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This report presents the 1998 statistical findings of the annual survey to determine the attitudes of national high school student leaders. Questionnaires were completed by 3,123 high school juniors and seniors, all of whom were selected for recognition in "Who's Who among American High School Students." In addition to demographic information, the report details responses regarding the following areas of student life and contemporary issues: (1) education; (2) school violence; (3) weapons and violence; (4) Clinton-Lewinsky affair; (5) attitudes toward media; (6) sexual harassment and assault; (7) cheating/misconduct; (8) sexual behavior and attitudes; (9) condom distribution in school; (10) abortion; (11) cigarettes, alcohol and drugs; (12) peer pressure; (13) teen trends; (14) parental involvement; (15) future/aspirations; (16) important influences; (17) family meal time; (18) happiness; (19) suicide; (20) internet usage; (21) extracurricular activities; (22) generation's greatest crisis; (23) prejudice; (24) sexual orientation; and (25) affirmative action. (LBT)

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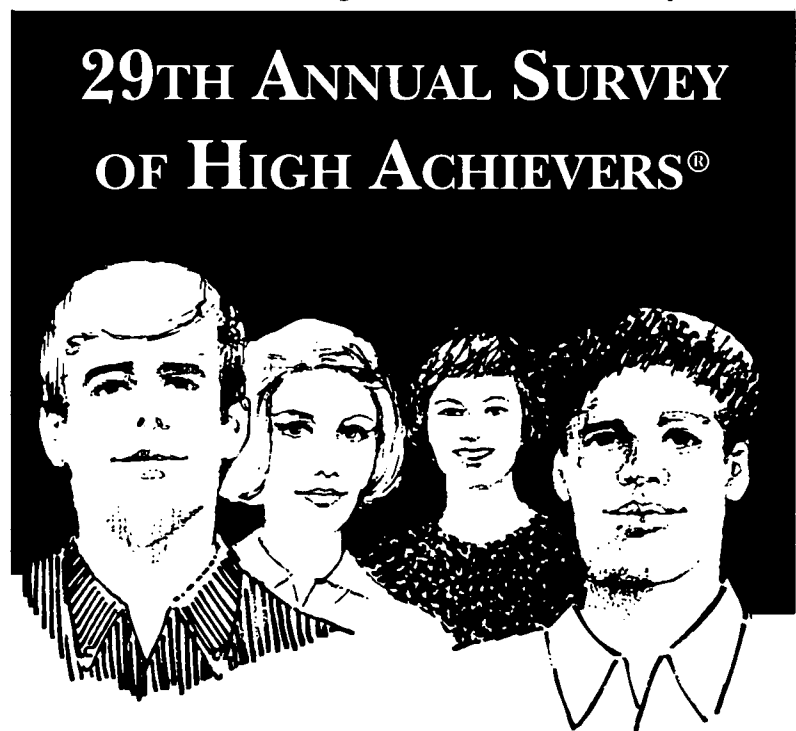
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Our Nation's High Achieving Teens

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## Introduction

This survey was conducted by *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Lake Forest, Illinois, during the spring of 1998 for the purpose of determining the attitudes of student leaders in our nation's high schools. It is the largest independent sampling of this segment of the student population taken annually and this year marks its 29th anniversary. *Who's Who* believes that, in these rapidly changing times, it is important for the nation to be aware of students' opinions and attitudes. Today's teens are an important segment of the present and future voting population. Hopefully, as the data from this 29th national survey is circulated and studied, significant trends will be uncovered.

We regard this survey as an educational experiment. We are in no way attempting to promote or negate any political, moral or social philosophy, organization, firm or individual. Because of our contact with student leaders, we believe we are in a position to gather important facts and meaningful information and, therefore, have a corporate responsibility to conduct this survey.

Although we of *Who's Who* feel that some of the questions and answers are of a private and controversial nature, we do not hesitate to take the responsibility for the project in order to achieve our objective of identifying and measuring students' attitudes. We apologize to anyone offended by any of the material presented herein.

Though by no means a reflection of today's "average" student because it is dealing with the opinions of student

leaders and high achievers, we feel this survey does give insights into the thoughts of those leaders who set standards and behavior patterns for others to follow.

Of the 734,834 high achievers featured in the 32nd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98*, 7,500 students were sent the survey and 3,123 completed questionnaires were returned.

These 3,123 responses form the base of the survey. All students surveyed were members of the junior or senior class during the 1997-98 academic year. They were selected for recognition in *Who's Who* by their principals or guidance counselors, other faculty members, national youth organizations or the publishing company because of their high achievement in academics, activities, community service, athletics or their performance in national scholarship or award contests.

The students listed in the 32nd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98* represent just over 5 percent of the 14,000,000 students who were in high school during the 1997-98 academic year. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the nation.

This survey was tabulated by computer. Questions were tabulated by total response. Breakdowns by sex, race, type of school attended and type of community are also included. On questions calling for write-in answers, results are shown of the most frequently mentioned answers.

### Participant Data/Demographics\*

<b>Total Sample</b>	3,123	<b>Estimated Family Income</b>	
<b>Sex</b>		Under \$20,000 per year	7%
Male	26%	\$20,000 - \$29,999	10%
Female	74%	\$30,000 - \$44,999	20%
<b>Age of Students Surveyed</b>		\$45,000 - \$70,000	27%
16	31%	More than \$70,000	25%
17	67%	<b>Natural Parents Are</b>	
18	2%	Married to each other	78%
<b>Race</b>		Divorced	16%
African-American	7%	Other	6%
Asian-American	4%	<b>Parents Attended College</b>	
Caucasian	78%	Both Parents	49%
Hispanic	5%	One Parent	28%
Other	5%	Neither Parent	22%
<b>Religion</b>		<b>Type of Community</b>	
Catholic	31%	Rural/Small Town	47%
Jewish	2%	Suburban	39%
Protestant	30%	Urban	11%
Other	29%	<b>Geographic Region</b>	
None	8%	East/Northeast (CT,MA,ME,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,VT)	20%
<b>Type of School Attended</b>		Midwest (IA,IL,IN,KS,MI,MN,MO,ND,NE,OH,SD,WI)	30%
Public	75%	Southwest (AZ,NM,OK,TX)	7%
Private	17%	South (AL,AR,DC,DE,FL,GA,KY,LA,MD,MS, NC,SC,TN,VA,WV)	26%
Parochial	8%	Pacific/West (AK,CA,CO,HI,ID,MT,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY)	16%
<b>Plan to Attend College or University After Graduation</b>	97%		

\*NOTE: Where percentages do not add up to 100%, the difference indicates "No Answer." Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.1 GRADE WOULD GIVE SCHOOL FOR ITS QUALITY OF EDUCATION

	A (Excellent) (5)	B (Good) (4)	C (Fair) (3)	D (Poor) (2)	E (Failing) (1)	No answer
Mean	4.08	4.14	4.06	4.08	3.88	4.26
Std Devn	.75	.75	.75	.74	.81	.77
Std Err.	.013	.026	.016	.015	.057	.068
Mean Base	3100	813	2284	2406	203	130

Q.2 HOW ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING DO YOU FIND YOUR SCHOOL

	Very (4)	Somewhat (3)	Not very (2)	Not at all (1)	No answer
Mean	3.10	3.09	3.10	3.09	3.04
Std Devn	.60	.59	.59	.60	.62
Std Err.	.011	.022	.012	.012	.043
Mean Base	3089	809	2277	2397	203

	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Very (4)	22.4%	22.9%	22.2%	21.5%	20.0%	35.9%	21.2%	17.3%	37.4%
Somewhat (3)	65.0%	63.0%	65.8%	65.3%	64.4%	56.5%	69.4%	67.9%	58.5%
Not very (2)	10.7%	11.6%	10.4%	11.1%	13.7%	6.1%	7.3%	8.2%	12.6%
Not at all (1)	.9%	1.1%	.8%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	.6%	1.1%	.4%
No answer	1.0%	1.3%	.9%	1.1%	1.0%	.8%	.6%	1.1%	.7%

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	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
American History	35.6%	36.7%	34.7%	29.8%	55.7%	39.0%	36.5%	34.6%	38.3%	43.3%	38.6%	43.5%	28.5%
Biology	27.0%	28.2%	26.5%	27.8%	41.2%	20.7%	28.2%	27.3%	27.6%	24.6%	25.4%	28.6%	26.3%
Calculus	37.2%	51.8%	32.0%	22.9%	65.6%	31.1%	37.1%	37.5%	35.4%	40.1%	33.3%	45.0%	31.8%
Chemistry	21.9%	25.7%	20.4%	17.1%	29.8%	18.3%	28.8%	22.6%	20.3%	16.6%	17.5%	22.1%	22.4%
English Language	29.5%	29.6%	29.5%	27.8%	36.6%	31.1%	31.2%	31.0%	26.0%	24.2%	24.9%	32.7%	28.2%
English Literature	47.5%	44.3%	48.6%	44.9%	56.5%	41.5%	44.7%	47.2%	46.3%	53.3%	45.9%	54.3%	42.3%
European History	9.5%	11.0%	9.0%	5.4%	27.5%	6.1%	7.1%	9.6%	8.5%	9.0%	7.3%	14.8%	5.9%
Foreign Language	22.0%	21.2%	22.2%	18.0%	32.8%	44.5%	24.7%	21.8%	23.3%	19.7%	24.6%	25.1%	18.8%
Government & Politics	20.2%	22.9%	19.2%	19.1%	25.2%	25.6%	24.7%	20.6%	17.8%	19.4%	26.0%	24.0%	15.7%
Other	21.7%	27.9%	19.4%	20.3%	39.7%	22.0%	24.7%	21.5%	23.7%	19.7%	23.4%	26.1%	18.0%
No answer	18.7%	17.2%	19.3%	15.6%	5.3%	12.2%	17.6%	18.0%	21.9%	17.0%	16.4%	12.1%	24.9%

Q. 4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN COMMUNICATIONS HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	42.4%	42.1%	42.4%	40.9%	47.3%	53.4%	50.0%	40.4%	49.1%	50.2%	51.8%	44.7%	38.2%
1 year	25.9%	25.2%	26.2%	27.1%	20.5%	26.0%	20.1%	24.1%	23.3%	24.2%	20.8%	27.5%	26.1%
2 years	7.9%	8.8%	7.6%	8.3%	8.3%	3.1%	4.9%	8.7%	6.2%	5.5%	5.0%	6.6%	10.0%
3 years	5.0%	4.0%	5.4%	5.0%	4.4%	1.5%	5.5%	5.4%	3.4%	4.2%	3.2%	4.1%	6.4%
4 years	2.1%	2.9%	1.9%	2.2%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	3.5%	1.2%	.7%	1.8%	2.6%	1.9%
No answer	16.6%	17.0%	16.5%	16.5%	18.5%	15.3%	18.3%	16.3%	16.7%	15.2%	17.5%	14.5%	17.5%

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN ENGLISH HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.6%	.2%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.1%
1 Year	.1%	.1%	.1%	.5%	.8%	.6%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%
2 Years	1.0%	.7%	1.0%	.7%	2.0%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%	.5%	.7%	.6%	.9%
3 Years	72.6%	68.5%	74.2%	71.7%	83.4%	71.8%	74.7%	73.2%	71.7%	66.1%	76.9%	74.9%
4 Years	25.0%	28.8%	23.6%	26.4%	12.2%	22.9%	21.8%	24.3%	27.0%	32.2%	21.6%	22.4%
No answer	1.0%	1.6%	.8%	.9%	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%	1.1%	.5%	.7%	.6%	.7%

Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	2.8%	3.0%	2.7%	2.9%	2.0%	2.3%	3.0%	1.8%	3.0%	2.3%	2.1%	1.5%
1 Year	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%	9.6%	13.7%	3.8%	9.8%	15.3%	10.8%	8.5%	4.8%	8.8%
2 Years	34.1%	33.5%	34.2%	34.5%	43.9%	20.6%	29.3%	27.1%	33.7%	37.2%	24.9%	34.8%
3 Years	39.3%	39.6%	39.2%	38.8%	33.7%	50.4%	43.9%	42.9%	39.0%	38.1%	49.8%	42.7%
4 Years	12.5%	11.8%	12.7%	13.0%	5.4%	20.6%	12.2%	9.4%	11.9%	13.0%	18.0%	11.4%
No answer	1.5%	2.1%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	2.3%	1.8%	3.5%	1.7%	.9%	.3%	.7%

Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	.1%	.2%	.2%	.2%	1.8%	*	.4%	.3%	.1%	.2%
1 Year	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	.9%	2.0%	3.1%	1.8%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
2 Years	22.2%	21.2%	22.6%	22.2%	19.5%	20.6%	26.8%	23.5%	21.4%	23.7%
3 Years	60.6%	58.8%	61.3%	59.7%	69.8%	61.8%	59.8%	61.2%	62.2%	56.0%
4 Years	14.7%	17.3%	13.8%	15.8%	7.8%	12.2%	11.6%	12.9%	14.2%	17.4%
No answer	1.2%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	2.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Cau- casian Amer	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN MATH HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL												
None	.6%	.5%	.6%	.7%	1.0%			.5%	.5%	.7%	.3%	.6%
1 Year	* .1%				.8%		*					.1%
2 Years	2.0%	1.7%	2.1%	2.0%	2.4%	.6%	2.4%	2.1%	2.0%	.7%	1.8%	1.5%
3 Years	66.2%	60.6%	68.3%	64.5%	79.0%	72.0%	68.2%	66.3%	66.0%	64.4%	71.9%	64.0%
4 Years	30.1%	35.9%	28.0%	31.8%	16.6%	27.4%	27.6%	29.9%	30.8%	33.6%	25.1%	33.3%
No answer	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.3%	1.8%	1.1%	.7%	.7%	.9%	.6%

Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN SCIENCE HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	.4%	.4%	.4%	.5%	.5%			.3%	.4%	.7%	.3%	.5%
1 Year	.6%	1.0%	.5%	.5%	.8%	2.4%	.6%	.6%	.9%	1.5%	.6%	.5%
2 Years	9.3%	6.8%	10.2%	8.8%	11.7%	8.4%	13.5%	8.9%	10.9%	8.0%	12.6%	9.1%
3 Years	66.0%	62.1%	67.4%	65.1%	76.1%	61.8%	68.2%	66.5%	63.7%	67.5%	67.0%	62.9%
4 Years	22.6%	28.4%	20.5%	24.0%	10.2%	26.7%	17.6%	22.5%	23.3%	23.2%	18.1%	26.3%
No answer	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	2.3%	.6%	1.1%	.9%	.7%	.6%	.6%

Q.4 NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLASSES IN OTHER SUBJECTS HAVE HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL

