think girls should wait before they experience that – until

they are 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, or until they are married – or never? [IF SAYS DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL: Of course, but *in general* to what age do you think girls should wait] (ONLY ACCEPT “depends” IF THE RESPONDENT INSISTS)

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
*	0	0	Until they are 12
1	0	0	Until they are 14
7	3	5	Until they are 16
27	34	25	Until they are 18
8	11	8	Until they are 21
35	40	46	Until they are married
18	6	13	Never
2	1	1	Depends on the girl (VOL)
2	5	1	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

Q24b Do you think most girls will actually wait that long or will most have oral sex earlier?

Asked of respondents who responded to previous question

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
10	10	11	Wait
78	80	81	Earlier
12	10	9	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
N=865	n=171	n=253	

Q24a/24b Combo Table Girls-Oral Sex

To what age do you think girls should wait before they experience oral sex? Do you think most girls will actually wait that long or will most have oral sex earlier?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL

*** Until they are 12**

- Among those who say 12, say girls will wait until 12
- Among those who say 12, say girls will have oral sex earlier

1 Until they are 14

- Among those who say 14, say girls will wait until 14
- Among those who say 14, say girls will have oral sex earlier

7 Until they are 16

- Among those who say 16, say girls will wait until 16
- Among those who say 16, say girls will have oral sex earlier

27 Until they are 18

- 8 Among those who say 18, say girls will wait until 18
- 86 Among those who say 18, say girls will have oral sex earlier

8 Until they are 21

- Among those who say 21, say girls will wait until 21
- Among those who say 21, say girls will have oral sex earlier

35 Until they are married

- 8 Among those who say marriage, say girls will wait until they're married
- 83 Among those who say marriage, say girls will have oral sex earlier

18 Never

- 4 Among those who say never, say girls will never have oral sex
- 67 Among those who say never, say girls will have oral sex

2 Depends on the girl (VOL)

2 Don't know/Refused

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.
Don't know/refused responses not shown for subgroups.

Q25a Do you think that giving teens information about how to obtain and use condoms and other contraception encourages them to have sexual intercourse earlier than they would have or do you think giving teens this information will not encourage them to have sexual intercourse earlier?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
39	37	38	Yes, will encourage them
55	57	58	No, will not encourage them
5	5	4	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused

Q25b And do you think that giving teens information about how to obtain and use condoms and other contraception makes it more likely that they will practice safe sex now or in the future, or not.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
77	82	84	More likely to practice safe sex
17	13	14	Not more likely to practice safe sex
6	5	2	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

Q25c What concerns you more:

Responses were read and rotated

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
28	24	26	That providing information about how to obtain and use condoms and other contraception might encourage teens to have sexual intercourse
65	72	70	That <u>not</u> providing information about how to obtain and use condoms and other contraception might mean more teens will have unsafe sexual intercourse
7	3	4	Don't know
1	*	*	Refused

Q26 About what percentage of 12th graders do you think report they have had sexual intercourse – 20%, 40%, 60% or 80%?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
18	18	12	20%
22	30	27	40%
30	27	37	60%
24	22	18	80%
7	3	6	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

Q27 In the last few years, would you say that the teen pregnancy rate in the United States has increased, decreased, stayed about the same, or don't you know enough to say?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
35	26	34	Increased
15	18	18	Decreased
13	16	16	Stayed about the same
37	39	32	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused

Q28 [Actually, although many think it has increased] Statistics show that the teen pregnancy rate has decreased in the last few years. I am going to read you a list of possible reasons for this drop. Please tell me if you think each one is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason at all that the teen pregnancy rate in the United States has dropped in the past few years.
First/Next (Insert).

Items were rotated

a fear of HIV/AIDS

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
70	73	70	Major reason
23	24	25	Minor reason
5	3	3	Not a reason at all
2	*	1	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

b changing moral values

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
44	45	39	Major reason
37	39	45	Minor reason
15	13	15	Not a reason at all
3	3	2	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

c comprehensive sex education programs that include information about contraception

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
62	62	64	Major reason
27	31	26	Minor reason
5	4	7	Not a reason at all
5	3	3	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

d abstinence education in schools

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
45	46	45	Major reason
40	40	43	Minor reason
10	11	9	Not a reason at all
5	4	4	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

e news and entertainment programs about safer sex.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
44	38	39	Major reason
40	52	43	Minor reason
11	9	17	Not a reason at all
5	2	2	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

f public health campaigns

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
45	43	48	Major reason
41	47	39	Minor reason
9	5	10	Not a reason at all
5	4	2	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused

Q29a Do you have any children, even if they are not currently living in your household?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
73	100	100	Yes
27	0	0	No
0	0	0	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q29b Do you have any children in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

Based on those who have children

Multiple responses accepted

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
52	100	100	Yes
48	0	0	No
0	0	0	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=1433	n=335	n=486	

Q30 What grade or grades are they in?