None	3.8%	2.9%	4.1%	3.8%	2.9%	5.3%	3.5%	3.8%	4.1%	2.4%	5.3%	3.1%
1 Year	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%	5.4%	5.3%	5.9%	4.4%	3.7%	5.2%	5.6%	5.0%
2 Years	7.3%	7.6%	7.2%	6.7%	7.3%	13.0%	10.6%	7.5%	7.7%	6.6%	8.2%	8.1%
3 Years	33.0%	34.3%	32.6%	32.8%	29.8%	38.9%	32.4%	31.3%	37.5%	39.1%	34.8%	32.9%
4 Years	19.1%	23.4%	17.6%	20.5%	10.7%	19.8%	16.5%	19.5%	17.6%	20.4%	16.7%	21.0%
No answer	32.4%	27.4%	34.2%	32.3%	43.9%	17.6%	31.2%	33.4%	29.4%	26.3%	29.5%	29.9%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.5 IF YOU COULD GET ONE THING FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT IT TO BE												
Give me something to do during the day	.6%	1.3%	.3%	.6%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.5%	1.4%	1.2%	.7%
Help me gain skills so I could get a job	8.2%	9.3%	7.8%	7.9%	10.2%	9.2%	7.3%	9.4%	8.0%	5.5%	8.2%	6.9%
Prepare me so I could get into the college of my choice	83.2%	84.4%	83.3%	82.4%	78.6%	87.2%	82.4%	83.6%	81.7%	81.3%	83.3%	83.1%
Give me the opportunity to meet new people and make friends	6.9%	9.8%	5.9%	7.1%	4.4%	10.7%	3.7%	8.2%	9.3%	11.1%	7.0%	8.4%
No answer	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	1.1%	2.0%	.8%	.6%	1.2%	.5%	.7%	.3%	.8%
Q.6 FOLLOWING SITUATION BEST DESCRIBES SCHOOL												
Young women have the same opportunities to be leaders and decision-makers as young men	94.8%	95.2%	94.7%	94.6%	94.7%	96.3%	96.3%	95.3%	96.0%	91.0%	95.9%	94.2%
Young women do not have the same opportunities to be leaders and decision-makers as young men	4.1%	2.0%	4.8%	4.2%	3.4%	3.8%	2.4%	4.7%	3.6%	4.8%	3.5%	4.5%
No answer	1.1%	2.8%	.5%	1.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.2%	.5%	3.0%	4.2%	.6%	1.3%
Q.7 SHOULD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE ALLOWED TO LEAD STUDENTS IN PRAYER												
Yes	58.5%	53.5%	60.2%	59.9%	67.3%	38.2%	48.8%	52.4%	53.4%	69.9%	52.9%	52.2%
No	40.0%	45.0%	38.2%	38.5%	31.7%	59.5%	47.6%	47.6%	45.0%	23.3%	28.4%	45.0%
No answer	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.0%	2.3%	3.7%	1.6%	1.1%	1.7%	2.0%	1.2%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY				
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural			
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Q.8 MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM FACING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL														
Drug and alcohol use	26.2%	24.3%	26.9%	28.1%	14.6%	25.2%	14.0%	27.1%	27.6%	20.6%	27.3%	16.1%	27.1%	27.7%
Incompetent teachers/adminstrators	9.8%	10.9%	9.4%	9.3%	11.7%	10.7%	14.0%	10.0%	9.6%	11.2%	9.7%	11.1%	10.2%	9.4%
Lack of funds/limited budget	25.9%	26.2%	25.8%	25.4%	28.3%	31.3%	28.7%	22.9%	22.7%	37.4%	31.8%	29.8%	22.4%	28.0%
Parental apathy	2.5%	3.3%	2.3%	2.4%	4.9%	3.1%	2.4%	2.4%	3.0%	1.2%	1.7%	3.2%	2.4%	2.6%
Racial problems	1.9%	1.5%	2.0%	1.6%	2.9%	4.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	3.2%	2.0%	1.4%
Student apathy - students don't care or don't take any interest in school	33.8%	36.1%	33.0%	33.2%	41.5%	26.0%	39.0%	32.9%	36.1%	26.9%	26.6%	34.5%	34.7%	32.9%
Students graduate without basic skills	1.7%	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%	3.9%	1.5%	1.8%	3.5%	2.1%	.5%	.7%	2.0%	1.3%	1.9%
Violence	.8%	1.1%	.7%	.6%	2.4%	.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	.2%	.3%	1.8%	.8%	.5%
No answer	2.5%	2.0%	2.7%	2.5%	1.5%	1.5%	3.7%	4.1%	2.0%	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	2.9%	1.8%
Q.9 FOLLOWING INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AT SCHOOL														
A shooting on school grounds	3.6%	3.0%	3.8%	2.4%	14.1%	5.3%	6.1%	4.7%	4.5%	.7%	1.0%	8.5%	3.7%	2.1%
Gang fights	15.6%	13.5%	16.3%	12.5%	36.6%	21.4%	25.0%	20.6%	19.8%	2.0%	2.8%	24.6%	17.8%	11.4%
Rape/sexual assault	10.7%	8.2%	11.6%	10.3%	15.6%	6.1%	9.8%	14.1%	12.8%	4.3%	4.2%	10.2%	11.1%	10.3%
Student attacking a teacher	22.2%	21.6%	22.3%	21.6%	35.1%	9.2%	19.5%	24.1%	27.8%	4.8%	4.2%	19.0%	21.1%	23.6%
Teacher hitting a student	9.0%	9.1%	8.9%	8.1%	21.0%	4.6%	6.1%	11.8%	10.4%	4.3%	4.2%	9.1%	8.7%	9.2%
None of the above	62.3%	65.1%	61.3%	64.9%	38.0%	64.1%	60.4%	55.3%	54.4%	87.5%	85.8%	60.2%	61.9%	63.2%
No answer	.9%	1.0%	.9%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	1.0%	.5%	.7%	1.5%	.6%	1.0%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.10: HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS BEEN USED AGAINST YOU IN SCHOOL													
A handgun	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	.9%	2.0%	.8%	.6%	1.2%	.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.6%
Mace	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.1%	5.4%	1.2%	2.4%	1.7%	.5%	2.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.0%
A rifle/shotgun	.1%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.1%
A semi-automatic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.1%
Switchblade	2.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.4%	4.4%	.8%	2.4%	3.0%	.7%	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.2%
Other	2.2%	2.7%	2.1%	2.1%	2.4%	.8%	3.7%	2.6%	.9%	1.7%	2.6%	2.5%	2.0%
None of the above	94.2%	93.3%	94.6%	94.4%	89.8%	96.9%	95.1%	94.7%	97.5%	96.9%	93.3%	93.7%	94.8%
No answer	.9%	1.2%	.8%	1.1%	.5%	.8%	.9%	.9%	.7%	.7%	1.5%	.6%	1.0%

Q.11 IF SCHOOL HAS INSTALLED METAL DETECTORS IN SCHOOL ENTRANCES, HOW EFFECTIVE HAS THAT BEEN

Very effective	.9%	1.0%	.9%	.3%	5.4%	.8%	4.3%	1.8%	1.0%	.9%	.7%	2.6%	.8%	.5%
Not very effective	1.4%	.9%	1.6%	.6%	6.3%	3.8%	2.4%	2.4%	1.8%	.2%	4.4%	1.0%	.9%	
Hasn't been done	93.4%	92.6%	93.7%	94.8%	82.9%	92.4%	88.4%	91.8%	93.5%	92.3%	95.5%	87.7%	94.1%	
No answer	4.3%	5.6%	3.8%	4.2%	5.4%	3.1%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%	6.6%	3.8%	5.3%	4.5%	

Q.11 IF SCHOOL HAS EXPELLED MORE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMMITTED VIOLENT ACTS, HOW EFFECTIVE HAS THAT BEEN

Very effective	29.4%	29.9%	29.3%	27.0%	43.9%	40.5%	37.2%	31.8%	30.5%	25.3%	30.4%	36.8%	33.1%	24.3%
Not very effective	26.0%	22.3%	27.2%	25.6%	30.7%	24.4%	23.8%	24.7%	30.5%	10.7%	11.8%	24.3%	23.4%	28.7%
Hasn't been done	40.3%	42.6%	39.5%	43.0%	20.0%	32.1%	34.8%	40.0%	35.2%	57.3%	55.0%	33.6%	40.0%	42.4%
No answer	4.3%	5.2%	4.0%	4.4%	5.4%	3.1%	4.3%	3.5%	3.7%	6.8%	2.8%	5.3%	3.4%	4.6%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian Amer	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.11 IF SCHOOL HAS HIRED SECURITY GUARDS TO MONITOR SCHOOL GROUNDS, HOW EFFECTIVE HAS THAT BEEN											
Very effective	17.3%	16.7%	17.5%	14.3%	34.6%	29.8%	23.2%	23.5%	19.4%	10.0%	13.5%
Not very effective	17.4%	16.6%	17.7%	15.2%	29.3%	19.1%	28.0%	21.8%	21.2%	6.2%	6.9%
Hasn't been done	61.3%	61.8%	61.1%	66.5%	31.7%	48.1%	44.5%	50.6%	56.0%	77.4%	75.8%
No answer	4.0%	4.9%	3.7%	4.1%	4.4%	3.1%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	6.4%	3.8%
Q.11 IF SCHOOL HAS CONDUCTED RANDOM LOCKER SEARCHES, HOW EFFECTIVE HAS THAT BEEN											
Very effective	21.7%	20.7%	22.0%	22.0%	23.4%	15.3%	22.6%	20.0%	23.3%	15.3%	17.0%
Not very effective	31.7%	29.0%	32.6%	33.0%	27.3%	25.2%	19.5%	31.2%	35.1%	20.1%	22.8%
Hasn't been done	43.1%	46.1%	42.1%	41.7%	43.4%	56.5%	53.7%	44.7%	38.5%	58.7%	56.7%
No answer	3.6%	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%	5.9%	3.1%	4.3%	4.1%	3.0%	5.9%	3.5%
Q.11 IF SCHOOL HAS ISSUED A SCHOOL DRESS CODE, HOW EFFECTIVE HAS THAT BEEN											
Very effective	23.0%	22.1%	23.4%	21.7%	25.9%	20.6%	37.8%	25.3%	12.0%	55.7%	62.3%
Not very effective	38.2%	32.2%	40.3%	37.1%	45.9%	42.7%	39.0%	38.2%	41.4%	28.6%	27.3%
Hasn't been done	35.6%	42.0%	33.4%	38.0%	25.4%	33.6%	19.5%	32.4%	43.5%	11.7%	8.3%
No answer	3.2%	3.8%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%	3.1%	3.7%	4.1%	3.1%	3.9%	2.1%

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SEX	RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.12 HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GUN CONTROL

Anyone should be able to own a gun whenever he or she wants without any prerequisite registration 1.2% 2.7% .7% 1.3% 1.0% .8% 1.2% 1.2% 1.4% .7% .6% 1.2% 1.4%

Gun purchases should be delayed in order to check the police record of the prospective buyer 35.5% 41.6% 33.3% 36.8% 35.1% 23.7% 28.7% 31.8% 36.0% 36.3% 29.4% 30.7% 33.1% 39.1%

Handgun purchases should require registration and a 3-7 day waiting period 29.1% 29.1% 29.0% 30.7% 23.4% 29.0% 18.9% 22.9% 29.9% 27.9% 24.2% 21.6% 28.1% 31.6%

Handgun sales should not be permitted 33.3% 25.6% 36.0% 30.2% 39.0% 46.6% 50.6% 44.1% 32.2% 33.3% 43.3% 45.9% 36.8% 26.8%

No answer .9% 1.0% .9% .9% 1.5% 1.8% .7% 1.1% 2.4% 1.2% .7% 1.0%

Q.13 HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK HOLDING PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S VIOLENT BEHAVIOR WOULD BE TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Very effective 35.1% 41.6% 32.7% 36.4% 24.4% 34.4% 31.1% 33.5% 33.6% 39.1% 41.9% 32.2% 37.9% 33.7%

Not very effective 63.0% 55.9% 65.5% 61.8% 73.2% 61.1% 65.9% 65.3% 64.7% 58.2% 55.7% 65.5% 60.4% 64.5%

No answer 2.0% 2.6% 1.7% 1.8% 2.4% 4.6% 3.0% 1.2% 1.7% 2.7% 2.4% 2.3% 1.6% 1.8%

Q.13 HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK MAKING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS MORE AVAILABLE WOULD BE TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Very effective 62.7% 57.0% 64.7% 60.7% 71.2% 72.5% 70.7% 65.3% 62.1% 63.9% 70.6% 67.3% 62.8% 61.4%

Not very effective 35.1% 40.1% 33.4% 37.3% 26.3% 22.9% 26.2% 32.9% 36.1% 33.1% 26.3% 29.8% 35.4% 36.7%

No answer 2.1% 2.9% 1.9% 1.9% 2.4% 4.6% 3.0% 1.8% 1.7% 3.0% 3.1% 2.9% 1.8% 1.9%

Q.13 HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS ON THE STREETS WOULD BE TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Very effective 67.0% 66.7% 67.1% 67.4% 61.0% 69.5% 68.3% 65.3% 66.3% 71.4% 69.9% 68.7% 68.5% 65.5%

Not very effective 30.7% 30.2% 30.8% 30.7% 36.1% 25.2% 27.4% 32.4% 31.6% 26.7% 26.3% 28.4% 29.5% 32.5%

No answer 2.3% 3.0% 2.1% 2.0% 2.9% 5.3% 4.3% 2.4% 2.1% 2.0% 3.8% 2.9% 2.0% 2.1%



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	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	African American	Caucasian	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.13 HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK IMPLEMENTING STRICTER GUN CONTROL LAWS WOULD BE TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY													
Very effective	72.9%	61.8%	76.8%	71.0%	81.0%	82.4%	79.9%	74.7%	72.9%	71.4%	77.9%	76.9%	75.9%
Not very effective	25.3%	35.7%	21.6%	27.5%	16.1%	13.0%	17.1%	22.9%	25.5%	26.5%	19.0%	20.5%	22.7%
No answer	1.8%	2.4%	1.6%	1.5%	2.9%	4.6%	3.0%	2.4%	1.5%	2.1%	3.1%	2.6%	1.4%
Q.13 HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK REDUCING VIOLENCE ON TV, IN MOVIES AND/OR MUSIC WOULD BE TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY													
Very effective	45.4%	34.4%	49.3%	46.6%	27.8%	48.9%	40.9%	51.8%	42.4%	55.2%	52.6%	43.3%	43.0%
Not very effective	52.9%	63.2%	49.3%	51.8%	70.2%	47.3%	56.7%	47.1%	56.1%	42.5%	44.6%	54.1%	55.2%
No answer	1.7%	2.4%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	3.8%	2.4%	1.2%	1.4%	2.3%	2.8%	2.6%	1.8%
Q.14 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONTROVERSY AROUND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ALLEGED SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH MONICA LEWINSKY AND OTHERS. HOW HAS THIS AFFECTED YOU													
It has affected the way I think of Clinton as a person but not as a President	25.4%	23.4%	26.0%	24.3%	23.9%	33.6%	31.7%	30.6%	26.5%	20.1%	24.9%	28.1%	25.7%
It has affected the way I think of Clinton as a person and as a President	29.8%	29.3%	30.0%	33.7%	8.3%	21.4%	15.2%	23.5%	24.7%	47.0%	42.6%	22.8%	31.1%
I am tired of the media attention	46.1%	39.4%	48.5%	46.0%	51.7%	42.0%	45.1%	44.1%	48.1%	40.2%	47.1%	48.0%	45.4%
I don't care	27.6%	32.3%	26.0%	25.3%	40.5%	30.5%	37.8%	30.6%	29.8%	20.6%	20.4%	29.8%	28.2%
I haven't thought about it at all	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%	4.0%	10.2%	6.1%	7.3%	4.1%	5.5%	2.7%	1.0%	5.6%	4.2%
No answer	.5%	.9%	.4%	.5%	.5%	.8%	.6%	.5%	.5%	.2%	.7%	.6%	.2%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY				
	Male	Female	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural			
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
I will be much more cautious with people I work with	34.9%	30.7%	36.3%	32.5%	43.4%	45.8%	42.1%	42.4%	34.4%	39.5%	33.9%	41.8%	33.3%	34.3%
I will be more wary of my employer(s)	20.4%	15.9%	22.1%	20.0%	22.0%	26.0%	18.9%	22.4%	20.2%	21.2%	24.2%	25.1%	18.9%	20.4%
I will try to learn more about sexual harassment laws/policies	34.1%	26.3%	36.8%	31.5%	43.9%	45.0%	47.0%	37.6%	34.5%	31.9%	34.6%	31.3%	35.2%	32.6%
I would not accept an internship at The White House	15.6%	19.0%	14.4%	17.1%	4.4%	10.7%	11.0%	15.3%	15.3%	16.7%	15.2%	15.5%	14.1%	17.5%
No answer	17.2%	24.9%	14.5%	19.0%	13.2%	15.3%	7.3%	10.0%	16.9%	17.1%	19.0%	16.1%	19.7%	16.1%

Q.15 THE MEDIA HAVE REPORTED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AN AFFAIR WITH AN INTERN AT THE WHITE HOUSE. HOW WILL THIS INFLUENCE YOUR OWN BEHAVIOR

Q.16 SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL HAS BECOME MORE COMMON IN THE MEDIA. HOW OFFENSIVE DO YOU FIND EXPLICIT SEXUAL ACTIVITY ON TELEVISION/IN THE MOVIES

1 - Not offensive	18.7%	33.2%	13.6%	17.8%	27.8%	16.8%	26.2%	13.5%	19.6%	16.0%	14.5%	21.9%	21.8%	15.8%
2 - A little offensive	19.1%	20.7%	18.5%	19.3%	19.5%	15.3%	18.3%	21.2%	20.0%	16.4%	19.0%	17.0%	19.8%	19.0%
3 - Moderately offensive	25.9%	20.5%	27.8%	25.8%	25.4%	30.5%	20.1%	27.1%	26.7%	21.4%	27.7%	24.9%	23.5%	27.9%
4 - Very offensive	16.5%	11.3%	18.3%	16.0%	13.2%	21.4%	20.7%	21.2%	16.6%	15.7%	17.0%	20.2%	16.4%	15.7%
5 - Extremely offensive	19.0%	13.4%	21.0%	20.3%	13.7%	14.5%	14.0%	15.9%	16.2%	30.1%	20.8%	14.6%	18.0%	20.9%
No answer	.8%	.9%	.8%	.8%	.5%	1.5%	.6%	1.2%	.8%	.5%	1.0%	1.5%	.6%	.8%

Mean	2.98	2.51	3.15	3.02	2.65	3.02	2.78	3.05	2.90	3.28	3.10	2.88	2.89	3.07
Std Devn	1.37	1.40	1.32	1.38	1.37	1.29	1.41	1.28	1.34	1.45	1.34	1.36	1.40	1.35
Std Err.	.025	.049	.028	.028	.006	.113	.110	.098	.028	.061	.079	.074	.040	.036
Mean Base	3096	813	2280	2405	204	129	163	168	2358	559	286	337	1224	1443



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SEX	RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.16 SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL HAS BECOME MORE COMMON IN THE MEDIA.  
HOW OFFENSIVE DO YOU FIND DEPICTION OF HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS ON TELEVISION/IN THE MOVIES

1 - Not offensive	20.6%	21.2%	20.4%	20.0%	19.0%	29.8%	22.0%	22.4%	21.9%	16.5%	18.7%	21.9%	24.6%	16.6%
2 - A little offensive	12.9%	10.5%	13.8%	12.6%	13.2%	9.9%	16.5%	16.5%	13.5%	9.8%	14.9%	15.8%	14.2%	11.4%
3 - Moderately offensive	16.1%	14.4%	16.8%	15.1%	20.0%	20.6%	20.7%	20.6%	17.1%	13.0%	16.6%	19.6%	16.2%	15.5%
4 - Very offensive	15.6%	14.4%	16.0%	15.6%	18.0%	16.8%	9.8%	15.3%	16.2%	13.5%	15.9%	12.6%	14.5%	17.3%
5 - Extremely offensive	33.9%	38.7%	32.2%	35.9%	28.8%	21.4%	29.9%	24.7%	30.6%	46.6%	32.9%	28.7%	29.8%	38.4%
No answer	.8%	.9%	.8%	.8%	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%	.6%	.8%	.5%	1.0%	1.5%	.6%	.8%
Mean	3.30	3.39	3.26	3.35	3.25	2.90	3.09	3.04	3.20	3.64	3.30	3.10	3.11	3.50
Std Devn	1.55	1.59	1.53	1.55	1.48	1.54	1.54	1.49	1.54	1.54	1.52	1.53	1.57	1.50
Std Err.	.028	.056	.032	.032	.104	.135	.121	.115	.032	.065	.090	.083	.045	.040
Mean Base	3095	813	2279	2405	203	129	162	169	2358	559	286	337	1223	1443

Q.16 SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL HAS BECOME MORE COMMON IN THE MEDIA.  
HOW OFFENSIVE DO YOU FIND NEWS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ALLEGED SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH MONICA LEWINSKY AND OTHERS

1 - Not offensive	31.5%	39.1%	28.8%	30.7%	40.5%	33.6%	31.1%	31.8%	32.9%	26.7%	27.3%	32.2%	33.5%	29.9%
2 - A little offensive	19.6%	19.1%	19.8%	21.2%	14.1%	13.7%	14.0%	15.9%	19.6%	18.5%	21.5%	14.9%	20.6%	19.9%
3 - Moderately offensive	23.6%	17.6%	25.8%	24.1%	21.0%	23.7%	25.6%	18.8%	23.4%	25.6%	20.8%	23.4%	21.7%	25.1%
4 - Very offensive	12.2%	10.7%	12.7%	11.7%	10.2%	16.0%	14.6%	16.5%	11.6%	14.2%	14.9%	12.3%	11.9%	12.6%
5 - Extremely offensive	11.8%	12.0%	11.7%	11.1%	13.2%	10.7%	14.0%	15.9%	11.5%	13.2%	14.2%	15.5%	11.4%	11.1%
No answer	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%	2.3%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%	1.8%	1.4%	1.8%	1.0%	1.3%
Mean	2.52	2.36	2.58	2.51	2.41	2.55	2.66	2.68	2.49	2.68	2.67	2.63	2.67	2.54
Std Devn	1.36	1.40	1.34	1.34	1.44	1.39	1.42	1.47	1.36	1.36	1.40	1.45	1.36	1.34
Std Err.	.024	.049	.028	.027	.101	.123	.111	.114	.028	.058	.083	.079	.039	.035
Mean Base	3082	808	2271	2393	203	128	163	168	2352	585	285	336	1219	1435



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.16 SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL HAS BECOME MORE COMMON IN THE MEDIA.  
HOW OFFENSIVE DO YOU FIND NUDITY ON TELEVISION/IN THE MOVIES

1 - Not offensive	22.3%	38.9%	16.4%	21.5%	27.3%	22.9%	27.4%	20.0%	22.8%	21.4%	22.5%	26.9%	24.5%	19.7%
2 - A little offensive	19.4%	19.5%	19.3%	19.5%	20.5%	15.3%	17.7%	21.8%	20.6%	14.4%	20.4%	17.3%	20.4%	18.9%
3 - Moderately offensive	21.3%	17.3%	22.8%	21.4%	21.5%	22.9%	16.5%	24.1%	22.9%	15.8%	16.6%	16.7%	20.2%	23.5%
4 - Very offensive	15.8%	8.9%	18.2%	15.8%	12.7%	21.4%	18.9%	12.4%	15.7%	17.6%	17.6%	19.3%	14.9%	16.2%
5 - Extremely offensive	19.9%	13.9%	22.1%	20.7%	16.1%	16.0%	18.3%	20.0%	16.8%	31.5%	21.5%	18.1%	19.2%	20.4%
No answer	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.8%	.8%	1.3%

Mean	2.92	2.38	3.10	2.95	2.69	2.92	2.83	2.90	2.83	3.22	2.95	2.84	2.84	2.98
Std Devn	1.44	1.43	1.39	1.44	1.42	1.40	1.41	1.41	1.39	1.55	1.47	1.48	1.45	1.41
Std Err.	.026	.050	.029	.029	.100	.123	.117	.109	.029	.066	.087	.081	.041	.037
Mean Base	3082	808	2271	2397	201	129	162	167	2348	555	285	336	1221	1435

Q.16 SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL HAS BECOME MORE COMMON IN THE MEDIA.  
HOW OFFENSIVE DO YOU FIND REFERENCES TO SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND/OR VIOLENCE IN MUSIC LYRICS

1 - Not offensive	26.0%	36.5%	22.4%	25.7%	29.3%	22.9%	31.1%	22.4%	27.1%	22.8%	25.3%	26.9%	28.6%	23.9%
2 - A little offensive	19.4%	19.8%	19.2%	19.5%	16.1%	19.1%	17.7%	24.1%	20.2%	15.8%	19.7%	19.6%	19.0%	19.5%
3 - Moderately offensive	21.9%	17.4%	23.5%	21.8%	22.4%	26.7%	18.3%	22.4%	22.2%	20.1%	24.6%	21.9%	21.2%	22.8%
4 - Very offensive	15.2%	11.5%	16.5%	14.9%	19.0%	15.3%	18.9%	12.4%	15.4%	14.6%	14.5%	14.3%	15.4%	15.5%
5 - Extremely offensive	16.4%	13.4%	17.5%	17.1%	12.2%	13.7%	13.4%	17.6%	14.3%	25.3%	14.9%	16.4%	14.9%	17.1%
No answer	1.0%	1.5%	.9%	1.0%	1.0%	2.3%	.6%	1.2%	.9%	1.4%	1.0%	.9%	.8%	1.2%

Mean	2.76	2.45	2.87	2.78	2.68	2.77	2.66	2.79	2.69	3.04	2.74	2.73	2.69	2.82
Std Devn	1.42	1.43	1.40	1.42	1.39	1.35	1.43	1.40	1.39	1.50	1.38	1.42	1.42	1.41
Std Err.	.026	.050	.029	.029	.098	.119	.112	.108	.029	.064	.082	.077	.041	.037
Mean Base	3089	808	2278	2400	203	128	163	168	2356	554	286	339	1221	1437

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.17 DO YOU THINK THE PRESS PROVIDES FAIR AND ACCURATE COVERAGE OF MOST NATIONAL ISSUES														
Yes	38.1%	37.1%	38.4%	39.2%	24.4%	39.7%	41.5%	37.1%	38.8%	34.7%	34.6%	32.5%	36.1%	41.1%
No	60.7%	62.2%	60.1%	59.4%	73.7%	59.5%	58.5%	62.9%	59.9%	64.8%	64.4%	65.8%	63.0%	57.6%
No answer	1.2%	.7%	1.4%	1.4%	2.0%	.8%		1.3%	1.3%	.5%	1.0%	1.8%	.9%	1.4%

Q.18 WHAT IS YOUR MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT EVENTS

Internet	2.5%	4.1%	1.9%	2.3%	2.9%	4.6%	3.7%	2.4%	2.6%	2.7%	.7%	2.6%	2.8%	2.3%
News magazines	4.7%	5.2%	4.5%	4.2%	5.4%	9.2%	5.5%	7.1%	4.4%	5.2%	8.3%	5.0%	5.4%	4.2%
Newspapers	21.5%	28.4%	19.0%	20.0%	20.0%	26.7%	28.7%	32.9%	21.5%	21.2%	20.8%	22.5%	23.9%	19.0%
Other people	9.0%	7.4%	9.5%	9.0%	9.3%	6.9%	9.1%	10.0%	8.7%	8.9%	11.1%	8.8%	8.7%	9.4%
Radio	14.0%	9.8%	15.5%	14.3%	11.2%	7.6%	14.0%	18.2%	12.9%	18.5%	18.3%	16.4%	14.0%	13.6%
School	8.5%	7.0%	9.1%	8.4%	10.2%	6.9%	11.0%	7.1%	8.4%	8.9%	9.3%	10.5%	8.9%	7.7%
TV	56.0%	54.6%	56.4%	55.5%	67.3%	58.0%	51.8%	51.8%	56.5%	56.0%	51.9%	55.3%	55.0%	56.6%
I do not follow current events	1.7%	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	1.4%	2.3%	1.5%	1.4%
No answer	.7%	1.2%	.5%	.7%	1.5%	1.5%		.6%	.7%	.5%	.7%	1.2%	.3%	.8%

Q.19 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED BY A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

Yes	24.9%	7.3%	31.0%	24.3%	35.6%	12.2%	28.0%	24.7%	26.7%	17.6%	20.8%	27.8%	23.4%	25.1%
No	74.0%	90.9%	68.1%	74.7%	63.9%	84.7%	71.3%	74.1%	72.2%	81.5%	77.5%	70.5%	75.8%	73.7%
No answer	1.2%	1.8%	.9%	1.0%	.5%	3.1%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%	.9%	1.7%	1.8%	.8%	1.2%

Q.19 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME SEX

Yes	3.7%	4.4%	3.4%	3.8%	1.5%	2.3%	4.9%	4.1%	3.8%	3.2%	4.2%	4.1%	2.8%	4.3%
No	94.0%	93.9%	94.0%	94.3%	95.6%	93.1%	92.1%	92.9%	93.9%	94.7%	92.0%	92.4%	95.6%	93.3%
No answer	2.3%	1.7%	2.6%	2.0%	2.9%	4.6%	3.0%	2.9%	2.2%	2.1%	3.8%	3.5%	1.6%	2.5%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Charter	Urban	Suburban	Rural	

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.20 IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED, WHAT DID YOU DO

Confided in friends	12.6%	2.4%	16.1%	12.4%	19.5%	8.4%	10.4%	10.6%	13.2%	10.1%	10.0%	14.6%	11.7%	12.4%
Confided in parents	7.2%	1.5%	9.1%	7.1%	12.2%	2.3%	5.5%	7.6%	7.5%	5.0%	6.6%	8.2%	6.9%	6.9%
Confided in teacher/administrator	5.0%	1.2%	6.4%	4.9%	7.8%	3.1%	5.5%	4.7%	5.7%	2.1%	4.2%	5.8%	4.5%	5.3%
Pursued legal action	1.2%	.4%	1.5%	1.0%	2.0%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	1.3%	.7%	.7%	2.6%	1.1%	1.0%
I didn't do anything	10.8%	6.1%	12.4%	10.8%	11.2%	5.3%	12.8%	12.9%	11.7%	6.9%	9.3%	11.1%	9.7%	11.6%
I've never been sexually harassed	65.1%	78.4%	60.4%	65.7%	55.6%	72.5%	63.4%	65.9%	63.2%	72.1%	72.3%	58.5%	65.6%	66.2%
No answer	9.2%	11.6%	8.4%	9.3%	8.8%	13.0%	7.9%	8.2%	9.1%	10.0%	7.3%	12.3%	10.6%	7.7%

Q.21 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE A PERSON IS WILLING TO CONTINUE SEXUAL ACTIVITY EVEN THOUGH SHE/HE IS SAYING "NO"

She/he continues to be affectionate	37.2%	40.0%	36.2%	36.9%	43.9%	37.4%	34.8%	34.1%	37.4%	38.6%	30.1%	38.6%	36.1%	38.2%
She/he doesn't put up a fight	22.3%	17.9%	23.9%	21.5%	31.2%	25.2%	20.1%	21.8%	22.2%	23.8%	15.2%	22.2%	19.7%	24.3%
She/he got her/himself into a sexual situation, and she/he should have known what to expect	13.9%	14.4%	13.7%	12.9%	17.1%	17.6%	12.8%	20.0%	13.5%	16.5%	9.3%	14.6%	11.6%	15.5%
She/he is apologetic and does not seem to be angry	9.4%	7.6%	10.0%	8.2%	12.7%	15.3%	12.8%	13.5%	9.5%	10.0%	6.6%	12.0%	8.0%	9.8%
She/he seems drunk	13.6%	10.9%	14.6%	13.2%	11.2%	16.8%	18.3%	13.5%	14.0%	13.3%	10.4%	14.6%	11.0%	15.7%
None of the above	48.5%	47.1%	49.0%	49.8%	42.0%	45.0%	44.5%	48.2%	48.8%	45.4%	56.1%	47.1%	50.8%	47.1%
No answer	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	1.5%	3.1%	3.0%	2.4%	1.9%	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%	2.1%	1.9%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q-22 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN FORCED TO HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE AGAINST YOUR WILL BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING													
Brother/sister	.2%	.2%	*	1.0%	.6%	.6%	.2%	.6%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.2%
Date	1.1%	.2%	1.3%	1.0%	2.0%	1.2%	1.1%	1.8%	1.1%	.5%	1.7%	1.8%	1.0%
Employer	*	*	*	.5%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.1%
Friend of the family	.3%	.1%	.3%	* 1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.4%	1.8%	.4%	.6%	.6%	.3%	.2%
Friend or acquaintance	.7%	.2%	.8%	.4% 3.9%	1.8%	1.8%	.8%	.8%	.2%	.7%	.7%	.6%	.6%
Parent	.2%	.3%	.3%	.2% .5%	.6%	.6%	.3%	.6%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.1%	.3%
Another relative	.2%	.3%	.3%	.1% 1.5%	.6%	.6%	.3%	.6%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.1%	.3%
Stranger	*	*	*	.5%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	.1%
Teacher	*	*	*	*	.6%	.6%	*	.6%	*	*	*	*	.1%
Other	.4%	.5%	.3%	.2% 1.0%	1.8%	1.8%	.4%	.6%	.4%	.2%	.6%	.2%	.4%
I have never been forced to have sexual intercourse against my will	96.4%	97.4%	96.0%	97.2%	91.2%	98.5%	96.0%	92.4%	96.0%	98.6%	96.9%	95.0%	97.3%
No answer	1.1%	1.7%	.9%	1.1%	.5%	1.5%	.6%	2.4%	1.2%	.5%	.7%	.9%	1.4%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.23 HOW COMMON IS CHEATING AT YOUR SCHOOL											
Almost everybody does it (1)	17.1%	23.5%	21.7%	18.3%	22.0%	18.8%	23.7%	14.6%	19.0%	22.5%	20.1%
Fairly common (2)	60.0%	61.1%	61.1%	58.0%	61.0%	60.6%	63.3%	52.5%	54.7%	57.3%	62.1%
Pretty rare (3)	22.1%	14.6%	16.5%	22.1%	15.2%	20.0%	12.5%	31.5%	24.9%	19.9%	17.2%
Never happens (4)	.5%	.4%	.3%	.5%	1.8%	.6%	.2%	1.4%	1.0%	.3%	.5%
No answer	.4%	.3%	.4%			.4%		.3%			.1%
Mean	2.06	1.92	1.95	2.07	1.97	2.02	1.89	2.20	2.08	1.98	1.98
Std Devn	.64	.63	.63	.68	.67	.64	.60	.69	.69	.66	.63
Std Err.	.022	.013	.013	.020	.022	.019	.012	.029	.041	.036	.018
Mean Base	.817	.291	.244	.131	.164	.170	.2368	.562	.288	.342	1230
1111											1448
Q.24 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE YOU DONE											
Cheated on a quiz or test	38.8%	39.8%	39.2%	40.5%	43.3%	35.9%	39.7%	39.7%	39.1%	39.5%	38.6%
Copied someone else's homework	63.7%	67.8%	67.1%	65.4%	67.7%	63.5%	68.3%	60.1%	65.1%	65.8%	68.4%
Plagiarized part of an essay	12.7%	13.4%	12.8%	11.7%	15.2%	15.9%	13.2%	13.5%	12.5%	16.1%	10.8%
Used Cliff Notes or Monarch Notes to avoid reading a book	31.5%	28.1%	27.8%	27.3%	36.6%	31.2%	28.1%	32.4%	28.4%	34.5%	35.2%
None of the above	21.2%	19.0%	19.7%	17.1%	20.7%	22.9%	18.3%	23.3%	24.2%	18.1%	18.5%
No answer	.6%	.9%	.7%	.8%	.6%	.6%	.9%	.4%	1.0%	1.2%	.5%