Based on those with one or more school-aged children

Accepted multiple responses

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
12	8	4	Kindergarten
11	5	4	First grade
11	7	4	Second grade
12	9	4	Third grade
15	11	8	Fourth grade
12	14	4	Fifth grade
14	11	8	Sixth grade
9	55	3	Seventh grade
8	49	2	Eighth grade
17	6	36	Ninth grade
14	7	30	Tenth grade
14	5	29	Eleventh grade
12	3	25	Twelfth grade
1	0	0	Don't know
1	0	0	Refused
n=1001	n=335	n=486	

Q31 Is your child who is in the (INSERT GRADE LEVEL, IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN 7TH-12TH RANDOMLY SELECT GRADE) grade in public school, a religious or parochial school, or a non-religious private school?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
86	85	86	Public school
10	10	10	Religious or parochial school
4	5	3	Non-religious private school
1	1	1	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

Q32 Is your (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade child a boy or a girl?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
51	56	49	Boy
49	43	51	Girl
*	*	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

Q33 Has your child who is in the (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade completed or is your child currently participating in a sex education course at school?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
64	55	66	Yes
26	34	23	No
10	11	10	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

Q34 Has your child not had sex education in school because it isn't offered by the school, because you didn't give your child permission to participate, because sex education is offered but not for (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) graders, or is there some other reason?

Based on those whose child has not completed and is not currently in a sex education course

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
42	39	43	Isn't offered by the school
8	2	10	You didn't give your child permission to participate
18	19	17	Sex education is offered but not for (insert current grade of child) graders
19	32	13	Some other reason
14	8	17	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=211	n=105	n=106	

Q35 Does the school send parents a description of or have a meeting about the sex education curriculum telling them what topics would be covered, or does the school not send parents that information?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12 and does not say that sex ed is not offered by the school

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
63	58	64	The school sends parents a description of or has a meeting about the sex education curriculum telling them what topics would be covered
30	33	30	The school does not send parents that information
7	9	6	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=658	n=262	n=396	

Q36 Overall, do you think the school of your (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade child spends too little time, too much time, or the right amount of time to teach sex ed properly?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12 and who do not say that sex ed is not offered by the school

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
34	28	36	Too little time
2	1	2	Too much time
49	53	48	The right amount of time
15	18	14	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=658	n=262	n=396	

Q37 Do you feel that teachers in your child's school have received enough training to teach sex ed well or not?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12 and who do not say that sex ed is not offered by the school

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
40	45	38	Enough training
30	18	34	Not enough training
30	37	28	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=658	n=262	n=396	

Q38 How well prepared do you feel your (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade child is to deal with sexual issues – very prepared, somewhat prepared, not very prepared, or not at all prepared?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
48	31	53	Very prepared
41	56	36	Somewhat prepared
7	6	8	Not very prepared
4	6	3	Not at all prepared
1	2	*	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

- Q39** Thinking about the sex education your child is receiving or has received in school, how much do you think it will help your child deal with sexual issues? Will it be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not very helpful, or not at all helpful?

Based on those whose child has had or is currently in sex ed

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
42	45	41	Very helpful
51	47	52	Somewhat helpful
4	6	3	Not very helpful
3	*	4	Not at all helpful
1	1	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

- Q40** I am going to read a few responses some parents have to the sex education in their children's schools. Please tell me if you agree or disagree.

Items were rotated

Based on those whose child has had or is currently in sex ed

- a** I feel relieved that my child is receiving sex education at school so that I don't have to talk to my child about some of these sensitive issues.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
14	16	14	Agree
85	82	85	Disagree
1	1	1	Don't know
*	1	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

- b** The school's sex education program raises subjects that I don't think my child should be discussing.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
14	17	13	Agree
84	81	85	Disagree
2	3	2	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

- c** Sex education in school makes it easier for me to talk to my child about sexual issues.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
82	88	80	Agree
16	11	18	Disagree
2	*	2	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

d My child's sex education class forces me to discuss sensitive sexual issues too early, before my child is ready.