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.25 IF YOU HAVE CHEATED, WHY DID YOU DO SO											
Competition for good grades	55.6%	57.9%	54.8%	56.9%	37.3%	62.7%	57.7%	52.5%	57.4%	48.4%	52.2%
Didn't seem like a big deal	53.0%	50.3%	54.0%	52.4%	55.4%	54.2%	57.7%	50.8%	52.9%	52.5%	57.5%
Didn't think I'd get caught	23.6%	28.0%	22.2%	24.0%	13.3%	32.2%	22.5%	27.9%	24.0%	19.7%	27.4%
Not interested in the subject	27.6%	30.2%	26.7%	28.9%	25.3%	20.3%	22.5%	24.6%	27.9%	28.3%	22.1%
Parents encouraged me	.2%	.3%	.2%	.3%					.2%	.4%	.6%
To get into a good college	14.4%	20.1%	12.3%	14.6%	6.0%	20.3%	16.9%	13.1%	15.0%	12.6%	12.4%
No answer	2.5%	2.2%	2.6%	2.6%	4.8%	1.4%	1.6%	2.1%	4.0%	4.4%	3.7%
Q.26 IF HAVE CHEATED, WHAT HAPPENED											
I was caught but not punished	6.4%	7.2%	6.1%	5.6%	6.0%	11.9%	15.5%	4.9%	6.8%	4.5%	4.4%
I was caught and punished	6.2%	9.7%	5.0%	5.8%	6.0%	8.5%	5.6%	13.1%	6.1%	5.4%	6.2%
I was not caught	95.1%	93.7%	95.6%	96.1%	91.6%	88.1%	91.5%	95.1%	95.4%	95.5%	92.9%
No answer	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%				.1%	.4%	.4%	.2%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cau- casian Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.27 HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING													
Changed your report card to give yourself better grades	1.1%	1.5%	.9%	.9%	2.9%	2.3%	.6%	1.2%	.7%	.3%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Had a party when your parents were away	8.8%	10.4%	8.3%	9.2%	3.4%	6.9%	8.8%	9.3%	6.2%	9.0%	8.8%	9.2%	8.6%
Shoplifted	10.8%	12.1%	10.4%	9.6%	13.2%	19.1%	11.8%	11.0%	11.0%	10.4%	14.9%	11.0%	9.8%
Stolen money from your parent's wallet	6.0%	4.6%	6.5%	5.8%	4.4%	8.4%	8.8%	5.9%	6.2%	8.3%	9.1%	5.7%	5.6%
Used fake identification to get into a bar/club	3.1%	3.5%	2.9%	2.7%	3.4%	3.1%	4.7%	2.7%	4.4%	3.8%	5.8%	3.2%	2.3%
No answer	77.1%	75.2%	77.8%	78.5%	78.0%	70.2%	73.5%	76.7%	79.0%	76.5%	71.6%	77.7%	78.0%
Q.28 HAVE YOU EVER ENGAGED IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE													
Yes	18.1%	13.5%	19.7%	16.5%	39.5%	7.6%	17.6%	20.6%	11.0%	9.3%	21.9%	13.5%	20.6%
No	80.9%	84.9%	79.5%	82.6%	58.5%	92.4%	81.8%	78.4%	88.4%	89.6%	77.5%	85.7%	78.3%
No answer	1.0%	1.6%	.7%	.9%	2.0%	1.2%	.6%	1.1%	.5%	1.0%	.6%	.8%	1.2%



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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.29 WHAT SOURCES HAVE YOU USED TO LEARN ABOUT SEX														
Books	50.7%	52.3%	50.0%	49.3%	64.4%	51.1%	53.0%	50.0%	50.9%	51.2%	49.1%	53.8%	50.9%	49.6%
Brother/sister	14.7%	13.3%	15.1%	13.9%	18.0%	19.1%	14.6%	16.5%	14.8%	14.2%	15.6%	14.3%	15.2%	14.0%
Doctor	15.1%	11.1%	16.4%	12.2%	38.0%	13.7%	20.1%	21.2%	15.8%	11.0%	15.6%	23.1%	14.3%	13.4%
Friends	73.1%	68.5%	74.6%	73.2%	72.2%	72.5%	70.1%	74.7%	73.2%	71.7%	75.4%	75.7%	72.0%	73.8%
Internet	10.4%	25.0%	5.3%	10.5%	8.3%	12.2%	11.6%	8.2%	10.7%	10.7%	9.7%	8.2%	12.4%	9.6%
Member of the Clergy	4.7%	7.1%	3.9%	4.8%	6.3%	3.1%	2.4%	4.7%	4.4%	5.9%	5.5%	4.4%	5.1%	4.5%
Movies	47.2%	52.9%	45.1%	47.2%	44.9%	58.0%	37.2%	48.2%	48.0%	44.3%	45.3%	49.7%	47.7%	47.2%
Parents	58.5%	54.0%	60.1%	60.0%	69.3%	34.4%	51.8%	52.4%	56.9%	64.2%	63.0%	53.5%	60.2%	58.4%
Another relative	12.2%	10.7%	12.6%	9.6%	36.1%	11.5%	16.5%	15.3%	12.5%	10.9%	12.1%	17.3%	11.0%	11.6%
Teacher/counselor	32.3%	28.8%	33.6%	31.3%	33.2%	38.9%	34.1%	38.8%	32.9%	29.2%	36.0%	29.8%	33.5%	31.6%
Television	47.3%	53.8%	44.9%	46.2%	49.3%	65.6%	45.7%	45.9%	48.0%	45.0%	45.7%	50.3%	48.7%	45.9%
Other	19.8%	22.6%	18.8%	18.6%	23.4%	19.8%	23.2%	28.8%	20.4%	17.1%	18.3%	25.4%	20.0%	18.4%
No answer	2.4%	3.0%	2.2%	2.4%	1.0%	6.1%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	3.1%	2.0%	2.3%	2.7%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Asian American	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.30 WHAT WORRIES YOU THE MOST ABOUT HAVING SEX

AIDS	24.6%	26.1%	24.1%	22.9%	38.0%	27.5%	25.6%	29.4%	25.8%	20.1%	22.8%	30.1%	24.1%	23.5%
Hurting/angering my parents	9.8%	6.7%	10.8%	9.4%	10.2%	9.2%	12.2%	10.6%	9.6%	10.3%	10.0%	9.6%	8.1%	11.1%
Losing my virginity	21.9%	18.3%	23.2%	23.5%	11.7%	14.5%	22.6%	18.8%	19.3%	31.1%	25.6%	16.7%	22.7%	22.2%
My reputation	6.5%	5.4%	6.8%	6.5%	2.9%	6.1%	6.7%	10.0%	6.0%	7.8%	6.6%	4.4%	6.0%	7.5%
Pregnancy	41.7%	35.1%	44.2%	41.8%	41.0%	34.4%	37.2%	51.2%	43.9%	34.9%	36.7%	39.2%	42.4%	42.2%
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)	21.7%	29.0%	19.1%	19.9%	29.3%	29.0%	30.5%	25.9%	22.6%	20.8%	19.7%	25.4%	22.3%	20.4%
Nothing worries me about having sex	2.7%	4.5%	2.0%	2.8%	2.4%	2.3%	.6%	3.5%	2.2%	4.6%	3.5%	1.5%	2.8%	2.8%
No answer	3.1%	4.6%	2.6%	3.2%	3.9%	2.3%	1.8%	2.9%	2.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%	2.8%	3.1%

Q.31 IF YOU HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, WHAT IS THE MAJOR REASON YOU HAVE ABSTAINED

Afraid of parents finding out	1.7%	1.5%	1.8%	1.6%	2.0%	3.0%	4.1%	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	1.9%
Concerned about reputation	.7%	.6%	.8%	.7%	.5%	1.5%	.6%	1.8%	.7%	1.1%	.3%	.6%	1.0%
Fear of disease/pregnancy	12.9%	14.8%	12.2%	12.8%	12.7%	9.9%	15.2%	13.5%	13.6%	11.0%	10.0%	13.7%	13.9%
Haven't found a willing partner	3.4%	8.4%	1.6%	3.3%	2.0%	6.9%	3.7%	4.1%	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	4.1%
Not ready	17.3%	16.6%	17.5%	17.3%	16.1%	22.1%	15.2%	17.1%	18.0%	12.3%	20.8%	21.1%	19.9%
Religion discourages it	10.5%	12.7%	9.8%	11.4%	9.3%	6.9%	6.7%	6.5%	9.0%	16.5%	13.8%	7.3%	11.6%
Want to wait for marriage	34.0%	29.9%	35.5%	35.1%	17.6%	44.3%	31.1%	35.3%	31.5%	42.5%	39.4%	29.8%	33.4%
No answer	19.4%	15.6%	20.8%	17.9%	40.0%	8.4%	24.4%	17.6%	21.9%	11.7%	11.8%	23.4%	14.9%



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SEX	RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.32 AT WHAT AGE DID YOU FIRST HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE												
Fourteen or under	19.1%	18.9%	19.0%	38.3%	20.0%	35.1%	16.7%	18.6%	16.1%	29.6%	22.7%	21.1%
Fifteen	28.1%	19.8%	30.2%	25.9%	30.0%	21.6%	33.3%	28.2%	29.0%	18.5%	28.0%	28.9%
Sixteen	37.2%	38.7%	36.9%	29.6%	30.0%	21.6%	33.3%	38.0%	33.9%	48.1%	40.0%	34.9%
Seventeen	12.4%	18.0%	11.0%	13.8%	4.9%	16.2%	10.0%	12.1%	16.1%	3.7%	8.0%	11.4%
Eighteen	.4%	.9%	.2%	1.2%			3.3%	.2%	1.6%		.6%	.3%
No answer	2.8%	3.6%	2.6%	3.3%		5.4%	3.3%	2.9%	3.2%	1.3%	3.0%	3.3%

Mean	15.45	15.61	15.42	15.56	15.50	15.20	15.48	15.45	15.57	15.26	15.34	15.40
Std Devn	.96	1.03	.94	.90	1.02	1.13	1.02	.95	1.01	.94	.93	.98
Std Err.	.041	.100	.045	.046	.324	.191	.190	.043	.131	.182	.108	.077
Mean Base	549	107	441	387	81	35	29	475	60	27	74	161

Q.33 WHEN YOU HAVE HAD SEX, HAVE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER USED BIRTH CONTROL PILLS

Always	21.9%	19.8%	22.5%	23.8%	17.3%	10.0%	18.9%	16.7%	23.5%	8.1%	14.8%	21.3%	19.9%	22.7%
Sometimes	10.6%	10.8%	10.6%	11.3%	7.4%	10.8%	10.0%	10.4%	14.5%	7.4%	8.0%	7.2%	7.2%	13.4%
Never	53.1%	50.5%	53.9%	51.3%	63.0%	70.0%	56.8%	50.0%	53.0%	59.7%	51.9%	56.0%	53.6%	52.5%
No answer	14.3%	18.9%	13.0%	13.8%	12.3%	20.0%	13.5%	23.3%	13.1%	17.7%	25.9%	14.7%	19.3%	11.4%

Q.33 WHEN YOU HAVE HAD SEX, HAVE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER USED A CONDOM

Always	53.6%	64.0%	51.0%	52.0%	63.0%	50.0%	45.9%	56.7%	54.4%	50.0%	51.9%	62.7%	52.4%	52.8%
Sometimes	36.1%	24.3%	39.1%	37.0%	32.1%	30.0%	40.5%	36.7%	36.4%	33.9%	33.3%	28.0%	36.7%	36.5%
Never	8.0%	9.9%	7.5%	8.0%	4.9%	20.0%	13.5%	3.3%	7.2%	12.9%	14.8%	9.3%	7.8%	8.0%
No answer	2.3%	1.8%	2.4%	3.0%			3.3%	2.0%	3.2%			3.0%	3.0%	2.7%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.33 WHEN YOU HAVE HAD SEX, HAVE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER USED A DIAPHRAGM												
Always	.2%	.9%	1.2%	1.2%			.2%					.3%
Sometimes	1.4%	4.5%	.7%	1.3%	3.7%		1.6%	1.6%		2.7%	1.8%	1.0%
Never	76.5%	71.2%	77.9%	77.3%	75.3%	80.0%	77.9%	71.0%	66.7%	78.7%	73.5%	77.6%
No answer	21.9%	23.4%	21.4%	21.5%	19.8%	20.0%	20.2%	27.4%	33.3%	18.7%	24.7%	21.1%
Q.33 WHEN YOU HAVE HAD SEX, HAVE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER USED NORPLANT												
Always	.4%	.9%	.2%	2.5%			.4%			1.3%		.3%
Never	77.2%	74.8%	77.9%	78.0%	76.5%	80.0%	78.7%	72.6%	66.7%	80.0%	74.7%	78.3%
No answer	22.5%	24.3%	21.9%	22.0%	21.0%	20.0%	20.9%	27.4%	33.3%	18.7%	25.3%	21.4%
Q.33 WHEN YOU HAVE HAD SEX, HAVE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER USED OTHER METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL												
Always	7.3%	8.1%	7.1%	7.3%	8.6%	10.8%	7.6%	6.5%	3.7%	5.3%	6.6%	8.4%
Sometimes	6.5%	4.5%	7.1%	6.8%	6.2%	10.0%	6.7%	4.8%		9.3%	7.8%	5.4%
Never	60.0%	59.5%	60.3%	61.3%	56.8%	50.0%	61.1%	58.1%	55.6%	61.3%	57.8%	62.2%
No answer	26.2%	27.9%	25.6%	24.8%	28.4%	40.0%	24.5%	30.6%	40.7%	24.0%	27.7%	24.1%
Q.34 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PREGNANT/GOTTEN SOMEONE PREGNANT												
Yes	5.8%	1.8%	6.6%	4.8%	11.1%	8.1%	6.1%	1.6%	3.7%	4.0%	6.6%	5.4%
No	92.7%	96.4%	92.1%	93.5%	88.9%	100.0%	92.4%	96.8%	96.3%	96.0%	92.2%	92.6%
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.8%			3.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.2%	2.0%



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.35 IF YOU OR YOUR PARTNER HAVE NOT ALWAYS USED CONDOMS, WHY NOT											
Can't afford them	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%			1.0%	1.6%		1.8%	1.0%	
Don't have easy access to them	15.0%	16.2%	14.8%	15.0%	17.3%	21.6%	10.0%	14.3%	17.7%	14.8%	
Don't like the way condoms feel	17.0%	16.2%	17.2%	16.5%	17.3%	10.0%	27.0%	13.3%	17.7%	18.5%	
Embarrassed to purchase them	4.1%	1.8%	4.6%	4.8%	10.0%	5.4%	3.3%	4.3%	3.2%	3.7%	
Partner refuses to use one	3.0%	3.6%	2.9%	2.0%	7.4%	5.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	2.7%	
Ruins the mood/spoils the moment	11.9%	11.7%	11.9%	10.0%	13.6%	29.7%	10.0%	11.7%	17.7%	11.1%	
Use a different contraceptive	18.8%	10.8%	20.8%	21.0%	7.4%	10.8%	23.3%	20.2%	8.1%	11.1%	
No answer	52.0%	58.6%	50.3%	52.5%	54.3%	43.2%	56.7%	51.7%	53.2%	55.6%	
Q.36 HOW HIGH IS YOUR PERSONAL RISK OF CONTRACTING AIDS/HIV											
High	2.8%	5.4%	2.2%	1.5%	3.7%	10.8%	10.0%	2.9%	3.2%	6.7%	
Moderate	7.3%	7.2%	7.3%	5.3%	11.1%	10.8%	13.3%	7.4%	8.1%	3.7%	
Low	40.9%	42.3%	40.6%	41.5%	42.0%	35.1%	33.3%	40.9%	41.9%	33.3%	
None	47.6%	43.2%	48.6%	50.5%	40.7%	43.2%	40.0%	47.4%	45.2%	63.0%	
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	2.5%	3.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%	
Q.36 HOW HIGH IS YOUR PERSONAL RISK OF CONTRACTING ANOTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD)											
High	3.4%	3.6%	3.3%	2.0%	6.2%	8.1%	10.0%	3.5%	1.6%	3.7%	
Moderate	10.1%	9.9%	10.2%	8.5%	12.3%	10.8%	20.0%	9.6%	11.3%	11.1%	
Low	42.8%	45.9%	42.2%	42.8%	44.4%	51.4%	26.7%	43.8%	41.9%	25.9%	
None	42.3%	38.7%	43.0%	45.5%	34.6%	29.7%	40.0%	41.7%	43.5%	59.3%	
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	2.5%	3.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%	

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SEX	RACE			TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	TOTAL	African American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Q.36 HOW HIGH IS YOUR PERSONAL RISK OF YOU OR YOUR PARTNER GETTING PREGNANT														
High	11.9%	10.8%	12.1%	9.8%	11.1%	20.0%	29.7%	16.7%	11.7%	12.9%	11.1%	14.7%	9.6%	12.7%
Moderate	26.9%	24.3%	27.6%	26.0%	33.3%	10.0%	24.3%	30.0%	27.6%	24.2%	18.5%	21.3%	31.3%	26.8%
Low	44.8%	42.3%	45.5%	47.8%	35.8%	70.0%	37.8%	33.3%	45.2%	43.5%	51.9%	52.0%	41.0%	44.5%
None	15.0%	20.7%	13.5%	15.3%	17.3%		8.1%	16.7%	14.1%	17.7%	18.5%	12.0%	16.3%	14.4%
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%	2.5%			3.3%	1.4%	1.6%		1.8%	1.8%	1.7%

Q.37 WOULD YOU BE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE IF YOUR SCHOOL DISTRIBUTED CONDOMS

Yes	14.3%	20.7%	12.8%	13.5%	14.8%	30.0%	13.5%	20.0%	14.1%	16.1%	11.1%	10.7%	18.7%	13.4%
No	84.2%	77.5%	85.9%	85.0%	84.0%	70.0%	86.5%	76.7%	84.5%	82.3%	88.9%	86.7%	80.1%	85.3%
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%			3.3%	1.4%	1.6%		2.7%	1.2%	1.3%

Q.38 WOULD YOU ALWAYS USE CONDOMS IF YOUR SCHOOL DISTRIBUTED THEM

Yes	64.1%	78.4%	60.7%	62.8%	74.1%	40.0%	64.9%	66.7%	66.1%	50.0%	55.6%	65.3%	60.2%	66.6%
No	34.2%	19.8%	37.5%	35.5%	25.9%	50.0%	35.1%	30.0%	32.3%	46.8%	44.4%	34.7%	38.0%	31.4%
No answer	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%	10.0%			3.3%	1.6%	3.2%		1.8%	1.8%	2.0%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.39 FOLLOWING BEST EXPRESSES YOUR OPINION REGARDING ABORTION													
I support the right of a woman to choose to have an abortion	26.1%	26.8%	25.9%	31.2%	30.5%	22.6%	30.0%	29.2%	16.9%	17.3%	28.9%	30.5%	22.4%
I do not support abortion under most circumstances	45.4%	46.1%	44.5%	46.3%	51.1%	47.6%	47.6%	48.2%	35.1%	39.8%	44.2%	41.4%	48.5%
I do not support abortion under any circumstances	27.2%	25.5%	27.8%	21.0%	16.0%	29.3%	21.8%	21.5%	46.6%	41.2%	25.7%	27.1%	27.5%
No answer	1.3%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%	2.3%	.6%	.6%	1.2%	1.4%	1.7%	1.2%	1.0%	1.7%
Q.40 FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE													
I or my partner have had an abortion	.6%	.1%	.8%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%		.7%	.4%	.3%	1.2%	.7%	.4%
I know someone at school who has had an abortion	46.9%	30.1%	52.8%	45.7%	30.5%	48.8%	45.3%	50.9%	33.1%	38.1%	45.9%	47.0%	46.7%
I do not know anyone who has had an abortion	51.2%	67.4%	45.4%	52.4%	67.2%	50.0%	52.4%	47.3%	64.9%	59.5%	52.0%	51.3%	51.2%
No answer	1.9%	2.4%	1.7%	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	2.4%	1.7%	2.0%	2.4%	2.0%	1.5%	2.1%
Q.41 HOW HARD IS IT FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO GET ALCOHOL													
Very difficult (4)	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%	4.3%	8.3%	8.5%	11.2%	3.9%	10.5%	8.0%	9.1%	5.7%	4.2%
Somewhat difficult (3)	12.7%	13.2%	12.4%	11.8%	19.1%	18.3%	12.9%	11.2%	18.0%	15.2%	15.5%	14.9%	9.4%
Not very difficult (2)	40.6%	39.3%	41.1%	40.6%	43.5%	40.2%	44.7%	41.9%	35.2%	37.7%	38.6%	42.5%	39.9%
Easy (1)	37.0%	38.2%	36.6%	38.5%	26.0%	31.7%	28.8%	39.0%	30.1%	33.2%	32.5%	32.8%	41.7%
No answer	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	4.8%	3.1%	1.2%	2.4%	4.0%	6.2%	5.9%	4.4%	4.1%	4.8%
Mean	1.86	1.85	1.86	1.81	1.94	2.10	2.07	1.79	2.09	1.98	2.01	1.93	1.75
Std Devn	.85	.85	.85	.82	.93	.90	.94	.80	.98	.92	.94	.85	.81
Std Err.	.016	.030	.018	.017	.067	.080	.073	.017	.043	.056	.052	.055	.022
Mean Base	2982	785	2194	2308	194	127	166	2283	527	272	327	1181	1384

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian Amer	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.42 HOW OFTEN DO YOU - DRINK AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE													

Daily	.3%	.2%	.3%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.7%	.6%	.2%	.3%	.6%	.2%	.3%
Weekends	6.6%	7.2%	6.4%	7.1%	5.5%	2.3%	9.1%	7.6%	6.5%	6.8%	6.9%	8.8%	6.0%
Monthly	8.3%	7.1%	8.7%	8.8%	3.4%	6.1%	6.7%	7.6%	7.5%	11.2%	12.5%	11.1%	8.4%
Rarely	31.8%	30.2%	32.3%	31.0%	34.1%	30.5%	37.8%	32.4%	33.6%	24.0%	31.1%	31.6%	32.2%
Never	52.0%	54.1%	51.3%	51.6%	61.0%	59.5%	45.7%	51.8%	51.1%	56.6%	47.1%	47.1%	52.4%
No answer	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	1.5%	.6%	1.1%	1.1%	1.7%	.9%	.9%	1.4%

Q.42 HOW OFTEN DO YOU - DRINK ENOUGH TO FEEL THE EFFECTS

Daily	.1%	.1%	.1%	.6%	*	.4%	.3%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%
Weekends	4.4%	5.0%	4.2%	4.9%	.8%	6.7%	4.7%	4.4%	4.4%	3.4%	4.8%	7.0%	3.7%
Monthly	6.0%	5.1%	6.3%	6.6%	1.5%	5.3%	4.3%	4.7%	5.5%	8.7%	7.3%	6.7%	6.3%
Rarely	19.4%	18.7%	19.6%	19.8%	15.6%	13.7%	18.9%	20.0%	20.6%	14.8%	18.7%	19.0%	18.8%
Never	68.7%	69.3%	68.5%	67.2%	81.0%	78.6%	69.5%	68.8%	68.0%	71.7%	67.1%	66.1%	69.9%
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%

Q.42 HOW OFTEN DO YOU - DRINK ENOUGH TO GET DRUNK

Weekends	2.4%	2.9%	2.2%	2.6%		3.7%	3.5%	2.3%	2.1%	3.5%	3.5%	2.4%	2.2%
Monthly	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	.5%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	5.2%	3.5%	3.2%	4.3%
Rarely	14.9%	13.3%	15.4%	16.0%	7.8%	8.4%	11.6%	12.4%	15.2%	12.6%	17.0%	16.7%	13.0%
Never	77.3%	77.9%	77.1%	75.5%	90.2%	86.3%	81.1%	78.2%	77.2%	78.8%	74.4%	75.1%	79.0%
No answer	1.4%	1.8%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.42 HOW OFTEN DO YOU - DRIVE A CAR AFTER DRINKING ALCOHOL													
Weekends	.3%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.6%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.2%	.5%
Monthly	.5%	.6%	.4%	.5%	1.2%	.5%	.3%	.5%	.5%	.3%	.2%	.2%	.8%
Rarely	3.3%	4.1%	3.0%	3.8%	.5%	.8%	2.4%	4.0%	1.4%	1.4%	2.0%	2.0%	5.2%
Never	94.5%	93.3%	95.0%	93.9%	98.0%	97.7%	94.7%	93.8%	97.0%	96.5%	97.4%	96.4%	91.9%
No answer	1.4%	1.7%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.8%	1.4%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.1%	1.7%
Q.42 HOW OFTEN DO YOU - RIDE IN A CAR WHOSE DRIVER HAS HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK													
Daily	.1%	.1%	*	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%
Weekends	.4%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.5%	1.2%	.6%	.4%	.4%	.7%	.3%	.2%	.5%
Monthly	.7%	.9%	.7%	.8%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.8%	.5%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.9%
Rarely	8.2%	6.6%	8.8%	7.8%	6.9%	15.9%	8.8%	8.7%	6.6%	8.3%	9.6%	7.5%	8.6%
Never	89.3%	90.5%	88.9%	89.6%	90.2%	91.6%	88.8%	88.6%	91.5%	89.3%	89.2%	90.3%	88.2%
No answer	1.3%	1.7%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%	1.1%	1.7%	.9%	1.2%	1.7%



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY				
	Male	Female	African Amer	Caucasian	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural		
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Q.43 IF YOU DRINK, IN WHAT PLACES DO YOU DO SO														
In my house when my parents are away	23.3%	28.9%	21.4%	23.8%	16.7%	27.5%	20.2%	23.5%	23.6%	22.7%	25.0%	21.9%	24.5%	22.4%
In my house when my parents are home	29.4%	28.3%	29.9%	28.3%	25.6%	41.2%	37.1%	35.8%	28.9%	30.7%	35.8%	30.9%	33.9%	25.2%
In my friends' houses when their parents are away	57.0%	58.0%	56.6%	59.7%	38.5%	51.0%	47.2%	50.6%	57.5%	57.6%	52.0%	51.7%	57.2%	58.7%
In my friends' houses when their parents are home	27.3%	23.7%	28.3%	29.1%	19.2%	17.6%	21.3%	21.0%	26.2%	32.4%	31.8%	28.7%	27.0%	27.3%
In restaurants/bars	11.7%	14.7%	10.8%	9.9%	14.1%	19.6%	29.2%	12.3%	9.8%	21.0%	14.9%	21.3%	13.4%	7.3%
In public places (parks, beaches, parking lots, etc.)	28.8%	30.0%	28.2%	29.1%	29.5%	17.6%	31.5%	24.7%	27.0%	35.7%	31.1%	36.5%	26.4%	28.3%
In school	1.4%	1.1%	1.5%	.9%	6.4%	3.4%	3.4%	1.2%	1.2%	2.1%	2.7%	3.9%	.9%	1.0%
No answer	8.3%	9.5%	7.9%	7.4%	15.4%	15.7%	7.9%	9.9%	8.9%	6.3%	8.1%	10.7%	8.3%	7.9%

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.44 HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE YOUR PARENTS' DRINKING HABITS														
Abstainers	48.1%	51.1%	47.1%	47.2%	54.1%	61.1%	42.7%	51.8%	47.9%	53.7%	36.3%	47.7%	43.7%	52.3%
Moderate drinkers	48.2%	45.2%	49.3%	49.3%	41.0%	35.1%	54.3%	44.7%	48.5%	42.3%	58.8%	47.1%	52.9%	44.5%
Heavy drinkers	2.2%	1.8%	2.3%	2.1%	3.4%	1.5%	1.8%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%	3.1%	3.5%	2.1%	1.7%
No answer	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%

Q.45 IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WAS ARRESTED, BADLY INJURED OR KILLED IN A DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENT, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE YOU DONE SINCE

I drink less than I used to	5.1%	3.4%	5.7%	5.4%	3.4%	2.3%	4.9%	5.3%	5.7%	3.7%	3.1%	5.0%	3.6%	6.5%
I drove after drinking	.6%	.2%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.3%	.6%	.4%	.8%
I got into a car after the driver had been drinking	1.3%	.9%	1.5%	1.3%	2.9%	1.2%	1.2%	.6%	1.3%	1.6%	2.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%
I stopped drinking alcohol of any kind	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%	2.6%	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	4.1%	2.9%	1.4%	2.8%	1.5%	1.6%	3.4%
None of the above	35.9%	36.3%	35.7%	37.8%	30.7%	19.1%	31.1%	32.4%	36.8%	33.8%	30.4%	27.2%	31.7%	41.6%
I don't know anyone who was arrested, badly injured or killed in a drunk driving accident	48.5%	49.9%	48.0%	45.7%	53.7%	73.3%	59.1%	52.9%	47.7%	49.8%	51.9%	56.7%	54.0%	41.7%
No answer	8.3%	9.5%	7.9%	8.5%	10.2%	7.6%	4.3%	8.2%	7.6%	10.5%	10.7%	10.2%	8.9%	7.6%

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian Amer	African Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.46. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO REDUCE TEEN SMOKING. WHICH ARE/WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE IN YOUR OPINION													
Better educate the public on health risks of smoking	31.2%	31.7%	30.9%	28.2%	44.4%	42.7%	40.9%	37.6%	30.5%	34.0%	33.9%	37.4%	29.9%
Eliminate tobacco advertisements	35.7%	34.6%	36.0%	34.6%	35.1%	37.4%	39.6%	46.5%	35.5%	36.7%	36.3%	37.1%	34.7%
Fine stores that sell cigarettes to minors	56.7%	53.5%	57.7%	56.0%	59.0%	59.5%	59.1%	58.8%	57.1%	56.2%	59.2%	57.6%	56.0%
Raise legal age limit for smoking	22.3%	21.0%	22.8%	21.1%	27.3%	24.4%	27.4%	27.6%	22.0%	24.2%	22.8%	26.3%	20.2%
Raise the price of cigarettes	60.8%	60.9%	60.7%	62.7%	53.7%	55.0%	48.2%	58.8%	62.3%	56.6%	63.7%	52.9%	62.1%
None of the above would reduce teen smoking	19.5%	19.8%	19.4%	19.1%	22.4%	15.3%	21.3%	21.8%	19.0%	20.1%	17.0%	21.6%	19.7%
No answer	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%	.8%	.6%	.9%	.9%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	.9%

Q.47 IF YOU SMOKE, WHAT AGE DID YOU START

11 or Younger (10)	.4%	.4%	.5%	.3%	.5%	.8%	1.8%	.6%	.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.2%	.5%
12 - 14 (13)	3.1%	1.7%	3.7%	3.1%	2.0%	2.3%	5.5%	2.9%	3.0%	3.4%	4.5%	3.5%	3.7%
15 - 16 (15.5)	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	.5%	4.6%	2.4%	5.3%	3.7%	4.6%	2.4%	3.5%	3.4%
17 - 18 (17.5)	.8%	1.5%	.6%	.9%	.5%	.5%	.6%	1.2%	.8%	1.1%	.3%	.6%	.5%
I don't smoke	87.0%	87.7%	86.7%	87.2%	88.3%	89.3%	86.0%	81.8%	87.4%	84.9%	87.2%	86.0%	86.4%
No answer	4.9%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	8.3%	3.1%	3.7%	8.2%	4.8%	5.0%	4.2%	5.3%	4.3%

Mean	14.43	15.03	14.25	14.54	13.57	14.20	13.32	14.68	14.55	14.30	13.40	13.90	14.14
Std Devn	1.82	1.92	1.76	1.76	2.18	1.79	2.10	1.90	1.72	2.08	2.00	2.09	1.76
Std Err	.114	.250	.126	.124	.823	.567	.509	.462	.126	.275	.400	.382	.176
Mean Base	.255	.59	.196	.201	.7	.10	.17	.17	.185	.57	.25	.30	.100

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	Male	Female	Cau- casian Amer	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Q.48 GIVEN THE HEALTH RISKS OF SMOKING, WHY DO YOU SMOKE												
Advertisements are appealing	.1%	.2%	*	.1%				.5%			.2%	.1%
I like the way it makes me feel	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	1.5%	5.3%	5.5%	5.9%	4.1%	6.2%	5.5%	5.3%	4.5%
It makes me look cool	.6%	1.1%	.5%	.7%		1.2%	.6%	.5%	1.1%	1.0%	.9%	.4%
My friends smoke	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	.5%	3.1%	4.3%	8.2%	3.7%	4.8%	2.8%	4.1%	3.4%
My parents smoke	.7%	.6%	.8%	.7%	.8%	1.8%		.8%	.7%	.7%	.3%	1.0%
To lose weight	1.2%	.4%	1.4%	.5%	.8%	1.8%	.6%	.9%	2.3%	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%
I don't smoke	87.7%	89.4%	87.1%	86.8%	87.0%	87.2%	84.7%	88.1%	85.9%	87.9%	85.1%	88.4%
No answer	5.3%	4.6%	5.6%	10.2%	4.6%	3.7%	5.3%	5.4%	4.8%	5.2%	7.0%	5.8%
Q.49 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DESCRIBE ALCOHOL USE AMONG STUDENTS YOU KNOW												
Driving under the influence is very common among students from my school	46.8%	39.9%	49.2%	36.6%	29.0%	40.9%	43.5%	52.7%	26.5%	32.5%	33.6%	38.3%
It's very common at parties given by my fellow students	80.5%	75.1%	82.5%	71.7%	71.0%	76.2%	77.1%	86.0%	59.8%	73.0%	74.9%	78.5%
Some of my friends have a problem with	53.3%	49.0%	54.7%	47.3%	41.2%	39.6%	48.2%	54.8%	48.9%	47.4%	44.4%	49.3%
There is a lot of use among students from my school	78.2%	73.7%	79.9%	60.5%	64.1%	61.6%	71.2%	83.6%	56.8%	73.7%	62.9%	75.7%
I have a problem with	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%	12.2%	6.9%	4.9%	5.3%	5.8%	3.4%	4.2%	7.3%	4.5%
No answer	10.4%	15.2%	8.7%	16.1%	19.1%	14.6%	13.5%	6.5%	25.3%	17.0%	15.5%	12.3%