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
10	10	10	Agree
89	89	89	Disagree
1	*	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

Q41 How much confidence do you have that sex education programs in your child's school teach attitudes and values similar to those you teach at home? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

Based on those whose child has had or is currently in sex ed

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
26	25	26	Very confident
49	55	47	Somewhat confident
17	14	18	Not too confident
6	4	7	Not confident at all
2	1	3	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

Q42 Now I'm going to read you a list of some sensitive subjects parents might talk about with their children. As I read each one, please tell me if you have discussed this topic with your own child who is in the (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade.

Items were rotated

Based on those whose child has had or is currently in sex ed

a The biology of sex and pregnancy

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
86	83	87	Yes – discussed
13	17	13	No – did not discuss
*	0	*	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

b Avoiding sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
87	67	92	Yes – discussed
13	33	8	No – did not discuss
0	0	0	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

c Issues about dating and relationships and becoming sexually active

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
88	70	93	Yes – discussed
11	30	7	No – did not discuss
0	0	0	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

d Condoms and other ways to prevent pregnancy or disease if you became sexually active

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
71	53	75	Yes – discussed
29	47	25	No – did not discuss
*	0	*	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

e Whether to wait to have sex until you are married

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
86	81	88	Yes – discussed
13	19	12	No – did not discuss
1	0	1	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

f Ethical, moral and religious considerations about sexual activities

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
88	83	90	Yes – discussed
11	17	10	No – did not discuss
*	0	*	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused
n=530	n=199	n=331	

Q43 Did you have this conversation or these conversations as a result of a topic of a class or program at your child's school, or not?

Based on those who have had a conversation about one or more sensitive topics

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
25	35	22	Yes
75	64	77	No
1	1	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=525	n=195	n=330	

Q44 When your (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade child begins to date, or if your child is now dating, how much do you want to know about this part of his / her life? Do you want to know nearly everything, a lot, some, or not much about (Insert)?

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

a who your child is dating

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
57	59	56	Nearly everything
35	36	35	A lot
7	5	8	Some
1	0	1	Not much
*	*	0	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

b where your child is going on a date and when your child will return

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
75	80	74	Nearly everything
22	18	24	A lot
2	2	2	Some
1	0	1	Not much
*	1	0	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

c how intimate your child is with the person he or she is dating

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
54	62	52	Nearly everything
29	24	30	A lot
11	10	12	Some
4	2	5	Not much
1	1	1	Don't know
0	0	0	Refused
n=821	n=335	n=486	

Q45 What concerns you MOST about your own (INSERT GRADE LEVEL SELECTED IN Q31) grade child ever having sexual intercourse?

Responses were read and rotated

Based on those with one or more children in grades 7-12

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
23	27	22	That they might get HIV/AIDS
6	4	7	That they might get sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV/AIDS
23	23	23	That they might get pregnant or get someone else pregnant
36	34	36	That they might have sexual intercourse before they are psychologically and emotionally ready
1	1	1	Other (specify) (VOL)
3	2	3	None (VOL)
6	4	6	All of them (VOL)
3	5	2	Don't know (VOL)
*	*	*	Refused (VOL)
n=821	n=335	n=486	

Q46 Compared with your parents when you were growing up, do you think you have been or would be more open with your children about sex and sexual issues in general, less open, or about as open as your parents were with you?

Based on those who have children

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
83	83	89	More open
1	2	1	Less open
14	14	9	About the same
1	*	1	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused
n=1433	n=335	n=486	

Q47 Do you think that schools are doing a better job today teaching sex education than they did when you were in school, did a better job teaching sex ed when you were in school, or are doing about the same now as they did when you were in school?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
58	62	67	Better job today
5	5	7	Better job when you were in school
23	20	20	About the same
15	13	6	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

Q48 Overall, would you say your parents did a very good job, a good job, a fair job or a poor job in talking to you about sexual issues when you were growing up?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
36	33	25	Very good/good (NET)
12	8	7	Very good job
23	23	16	Good job
62	65	75	Fair/poor (NET)
21	20	26	Fair job
41	49	51	Poor job
2	*	*	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

Q49 Overall, would you say your school did a very good job, a good job, a fair job or a poor job in educating you about sexual issues when you were growing up?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
22	20	19	Very good/good (NET)
4	4	4	Very good job
18	16	15	Good job
73	80	80	Fair/poor (NET)
26	29	30	Fair job
47	49	50	Poor job
4	1	1	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused

Q50 How familiar are you with the sex education programs in your community's schools? Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not at all familiar?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
45	50	66	Very/somewhat familiar (NET)
12	17	22	Very familiar
33	37	48	Somewhat familiar
54	50	33	Not too/Not at all familiar (NET)
21	27	18	Not too familiar
33	19	11	Not familiar at all
1	1	1	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

Q51 If a candidate for school board substantially disagreed with you about how sex ed should be taught in the schools, would this alone determine your vote, or are other issues more important?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
35	42	39	This alone would determine my vote
57	53	56	Other issues are more important
9	5	4	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused
n=857	n=155	n=225	

Q52 If a candidate for governor substantially disagreed with you about how sex ed should be taught in the schools, would this alone determine your vote, or are other issues more important?