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
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TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.49 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DESCRIBE DRUG USE AMONG STUDENTS YOU KNOW

Driving under the influence is very common among students from my school	30.0%	24.3%	31.9%	29.8%	41.0%	20.6%	25.0%	28.8%	34.5%	14.4%	15.9%	25.7%	28.4%	32.0%
It's very common at parties given by my fellow students	41.4%	33.7%	44.1%	41.8%	45.9%	30.5%	43.3%	34.7%	44.9%	28.8%	33.6%	41.8%	43.0%	40.0%
Some of my friends have a problem with	41.8%	41.5%	41.9%	41.5%	47.3%	35.1%	48.2%	37.1%	43.9%	36.3%	32.5%	40.4%	41.8%	42.4%
There is a lot of use among students from my school	53.8%	44.8%	57.0%	53.8%	60.0%	48.1%	52.4%	52.4%	59.4%	33.6%	43.3%	50.6%	55.1%	53.2%
I have a problem with	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	6.6%	13.2%	7.6%	6.1%	7.1%	7.6%	5.5%	7.6%	7.9%	6.5%	7.6%
No answer	29.9%	37.1%	27.3%	29.3%	25.4%	39.7%	29.9%	36.5%	25.3%	45.4%	40.8%	32.7%	29.6%	29.4%

Q.50 HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL AT YOUR SCHOOL

Very difficult (4)	21.9%	20.7%	22.4%	20.0%	29.3%	26.0%	31.7%	28.2%	16.5%	40.2%	32.9%	34.2%	22.7%	18.2%
Somewhat difficult (3)	19.5%	19.1%	19.6%	19.1%	21.5%	23.7%	20.1%	20.0%	19.9%	19.4%	16.6%	17.8%	21.6%	18.1%
Not very difficult (2)	28.3%	27.9%	28.5%	28.9%	22.4%	25.2%	28.0%	28.2%	30.5%	19.8%	26.6%	24.9%	27.5%	29.7%
Easy (1)	27.9%	30.4%	27.0%	29.6%	23.4%	23.7%	19.5%	21.8%	30.8%	18.1%	20.8%	19.6%	26.4%	31.3%
No answer	2.4%	1.8%	2.6%	2.5%	3.4%	1.5%	.6%	1.8%	2.3%	2.5%	3.1%	3.5%	1.8%	2.7%

Mean	2.36	2.31	2.38	2.30	2.59	2.53	2.64	2.56	2.23	2.84	2.64	2.69	2.41	2.24
Std Devn	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.16	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.07	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.11	1.10
Std Err.	.020	.039	.024	.023	.082	.099	.088	.087	.022	.049	.069	.064	.032	.029
Mean Base	3047	805	2239	2364	198	129	163	167	2322	548	280	330	1209	1415



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cau- casian	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.50 HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN CIGARETTES AT YOUR SCHOOL													
Very difficult (4)	9.2%	9.5%	9.1%	8.5%	9.8%	12.2%	14.0%	12.4%	4.8%	24.6%	15.6%	13.7%	9.7%
Somewhat difficult (3)	7.3%	7.4%	7.3%	6.5%	12.2%	6.9%	11.0%	10.0%	6.1%	10.7%	9.3%	8.2%	8.4%
Not very difficult (2)	24.5%	24.4%	24.5%	23.6%	27.3%	30.5%	27.4%	24.1%	24.9%	23.0%	26.0%	26.3%	23.4%
Easy (1)	56.9%	57.0%	56.9%	59.4%	46.8%	48.9%	47.0%	51.8%	62.0%	40.0%	47.1%	48.8%	56.9%
No answer	2.1%	1.7%	2.2%	2.1%	3.9%	1.5%	.6%	1.8%	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	2.9%	1.6%
Mean	1.69	1.68	1.68	1.63	1.84	1.82	1.92	1.83	1.53	2.20	1.93	1.86	1.71
Std Devn	.97	.96	.96	.94	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.05	.82	1.22	1.10	1.07	.99
Std Err.	.034	.020	.020	.019	.071	.090	.084	.081	.017	.052	.065	.059	.028
Mean Base	3056	806	2247	2374	197	129	163	167	2326	552	283	332	1211

Q.50 HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN DRUGS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Very difficult (4)	20.7%	20.2%	20.9%	20.3%	18.5%	26.0%	22.6%	24.1%	14.3%	42.5%	35.6%	26.3%	20.7%
Somewhat difficult (3)	27.0%	29.3%	26.2%	27.8%	22.0%	26.7%	22.6%	26.5%	28.6%	22.2%	25.3%	20.2%	26.6%
Not very difficult (2)	28.6%	26.5%	29.4%	29.2%	24.9%	29.8%	31.7%	19.4%	31.2%	19.6%	21.8%	25.4%	30.3%
Easy (1)	20.7%	21.6%	20.4%	20.0%	28.8%	14.5%	20.7%	26.5%	23.1%	12.5%	14.2%	23.4%	20.0%
No answer	2.9%	2.4%	3.1%	2.7%	5.9%	3.1%	2.4%	3.5%	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%	4.7%	2.4%
Mean	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.50	2.32	2.66	2.48	2.50	2.35	2.98	2.85	2.52	2.49
Std Devn	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.11	1.03	1.07	1.14	1.00	1.08	1.08	1.14	1.04
Std Err.	.037	.022	.022	.021	.080	.092	.085	.089	.021	.046	.064	.063	.030
Mean Base	3029	800	2226	2359	193	127	160	164	2309	544	280	326	1201

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cau- casian	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.50 HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN TEST QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS AT YOUR SCHOOL														
Very difficult (4)	14.9%	17.0%	14.0%	14.2%	19.0%	21.4%	17.7%	16.5%	12.8%	22.6%	20.4%	19.0%	15.7%	12.9%
Somewhat difficult (3)	25.5%	26.7%	25.0%	25.4%	22.4%	22.1%	27.4%	30.6%	26.4%	22.4%	19.7%	25.4%	25.8%	25.4%
Not very difficult (2)	28.2%	27.7%	28.3%	28.9%	25.4%	28.2%	28.0%	22.9%	27.9%	28.8%	30.1%	25.4%	27.5%	29.3%
Easy (1)	29.1%	26.8%	29.9%	29.4%	30.7%	26.0%	25.0%	28.2%	30.5%	24.0%	28.0%	26.9%	29.2%	29.8%
No answer	2.3%	1.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	1.8%	1.8%	2.4%	2.1%	1.7%	3.2%	1.9%	2.5%
Mean	2.27	2.34	2.24	2.25	2.31	2.40	2.39	2.36	2.22	2.45	2.33	2.38	2.28	2.22
Std Devn	1.05	1.06	1.04	1.04	1.11	1.10	1.06	1.07	1.03	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.06	1.02
Std Err.	.019	.037	.022	.021	.079	.098	.083	.083	.021	.047	.065	.060	.030	.027
Mean Base	3049	805	2241	2367	200	128	161	167	2320	550	284	331	1208	1417

Q.50 HOW DIFFICULT WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN WEAPONS AT YOUR SCHOOL

Very difficult (4)	55.8%	53.5%	56.6%	55.8%	46.3%	62.6%	57.9%	60.6%	50.2%	73.7%	75.1%	60.2%	59.1%	51.7%
Somewhat difficult (3)	28.5%	27.9%	28.7%	28.6%	27.3%	26.7%	31.1%	26.5%	32.1%	17.3%	17.6%	23.7%	28.5%	29.7%
Not very difficult (2)	8.1%	10.0%	7.4%	7.8%	15.1%	5.3%	7.3%	6.5%	9.2%	4.6%	2.8%	7.0%	6.3%	9.9%
Easy (1)	4.5%	6.1%	3.9%	4.3%	7.8%	3.1%	3.0%	4.7%	5.2%	2.1%	1.4%	4.1%	3.5%	5.4%
No answer	3.2%	2.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	2.3%	.6%	1.8%	3.4%	2.3%	3.1%	5.0%	2.6%	3.3%
Mean	3.40	3.32	3.43	3.41	3.16	3.52	3.45	3.46	3.32	3.66	3.72	3.47	3.47	3.32
Std Devn	.83	.89	.80	.82	.97	.74	.76	.82	.85	.67	.59	.81	.77	.87
Std Err.	.015	.032	.017	.017	.069	.066	.060	.063	.018	.029	.035	.045	.022	.023
Mean Base	3022	800	2219	2341	198	128	163	167	2297	549	280	325	1199	1406



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q. 51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - ALCOHOL													
Never tried	38.7%	41.3%	37.8%	42.0%	51.9%	32.3%	39.4%	37.5%	43.4%	38.1%	36.5%	39.2%	38.8%
Tried but don't use	28.8%	27.0%	29.5%	38.0%	25.2%	31.1%	28.2%	30.2%	25.3%	22.5%	26.3%	29.9%	27.8%
Use rarely	26.9%	25.7%	27.3%	18.0%	19.8%	31.7%	28.2%	27.2%	24.7%	32.5%	31.3%	25.3%	27.9%
Use regularly	4.6%	5.1%	4.5%	.5%	1.5%	4.9%	3.5%	4.2%	5.5%	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.7%
No answer	.9%	.9%	.9%	1.5%	1.5%	.6%	.8%	1.1%	1.4%	.9%	.9%	.9%	.9%
Q. 51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - CHEWING TOBACCO													
Never tried	91.7%	84.1%	94.4%	91.3%	94.1%	95.4%	93.5%	91.5%	92.5%	91.0%	93.0%	94.6%	88.6%
Tried but don't use	6.2%	11.3%	4.4%	6.6%	4.4%	5.5%	5.9%	6.6%	5.2%	5.5%	5.6%	3.7%	8.7%
Use rarely	.8%	2.4%	.2%	.9%	1.5%	1.2%	.8%	.9%	.9%	1.4%	.3%	.6%	1.2%
Use regularly	.3%	.9%	.1%	.3%	.3%	1.2%	.3%	.3%	.4%	.3%	.2%	.2%	.5%
No answer	1.0%	1.2%	.9%	.9%	1.5%	1.2%	.6%	.9%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	.9%	1.0%
Q. 51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - CIGARETTES													
Never tried	64.1%	68.3%	62.7%	63.9%	71.7%	62.2%	59.4%	63.8%	63.9%	67.1%	62.0%	66.5%	62.6%
Tried but don't use	25.9%	23.2%	26.8%	25.7%	23.4%	27.4%	30.0%	26.6%	23.8%	23.2%	27.2%	24.0%	27.0%
Use rarely	5.0%	4.6%	5.2%	5.2%	3.4%	4.9%	5.9%	4.8%	6.4%	5.9%	3.8%	4.8%	5.6%
Use regularly	3.9%	2.7%	4.3%	4.2%	1.5%	3.7%	4.1%	3.8%	4.4%	2.4%	5.6%	3.7%	3.8%
No answer	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	.9%	1.5%	1.8%	.6%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.1%	1.1%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Asian American	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - DIET PILLS												
Never tried	88.7%	86.1%	88.2%	89.8%	94.7%	90.2%	90.6%	88.4%	90.2%	90.3%	91.2%	86.9%
Tried but don't use	6.4%	8.0%	6.5%	6.8%	3.8%	4.9%	5.9%	6.8%	4.8%	4.2%	4.1%	7.4%
Use rarely	2.8%	3.7%	3.2%	1.0%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.0%	3.5%
Use regularly	.9%	1.1%	1.0%	.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.9%	.9%	.9%	1.0%	1.5%	.6%
No answer	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	2.0%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%
Q.51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - INHALANTS												
Never tried	95.3%	95.4%	95.3%	94.6%	93.9%	95.1%	97.1%	95.6%	94.0%	94.1%	94.7%	95.6%
Tried but don't use	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%	4.6%	3.0%	1.2%	2.7%	3.6%	3.1%	2.9%	2.4%
Use rarely	.5%	.5%	.7%		.6%	.6%	.5%	.5%	1.1%	.7%	.9%	.6%
Use regularly	*		*					*				.1%
No answer	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	2.1%	1.5%	1.4%
Q.51 HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - MARIJUANA												
Never tried	85.0%	85.1%	85.0%	85.4%	90.8%	81.1%	84.7%	84.8%	85.1%	84.8%	83.3%	85.8%
Tried but don't use	9.3%	9.1%	9.4%	9.8%	4.6%	9.8%	8.2%	9.6%	8.5%	8.0%	9.1%	9.1%
Use rarely	3.6%	3.7%	3.4%	2.9%	3.1%	6.7%	4.7%	3.6%	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%	3.1%
Use regularly	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%	.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%
No answer	1.0%	.9%	.9%	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.9%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.0%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.51. HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE - SPEED/AMPHETAMINES												
Never tried	96.5%	96.7%	96.4%	96.1%	97.7%	96.5%	96.6%	95.7%	95.2%	95.3%	97.0%	96.2%
Tried but don't use	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%	.5%	1.2%	2.4%	1.5%	2.3%	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	1.8%
Use rarely	.5%	.1%	.7%	1.0%	.8%	.4%	.4%	.9%	.7%	.9%	.6%	.4%
Use regularly	.3%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.6%	.2%	.3%
No answer	1.1%	1.6%	1.0%	2.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%
Q.52. HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - CARRY A WEAPON												
A lot	.8%	1.3%	.6%	2.4%	1.5%	2.9%	.8%	.9%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%	.6%
Some	.9%	2.0%	.5%	2.4%	.8%	1.8%	.9%	.7%	1.0%	1.5%	.9%	.8%
Not very much	2.4%	4.8%	1.6%	4.4%	7.3%	4.1%	2.7%	1.8%	1.0%	4.4%	1.9%	2.5%
None	95.0%	90.7%	96.5%	89.3%	92.4%	91.2%	94.8%	95.6%	95.5%	91.8%	95.6%	95.2%
No answer	.9%	1.2%	.7%	1.5%	.8%	.8%	.8%	1.1%	1.4%	.9%	.6%	1.0%
Q.52. HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - CHEAT IN SCHOOL												
A lot	5.2%	4.6%	5.4%	7.3%	4.6%	4.7%	5.3%	4.8%	5.9%	4.1%	6.3%	4.6%
Some	18.2%	15.2%	19.3%	19.0%	17.6%	18.8%	19.2%	14.6%	17.6%	18.7%	16.7%	19.5%
Not very much	27.6%	25.9%	28.2%	27.3%	31.3%	27.1%	27.3%	26.7%	30.4%	26.9%	27.2%	27.8%
None	48.1%	53.2%	46.3%	45.9%	45.8%	49.4%	47.3%	52.7%	44.6%	49.4%	48.9%	47.2%
No answer	.9%	1.1%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	.8%	.8%	1.2%	1.4%	.9%	.9%	1.0%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - DO POORLY IN SCHOOL													
A lot	2.2%	1.9%	1.6%	3.4%	4.6%	3.0%	2.4%	1.9%	2.5%	3.1%	2.0%	1.9%	2.0%
Some	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%	6.3%	.8%	3.7%	6.5%	5.5%	5.5%	6.2%	6.4%	5.1%	5.6%
Not very much	12.4%	10.5%	11.7%	8.3%	13.7%	6.7%	7.6%	11.1%	11.9%	10.0%	10.2%	10.9%	11.6%
None	79.0%	81.2%	80.1%	81.0%	79.4%	85.4%	83.5%	80.8%	78.8%	78.9%	80.1%	81.4%	79.8%
No answer	1.2%	.7%	.9%	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%	.8%	.8%	1.2%	1.7%	1.2%	.6%	1.0%
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - DRINK ALCOHOL													
A lot	8.0%	7.7%	8.1%	2.4%	6.1%	9.1%	10.0%	8.2%	5.7%	7.3%	7.3%	7.5%	8.3%
Some	18.2%	18.7%	20.3%	13.7%	4.6%	14.0%	15.3%	19.4%	15.5%	17.6%	15.8%	16.6%	21.3%
Not very much	20.9%	21.4%	21.9%	17.6%	18.3%	18.3%	21.8%	21.9%	19.4%	24.9%	19.3%	22.3%	20.8%
None	51.3%	50.9%	48.2%	63.9%	69.5%	57.3%	52.9%	49.4%	57.3%	47.8%	55.6%	52.4%	48.3%
No answer	1.6%	1.3%	1.4%	2.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	2.1%	2.4%	2.0%	1.3%	1.4%
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - GET GOOD GRADES													
A lot	40.9%	46.3%	44.7%	45.4%	52.7%	49.4%	37.6%	44.8%	44.8%	47.4%	43.9%	47.3%	43.3%
Some	25.9%	25.8%	26.8%	22.0%	19.1%	24.4%	24.7%	25.6%	26.0%	28.0%	26.0%	25.7%	25.7%
Not very much	13.2%	11.1%	11.6%	10.7%	6.9%	12.2%	17.1%	11.1%	12.8%	12.8%	13.2%	11.0%	12.0%
None	18.8%	15.7%	15.7%	20.0%	20.6%	12.8%	20.6%	17.3%	14.8%	10.4%	15.8%	15.2%	17.5%
No answer	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%	1.4%	1.2%	.9%	1.4%