Asked of half of respondents

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
22	13	32	This alone would determine my vote
71	78	65	Other issues are more important
6	7	3	Don't know
1	2	1	Refused
n=902	n=180	n=261	

D1 Sex (observation)

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
46	51	41	Male
54	49	59	Female

D2 What is your age?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
37	42	20	18-39
33	53	66	40-54
29	4	13	55+
1	*	*	Refused

D3 Are you married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
57	81	82	Married
6	3	5	Living with a partner
9	2	2	Widowed
9	11	9	Divorced
2	1	2	Separated
16	3	1	Never been married
0	0	0	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

D4 What is the last grade or class you completed in school?

Responses were not read

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
3	4	*	None, or grade 1-8
11	12	10	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
33	21	30	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
2	4	4	Business, technical or vocational school after high school
24	24	25	Some college, no four-year degree
17	23	17	College graduate (BS, BA or other four-year degree)
10	12	13	Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or PhD, law or medical school)
0	0	0	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

D5 Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
11	11	11	Yes
88	88	88	No
1	2	*	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused

D6 What is your race? (If Latino ask:) Are you white Latino, black Latino or some other race? (Else:) Are you white, African American or black, Asian or some other race?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
80	82	81	White/White Latino
11	11	11	African American/Black/Black Latino
2	2	1	Asian
5	4	6	Other (Specify)
1	*	*	Don't know
1	*	1	Refused

D7 Last year, that is in 2002, what was your total household income from all sources before taxes? Was it over or under \$25,000?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
22	12	8	Under \$25,000
70	83	87	Over \$25,000
3	1	1	Don't know
5	4	4	Refused

D8 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

Responses were read

Based on those whose income is less than \$25,000

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
26	NA	NA	Less than \$10,000
19	NA	NA	\$10,000 to under \$15,000
25	NA	NA	\$15,000 to under \$20,000 or
24	NA	NA	\$20,000 to under \$25,000
3	NA	NA	Don't know
3	NA	NA	Refused
n=280	n=29	n=43	

NOTE: Data is not available for subgroups with sample sizes under 100 respondents.

D9 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

Responses were read

Based on those whose income is more than \$25,000

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
9	8	9	\$25,000 to under \$30,000
9	5	8	\$30,000 to under \$35,000
13	13	9	\$35,000 to under \$40,000
12	14	13	\$40,000 to under \$50,000
23	25	21	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
15	16	15	\$75,000 to under \$100,000 or
15	16	22	\$100,000 or more
1	*	*	Don't know
3	3	3	Refused
n=1365	n=290	n=419	

D10 Do you consider yourself a Christian?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
83	84	89	Yes
16	15	11	No
1	0	1	Don't know
*	*	0	Refused

D11 Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Based on Christians

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
39	44	41	Yes
55	53	58	No
5	3	*	Don't know
*	1	*	Refused
n=1482	n=290	n=425	

D12 With respect to the abortion issue in general, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
43	46	44	Pro-choice
48	49	48	Pro-life
7	3	7	Don't know
1	2	1	Refused

D13 Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
78	88	87	Yes registered
22	12	13	No not registered
1	*	*	Don't know
*	0	0	Refused

D14 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
32	38	35	Republican
32	27	33	Democrat
21	19	21	Independent
11	13	9	Something else
3	2	1	Don't know
1	1	2	Refused

D15 As of today do you lean more toward the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
23	30	23	Republican
31	27	35	Democrat
33	34	31	Neither
9	5	7	Don't know
3	5	3	Refused
n=610	n=119	n=157	

D16 Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, conservative, something else, or haven't you given this much thought?

TOTAL	GR 7-8	GR 9-12	
19	18	23	Liberal
25	25	25	Moderate
24	26	28	Conservative
2	3	2	Something else
26	26	19	Haven't you given this much thought
3	1	2	Don't know
*	*	1	Refused