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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - HAVE SEX														
A lot	5.9%	8.4%	5.0%	5.1%	15.1%	2.3%	7.9%	7.6%	6.2%	5.0%	4.8%	7.9%	6.0%	5.4%
Some	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.8%	23.4%	3.8%	8.5%	11.8%	14.8%	9.6%	8.3%	14.0%	12.1%	15.0%
Not very much	22.0%	23.9%	21.4%	22.9%	16.1%	15.3%	27.4%	18.2%	22.5%	19.9%	24.6%	20.8%	23.0%	21.9%
None	57.3%	52.6%	59.0%	57.1%	43.9%	76.3%	55.5%	62.4%	55.5%	64.1%	60.9%	56.4%	58.0%	56.4%
No answer	1.1%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%	1.5%	2.3%	.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	.9%	.9%	1.2%

Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - JOIN A GANG

A lot	.7%	1.2%	.6%	.4%	2.0%	1.5%	1.2%	2.4%	.7%	.7%	.7%	1.5%	.6%	.6%
Some	.7%	1.1%	.6%	.4%	1.5%	3.1%	2.4%	1.2%	.8%	.5%	.5%	1.5%	.6%	.7%
Not very much	3.1%	5.0%	2.5%	2.5%	4.9%	3.1%	7.3%	6.5%	3.4%	2.1%	2.1%	5.8%	3.1%	2.7%
None	94.2%	91.0%	95.3%	95.5%	89.8%	90.8%	86.6%	90.0%	93.9%	95.2%	95.8%	90.1%	94.6%	94.8%
No answer	1.2%	1.7%	1.0%	1.1%	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%

Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - SKIP CLASSES

A lot	3.5%	2.4%	3.9%	2.9%	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%	5.3%	4.0%	2.1%	.7%	4.7%	3.9%	2.7%
Some	12.3%	12.3%	12.4%	11.6%	19.5%	13.7%	12.2%	14.1%	14.3%	7.1%	4.5%	13.7%	13.6%	10.8%
Not very much	22.6%	22.2%	22.7%	22.4%	22.4%	26.0%	23.8%	22.4%	24.1%	19.9%	13.8%	26.3%	22.3%	22.4%
None	60.4%	61.6%	60.0%	62.0%	48.8%	55.7%	56.1%	58.2%	56.5%	69.2%	79.2%	53.8%	59.3%	62.9%
No answer	1.2%	1.5%	1.0%	1.1%	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	1.0%	1.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%	.9%	1.2%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - SMOKE CIGARETTES												
A lot	3.7%	3.0%	4.0%	3.4%	4.4%	2.3%	5.5%	8.2%	4.1%	3.0%	3.5%	3.6%
Some	9.2%	8.2%	9.6%	7.8%	6.1%	10.4%	7.6%	7.6%	9.5%	8.0%	7.6%	8.6%
Not very much	17.2%	19.5%	16.3%	18.2%	8.3%	19.1%	11.6%	16.5%	17.8%	15.1%	17.3%	18.8%
None	68.8%	67.9%	69.1%	67.9%	78.0%	71.0%	70.7%	67.6%	67.8%	72.1%	69.9%	67.8%
No answer	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.8%	.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%
Q.52 HOW MUCH PEER PRESSURE DO YOU FEEL TO - USE DRUGS												
A lot	2.9%	2.9%	2.4%	4.4%	2.3%	4.9%	6.5%	3.0%	2.8%	2.4%	4.4%	2.5%
Some	6.8%	7.0%	6.7%	6.8%	9.3%	4.6%	5.5%	5.3%	7.7%	3.6%	4.5%	6.2%
Not very much	14.0%	15.4%	13.5%	14.9%	8.3%	9.9%	12.2%	12.4%	14.3%	13.0%	14.5%	12.9%
None	75.4%	73.4%	76.1%	74.9%	76.1%	81.7%	75.6%	75.9%	74.2%	79.2%	77.2%	77.4%
No answer	1.0%	1.3%	.9%	.9%	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%	.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%
Q.53 WOULD YOU DYE HAIR BLUE/GREEN/PINK/PURPLE												
Never	70.8%	70.2%	70.9%	70.7%	80.0%	64.1%	65.2%	71.2%	69.5%	74.6%	75.8%	71.8%
Maybe	21.0%	21.0%	21.1%	21.2%	11.2%	29.8%	21.3%	23.5%	22.1%	17.4%	17.3%	21.5%
Definitely	3.9%	5.4%	3.4%	3.8%	2.9%	3.1%	8.5%	1.2%	4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	2.8%
Already have/do	2.9%	1.5%	3.5%	3.0%	1.0%	2.3%	4.3%	4.1%	3.0%	3.2%	2.4%	2.6%
No answer	1.4%	2.0%	1.2%	1.3%	4.9%	.8%	.6%	1.4%	1.4%	1.0%	2.0%	1.3%

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	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.53 WOULD YOU GET A TATTOO													
Never	55.2%	47.4%	50.7%	29.8%	61.1%	53.0%	44.7%	47.6%	56.4%	54.7%	44.7%	50.1%	50.4%
Maybe	34.3%	37.2%	36.0%	38.5%	29.0%	37.8%	45.3%	37.2%	32.9%	34.6%	36.3%	37.4%	35.4%
Definitely	8.4%	13.2%	11.2%	27.8%	8.4%	7.9%	9.4%	12.8%	9.4%	9.3%	17.0%	10.6%	11.9%
Already have/do	1.1%	7.7%	1.0%	2.4%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	1.3%	.2%	.3%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%
No answer	1.3%	.9%	1.2%	1.5%	.8%			1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Q.53 WOULD YOU PIERCE BODY PARTS													
Never	64.9%	37.0%	44.1%	44.4%	55.0%	40.2%	42.4%	43.6%	45.9%	47.1%	42.7%	43.5%	45.7%
Maybe	23.2%	35.5%	32.5%	27.3%	25.2%	38.4%	34.7%	32.4%	31.7%	31.8%	33.6%	32.8%	31.5%
Definitely	6.2%	11.7%	9.7%	13.7%	10.7%	11.6%	10.6%	10.1%	11.4%	9.3%	10.2%	11.5%	9.1%
Already have/do	3.9%	14.7%	12.3%	11.2%	8.4%	9.1%	12.4%	12.7%	9.8%	10.4%	12.3%	10.8%	12.4%
No answer	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%	3.4%	.8%	.6%		1.3%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT CHEATING													
Never talked about it	33.4%	34.3%	34.1%	32.2%	36.6%	30.5%	35.3%	35.8%	29.0%	28.0%	32.2%	34.8%	33.7%
They encourage it	.1%		*					*					.1%
They don't care if I do this or not	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	2.3%	3.0%	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%	1.6%	1.5%
They tell me I should not do this	46.8%	44.6%	47.5%	45.9%	38.9%	49.4%	42.9%	47.2%	44.5%	47.4%	46.8%	45.8%	47.7%
They forbid me to do this	16.1%	18.4%	15.2%	17.6%	20.6%	15.9%	20.0%	14.1%	23.1%	20.8%	17.0%	16.3%	15.8%
No answer	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	2.9%	1.5%	1.2%	.6%	1.3%	1.8%	2.4%	2.3%	1.5%	1.2%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian Amer	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural	

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT DRINKING

Never talked about it	13.5%	13.7%	12.3%	18.5%	21.4%	16.5%	15.3%	14.2%	10.7%	11.1%	14.0%	14.3%	12.3%
They encourage it	.1%	.2%	.1%	.1%	.6%	.6%	.2%	.2%	.3%	.2%	.3%	.2%	.1%
They don't care if I do this or not	5.2%	4.3%	5.5%	4.9%	2.0%	9.8%	5.9%	5.2%	5.3%	5.9%	5.8%	5.4%	4.9%
They tell me I should not do this	48.4%	48.4%	48.4%	50.2%	41.0%	49.4%	41.2%	48.5%	46.6%	53.3%	50.9%	49.0%	47.7%
They forbid me to do this	31.4%	31.5%	31.4%	31.3%	35.9%	22.6%	36.5%	30.6%	35.8%	27.7%	26.6%	30.1%	33.8%
No answer	1.3%	2.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.6%	2.1%	2.3%	1.1%	1.2%

Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT HAVING SEX

Never talked about it	16.9%	21.0%	15.5%	16.0%	13.2%	29.8%	21.8%	18.0%	13.0%	16.3%	18.1%	17.5%	16.1%
They encourage it	.1%	.1%	.1%	*	1.2%	.6%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%
They don't care if I do this or not	4.0%	6.2%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%	3.1%	5.3%	4.7%	2.3%	2.1%	3.8%	4.4%	4.0%
They tell me I should not do this	45.4%	42.4%	46.4%	46.8%	49.3%	44.5%	38.8%	45.9%	43.6%	43.9%	44.7%	46.0%	45.5%
They forbid me to do this	31.8%	28.0%	33.2%	31.6%	29.8%	31.7%	32.9%	29.4%	39.9%	36.0%	31.0%	30.6%	32.8%
No answer	1.6%	2.2%	1.4%	1.6%	2.3%	.6%	.6%	1.7%	1.2%	1.7%	2.3%	1.3%	1.7%

Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT SMOKING

Never talked about it	13.2%	13.5%	13.1%	12.3%	17.1%	13.4%	15.3%	14.3%	9.4%	8.3%	12.9%	13.4%	13.1%
They encourage it	.6%	.5%	.7%	.5%	2.0%	1.8%	.6%	.7%	.4%	.3%	1.2%	.5%	.6%
They don't care if I do this or not	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	1.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	.9%	1.4%
They tell me I should not do this	43.8%	41.8%	44.5%	46.0%	34.6%	44.5%	36.5%	43.6%	44.8%	47.1%	42.7%	44.4%	43.6%
They forbid me to do this	38.0%	39.4%	37.5%	37.4%	39.0%	49.6%	41.8%	37.2%	40.7%	38.1%	36.3%	38.6%	37.8%
No answer	3.1%	3.5%	3.0%	2.7%	5.9%	4.3%	4.7%	3.2%	2.7%	4.2%	4.7%	2.3%	3.5%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic American	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural	
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT STUDYING													
Never talked about it	4.4%	6.0%	3.9%	4.0%	5.4%	5.3%	5.5%	7.6%	4.9%	2.8%	2.4%	2.9%	4.1%
They encourage it	89.2%	85.5%	90.5%	87.3%	88.5%	87.8%	83.5%	88.2%	92.3%	93.4%	91.2%	88.9%	89.1%
They don't care if I do this or not	2.6%	3.5%	2.3%	2.8%	1.5%	1.8%	2.9%	3.1%	1.1%	.7%	1.8%	2.8%	2.5%
They tell me I should not do this	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.4%	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	2.9%	1.6%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%
They forbid me to do this	.5%	1.0%	.3%	.4%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.5%	.7%	.9%	.8%	.2%
No answer	1.7%	2.6%	1.4%	1.6%	2.4%	2.3%	1.2%	2.4%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%	1.9%
Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT USING BIRTH CONTROL													
Never talked about it	52.7%	55.7%	51.6%	53.1%	38.0%	65.6%	53.0%	51.8%	52.5%	52.7%	53.6%	50.3%	54.8%
They encourage it	19.7%	20.2%	19.5%	19.5%	35.6%	7.6%	17.1%	15.9%	21.9%	12.8%	14.2%	18.7%	17.7%
They don't care if I do this or not	2.2%	.7%	2.8%	2.3%	3.9%	1.8%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	1.6%	1.4%	3.5%	1.9%
They tell me I should not do this	9.6%	7.6%	10.3%	10.0%	7.3%	7.6%	9.1%	8.2%	8.6%	13.3%	12.1%	9.9%	10.6%
They forbid me to do this	13.1%	11.7%	13.6%	12.4%	13.7%	16.8%	16.5%	18.2%	11.6%	18.0%	16.3%	14.0%	13.0%
No answer	2.7%	4.0%	2.3%	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%	2.4%	3.5%	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%	3.5%	2.0%
Q.54 HOW HAVE YOUR PARENTS TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT USING ILLEGAL DRUGS													
Never talked about it	21.3%	20.4%	21.6%	20.6%	19.0%	29.8%	23.2%	22.9%	22.1%	18.1%	19.4%	18.4%	21.4%
They encourage it	.2%	.1%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	.1%
They don't care if I do this or not	.5%	.2%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.4%	.4%	.3%	.6%
They tell me I should not do this	21.8%	20.4%	22.3%	22.6%	16.1%	17.6%	23.8%	17.6%	21.3%	23.3%	24.9%	26.3%	23.6%
They forbid me to do this	55.0%	56.7%	54.3%	54.7%	63.4%	51.1%	50.6%	57.6%	54.5%	56.9%	54.0%	53.5%	53.0%
No answer	1.3%	2.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%





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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	African Amer	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural	

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: CHEAT IN SCHOOL													
Yes	10.6%	9.9%	10.9%	11.1%	8.8%	6.9%	14.0%	7.1%	11.2%	8.7%	8.3%	9.4%	10.2%
No	39.4%	39.5%	39.3%	38.8%	41.5%	51.1%	40.2%	35.3%	40.8%	34.3%	38.8%	39.5%	40.2%
Not applicable	48.7%	49.1%	48.5%	48.9%	47.8%	39.7%	43.9%	57.1%	46.6%	56.0%	51.2%	50.3%	48.2%
No answer	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%	1.2%	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%	.6%	1.4%	.9%	1.7%	.9%	1.0%

Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Yes	18.6%	18.8%	18.6%	19.2%	12.7%	16.0%	20.7%	17.6%	18.9%	17.4%	21.1%	21.3%	18.2%
No	20.4%	19.4%	20.8%	21.0%	18.5%	9.2%	22.0%	19.4%	21.2%	16.7%	18.7%	21.1%	19.8%
Not applicable	59.7%	60.4%	59.5%	58.6%	67.8%	72.5%	55.5%	62.4%	58.7%	64.8%	58.5%	56.4%	61.1%
No answer	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	2.3%	1.8%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	.9%

Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: HAVE FRIENDS OVER WHEN THEY ARE AWAY

Yes	34.9%	34.3%	35.1%	35.8%	27.8%	26.0%	31.7%	39.4%	37.1%	28.3%	28.4%	32.7%	34.3%
No	11.1%	11.3%	11.0%	11.2%	13.7%	8.4%	8.5%	9.4%	11.4%	8.9%	12.5%	12.0%	11.0%
Not applicable	52.9%	53.2%	52.8%	51.8%	57.1%	63.4%	58.5%	50.6%	50.3%	61.9%	57.8%	54.4%	53.9%
No answer	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.5%	2.3%	1.2%	.6%	1.2%	.9%	1.4%	.9%	1.5%

Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: HAVE SEX

Yes	6.0%	4.3%	6.6%	5.2%	18.5%	8.5%	4.1%	7.1%	7.1%	3.0%	2.4%	8.2%	3.7%
No	12.3%	11.0%	12.8%	11.7%	17.6%	7.6%	15.2%	14.7%	13.4%	9.3%	8.0%	15.2%	9.7%
Not applicable	80.4%	83.2%	79.4%	81.8%	62.4%	90.1%	74.4%	80.6%	78.1%	86.8%	87.9%	75.7%	85.5%
No answer	1.3%	1.6%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	2.3%	1.8%	.6%	1.4%	.9%	1.7%	.9%	1.1%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Cau- casian Amer	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: SMOKE CIGARETTES													
Yes	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	1.0%	6.1%	4.3%	1.2%	3.1%	3.7%	2.1%	3.2%	3.4%
No	10.1%	8.0%	10.7%	10.2%	5.9%	4.6%	11.6%	12.9%	9.9%	10.1%	9.7%	9.9%	8.4%
Not applicable	85.6%	87.6%	85.0%	85.5%	91.2%	87.0%	82.3%	85.3%	85.7%	85.1%	86.5%	85.7%	87.2%
No answer	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.0%
Q.55 DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW YOU: USE ILLEGAL DRUGS													
Yes	1.0%	.7%	1.1%	1.0%	.5%		3.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.0%	1.2%	.8%
No	7.0%	6.6%	7.1%	7.2%	4.9%	5.3%	8.5%	6.5%	7.2%	6.8%	5.9%	7.6%	7.5%
Not applicable	90.7%	91.5%	90.4%	90.6%	92.7%	92.4%	86.6%	91.8%	90.5%	90.7%	91.3%	90.1%	90.7%
No answer	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%	.6%	1.3%	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.1%
Q.56 EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DO THAN FOR YOUR PARENTS TO AFFORD AN EDUCATION													
Easier	27.0%	24.9%	27.7%	25.8%	32.7%	31.3%	31.1%	28.2%	27.0%	26.5%	26.0%	33.3%	24.9%
About the same	17.2%	15.2%	17.9%	17.5%	12.2%	17.6%	17.7%	18.2%	17.0%	19.4%	14.9%	15.5%	17.5%
More difficult	54.9%	59.0%	53.4%	55.9%	53.2%	50.4%	49.4%	52.9%	55.4%	52.3%	58.1%	50.9%	56.7%
No answer	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	2.0%	.8%	1.8%	.6%	.7%	1.8%	1.0%	.3%	.9%
Q.56 EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DO THAN FOR YOUR PARENTS TO BUY A HOUSE													
Easier	15.7%	17.2%	15.1%	13.9%	21.5%	24.4%	23.2%	19.4%	15.5%	16.0%	15.6%	20.2%	15.2%
About the same	29.6%	29.0%	29.8%	30.4%	26.3%	22.9%	34.1%	22.4%	29.4%	30.4%	29.8%	26.9%	32.0%
More difficult	53.6%	52.8%	54.0%	54.6%	50.7%	51.9%	40.9%	57.6%	54.2%	51.8%	53.6%	52.3%	51.7%
No answer	1.1%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.5%	.8%	1.8%	.6%	.9%	1.8%	1.0%	.6%	1.1%

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TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.56 EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DO THAN FOR YOUR PARENTS TO GET A GOOD JOB

Easier	23.8%	25.1%	23.2%	22.4%	33.2%	28.2%	26.8%	24.7%	23.7%	24.2%	23.2%	26.3%	22.3%	24.6%
About the same	31.8%	32.6%	31.5%	32.3%	23.9%	30.5%	37.8%	31.8%	31.3%	33.5%	32.2%	30.1%	31.3%	32.9%
More difficult	43.4%	41.5%	44.1%	44.4%	42.0%	40.5%	34.1%	42.9%	44.3%	40.6%	43.6%	42.7%	45.4%	41.7%
No answer	1.0%	.9%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.8%	1.8%	1.0%	.9%	1.1%	.8%

Q.56 EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DO THAN FOR YOUR PARENTS TO RAISE CHILDREN

Easier	8.6%	9.4%	8.2%	7.3%	16.1%	11.5%	12.8%	10.6%	9.0%	6.2%	5.9%	13.2%	7.6%	8.1%
About the same	28.8%	30.9%	28.0%	28.6%	23.4%	33.6%	34.8%	27.1%	29.0%	27.8%	28.0%	24.3%	29.9%	28.8%
More difficult	61.6%	59.0%	62.6%	63.2%	58.5%	54.2%	51.2%	61.8%	61.3%	64.2%	65.1%	61.4%	61.7%	62.2%
No answer	1.0%	.7%	1.1%	.9%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.8%	1.8%	1.0%	1.2%	.9%	.8%

Q.56 EASIER OR MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DO THAN FOR YOUR PARENTS TO STAY MARRIED

Easier	5.4%	6.6%	4.9%	4.3%	9.3%	7.6%	11.6%	8.2%	5.3%	6.0%	4.2%	9.6%	4.7%	4.4%
About the same	31.8%	33.7%	31.0%	31.5%	30.7%	34.4%	34.8%	32.9%	31.2%	33.6%	35.6%	31.3%	29.4%	33.8%
More difficult	61.9%	58.8%	63.1%	63.4%	58.0%	57.3%	52.4%	58.2%	62.8%	58.4%	59.5%	58.5%	64.9%	61.0%
No answer	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	.8%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.7%	2.0%	.7%	.6%	1.0%	.8%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cay- castian	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q. 57 WHOM DO YOU CONFIDE IN MOST												
Brother/sister	10.0%	10.2%	10.0%	9.5%	9.3%	12.2%	11.2%	9.5%	11.2%	12.1%	10.5%	9.9%
Boyfriend/girlfriend	14.7%	11.6%	15.8%	15.8%	12.2%	5.3%	12.4%	15.8%	11.4%	10.7%	15.8%	16.6%
Female friend	37.5%	16.7%	45.0%	38.6%	30.2%	31.3%	32.3%	38.8%	37.1%	38.4%	35.4%	37.4%
Male friend	14.1%	28.7%	8.9%	14.3%	13.2%	16.8%	13.4%	12.9%	15.5%	13.5%	15.8%	12.6%
Mother	19.8%	17.0%	20.7%	19.5%	26.3%	13.7%	25.0%	16.5%	19.4%	21.5%	18.4%	20.8%
Father	3.7%	8.9%	1.9%	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	5.5%	3.5%	4.3%	3.5%	4.1%	3.9%
Other	3.5%	5.1%	3.0%	2.9%	6.8%	1.5%	7.9%	5.3%	5.2%	4.2%	5.6%	2.8%
I do not confide in others	6.2%	11.7%	4.3%	5.0%	8.3%	15.3%	6.7%	12.9%	4.6%	5.2%	7.9%	5.3%
No answer	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	.8%	2.0%	3.1%	1.2%	.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%	.8%
Q. 58 WHO IS THE PERSON WITH THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR LIFE												
Mother	39.4%	26.2%	44.1%	38.3%	51.7%	37.4%	46.3%	37.6%	40.1%	35.8%	39.5%	40.9%
Father	14.1%	23.9%	10.6%	14.5%	12.2%	10.7%	14.0%	13.5%	17.4%	12.1%	11.7%	14.9%
Brother/sister	6.7%	7.3%	6.5%	6.7%	4.4%	9.2%	7.3%	8.2%	7.3%	8.3%	6.4%	7.3%
Another relative	3.8%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%	9.3%	3.1%	4.9%	4.7%	3.6%	4.2%	3.5%	3.8%
Boyfriend/girlfriend	6.8%	5.2%	7.3%	7.6%	2.0%	3.8%	2.4%	7.1%	5.3%	6.2%	7.6%	7.2%
Female friend	9.5%	5.2%	11.1%	10.2%	3.9%	8.4%	8.5%	8.8%	10.3%	12.5%	9.9%	8.9%
Male friend	4.9%	9.0%	3.4%	4.9%	3.9%	7.6%	3.7%	5.3%	5.2%	3.1%	5.6%	3.5%
Teacher/guidance counselor	4.3%	6.0%	3.7%	4.3%	5.4%	3.1%	3.7%	4.7%	4.2%	4.2%	5.6%	4.2%
Member of the Clergy	1.6%	2.3%	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%
Sports coach	1.7%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%		.6%	2.9%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.4%
Other	6.2%	7.8%	5.6%	6.1%	6.3%	7.6%	4.3%	8.2%	9.1%	6.2%	6.7%	6.4%
I am not influenced by others	8.6%	11.0%	7.8%	7.6%	10.2%	14.5%	11.6%	11.2%	7.5%	6.2%	12.6%	8.0%
No answer	2.1%	1.7%	2.2%	1.9%	3.9%	2.3%	1.2%	2.4%	2.8%	1.4%	2.6%	1.7%



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q.59 HOW STRICT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR PARENTS TO BE:

Very strict	15.7%	12.8%	16.8%	14.6%	23.7%	22.6%	20.6%	15.1%	18.1%	16.6%	16.7%	16.0%	15.3%
Somewhat strict	57.7%	57.7%	58.3%	56.6%	53.4%	55.5%	57.1%	57.1%	57.1%	60.9%	56.4%	56.2%	59.7%
Not very strict	23.2%	26.1%	22.1%	22.4%	18.3%	17.1%	19.4%	24.2%	21.5%	19.4%	20.2%	24.8%	22.5%
Not at all strict	2.8%	2.9%	2.7%	4.4%	3.8%	3.7%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	6.1%	2.5%	1.9%
No answer	.6%	.5%	.7%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.6%	.7%	.7%	.6%	.5%	.7%

q.60 HOW OFTEN DOES YOUR FAMILY EAT DINNER TOGETHER

Every day	24.0%	26.6%	23.0%	13.7%	39.7%	26.2%	34.7%	22.7%	26.3%	32.2%	23.1%	23.4%	24.8%
3 - 5 times per week	40.0%	42.2%	39.3%	43.4%	32.1%	25.6%	33.5%	40.1%	39.5%	40.8%	29.2%	42.0%	41.4%
1 - 2 times per week	21.2%	20.6%	21.4%	20.7%	16.8%	28.0%	17.6%	21.9%	20.8%	16.6%	25.1%	21.0%	20.6%
Almost never	14.3%	10.2%	15.7%	12.3%	11.5%	19.5%	14.1%	14.8%	12.8%	9.7%	22.5%	13.2%	12.4%
No answer	.6%	.4%	.7%	1.5%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.7%	.3%	.3%	.9%

q.61 WHEN YOU HAVE CHILDREN, WILL YOU RAISE THEM THE SAME WAY YOUR PARENTS RAISED YOU

Yes	66.5%	71.6%	64.6%	69.3%	51.2%	52.7%	60.4%	61.2%	65.0%	71.4%	60.2%	66.5%	68.4%
No	32.0%	27.4%	33.6%	29.3%	45.4%	46.6%	37.2%	38.2%	33.4%	27.2%	38.9%	32.0%	29.8%
No answer	1.6%	1.0%	1.8%	1.4%	3.4%	.8%	2.4%	.6%	1.6%	1.4%	.9%	1.5%	1.8%

q.62 IF YOUR MOTHER WORKS, HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN SHE STARTED WORKING

0-3 years old	41.2%	36.7%	42.8%	39.2%	65.4%	42.0%	40.0%	42.4%	37.7%	34.3%	42.1%	42.0%	40.0%
4-9 years old	20.9%	20.6%	21.0%	21.9%	13.2%	14.5%	17.1%	23.5%	21.0%	20.5%	20.8%	20.3%	21.5%
10-12 years old	8.4%	9.1%	8.2%	9.3%	3.8%	6.7%	7.1%	8.4%	8.7%	9.7%	7.0%	8.9%	8.5%
13 years and older	11.3%	13.5%	10.5%	11.5%	10.7%	15.2%	10.6%	11.4%	10.1%	13.5%	10.2%	11.1%	11.8%
My mother doesn't work	16.4%	19.3%	15.4%	16.6%	6.8%	28.2%	18.3%	17.6%	15.5%	20.6%	19.7%	17.5%	16.6%
No answer	1.7%	.7%	2.0%	1.5%	3.9%	.8%	2.4%	1.2%	1.3%	2.3%	2.3%	1.4%	1.7%

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	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cau- casian	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.63 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF													
I am always happy	11.4%	12.3%	11.1%	11.6%	7.8%	13.7%	14.0%	8.2%	11.9%	9.3%	11.1%	8.8%	11.7%
I am happy most of the time	82.0%	81.2%	82.3%	82.5%	83.4%	74.8%	79.9%	81.8%	81.6%	83.6%	78.9%	84.2%	80.7%
I am unhappy most of the time	5.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.1%	7.3%	9.9%	5.5%	9.4%	5.7%	6.2%	9.0%	6.1%	6.8%
I am always unhappy	.2%	.2%	.2%	.2%	1.0%	.8%		.2%	.2%	.4%	.3%		.3%
No answer	.7%	.1%	.9%	.6%	.5%	.8%	.6%	.6%	.7%	.5%	.7%	.9%	.5%
Q.64 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERIZES YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH SUICIDE													
I have considered committing suicide	23.7%	18.9%	25.4%	22.3%	28.3%	35.1%	28.7%	25.9%	23.1%	25.4%	27.7%	27.8%	23.2%
I have tried committing suicide	3.9%	1.0%	4.9%	3.2%	4.9%	5.3%	7.9%	7.6%	3.9%	4.3%	2.8%	4.7%	4.1%
I know someone my age who has tried to commit suicide	45.6%	36.7%	48.7%	46.7%	38.5%	32.8%	43.9%	48.8%	44.5%	51.1%	49.5%	43.6%	44.3%
I know someone my age who has committed suicide	20.9%	17.1%	22.3%	22.1%	17.6%	14.5%	15.9%	18.2%	20.8%	21.4%	21.5%	19.9%	21.8%
None of the above apply	36.3%	44.3%	33.5%	35.8%	42.0%	40.5%	37.8%	33.5%	37.0%	32.9%	32.5%	37.7%	35.4%
No answer	.8%	.9%	.8%	.7%	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%	.7%	.7%	.9%	1.4%	.9%	.7%



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	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	chial	Urban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.65 IF YOU HAVE CONSIDERED COMMITTING SUICIDE, WHY DID YOU DO SO											
A friend committed suicide	.4%	.4%	.5%				.4%	.5%	.3%	.3%	.6%
Break-up of a relationship	3.7%	3.3%	3.6%	3.1%	5.5%	4.1%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%
Divorce/family problems	6.3%	3.2%	7.4%	8.8%	10.4%	8.8%	6.0%	7.1%	7.6%	10.2%	5.7%
Fight with parents	8.7%	5.4%	9.8%	13.2%	15.2%	14.1%	8.8%	8.7%	10.4%	11.7%	7.9%
General depression	19.2%	14.0%	21.0%	22.0%	23.8%	20.6%	18.7%	20.8%	23.2%	22.2%	18.2%
Problems with drugs/alcohol	.6%	.6%	.6%		1.2%	.6%	.5%	.9%	1.0%	.3%	.6%
School pressures	11.5%	9.0%	12.3%	10.8%	13.4%	11.8%	10.9%	13.0%	16.6%	12.3%	10.2%
Other	8.3%	6.2%	9.0%	7.8%	7.9%	8.2%	7.8%	10.0%	9.0%	9.6%	7.6%
I have not considered committing suicide	69.2%	76.1%	66.8%	71.1%	62.8%	67.6%	70.0%	66.9%	67.1%	63.7%	70.5%
No answer	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%	4.1%	4.7%	5.7%	3.1%	4.4%	4.4%
Q.66 IF YOU HAVE CONSIDERED COMMITTING SUICIDE, WHAT DID YOU DO											
I talked to a friend	7.8%	4.8%	8.8%	7.2%	7.3%	10.7%	7.4%	8.7%	9.7%	9.1%	7.1%
I talked to a hotline/professional counselor	2.2%	1.2%	2.6%	2.0%	3.9%	1.5%	2.1%	2.5%	3.5%	3.8%	2.1%
I talked to a parent	2.7%	1.2%	3.1%	2.5%	4.4%	2.3%	2.4%	4.1%	3.8%	3.5%	2.8%
I took anti-depressants	1.4%	.6%	1.7%	1.4%	1.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.8%	2.1%	.6%	1.2%
I worked it through myself/started to feel better	21.8%	17.2%	23.4%	20.4%	33.6%	20.6%	21.5%	22.4%	24.9%	25.4%	21.4%
I have not considered committing suicide	66.8%	73.2%	64.6%	68.4%	61.0%	64.7%	67.4%	65.1%	65.1%	62.9%	68.0%
No answer	7.6%	7.8%	7.5%	7.5%	9.3%	7.1%	7.6%	7.8%	5.9%	6.4%	7.2%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural		
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TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Q.67 IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, WHERE DO YOU HAVE ACCESS														
Friend's house	52.6%	57.7%	50.7%	55.1%	33.7%	60.3%	43.3%	43.5%	54.1%	47.9%	50.2%	46.2%	58.1%	49.6%
Home	54.2%	60.1%	52.1%	56.8%	33.2%	64.1%	41.5%	48.8%	52.0%	64.2%	58.8%	48.8%	65.4%	46.8%
Public library	45.0%	49.3%	43.5%	45.5%	43.9%	58.8%	40.9%	32.9%	45.4%	44.1%	47.8%	46.2%	48.9%	41.8%
School	70.5%	72.4%	69.8%	72.2%	63.9%	67.9%	59.1%	67.6%	74.9%	54.4%	63.3%	59.9%	69.0%	74.6%
Other	8.8%	11.2%	8.0%	8.5%	11.7%	11.5%	11.0%	5.9%	9.4%	6.2%	8.3%	8.8%	9.0%	8.9%
I do not have access to the Internet	6.1%	4.6%	6.6%	4.8%	9.8%	6.1%	14.0%	12.4%	5.4%	8.2%	6.2%	9.1%	5.4%	5.6%
No answer	.9%	.4%	1.1%	.8%	2.0%	.6%	1.8%	.8%	.7%	1.4%	.9%	.5%	1.2%	
Q.68 IF YOU USE THE INTERNET, WHAT DO YOU USE IT FOR														
Chat rooms/newsgroups	36.2%	37.0%	35.9%	36.0%	32.2%	42.7%	32.3%	41.8%	37.9%	31.9%	29.1%	35.1%	38.0%	35.3%
E-mail	57.8%	58.9%	57.4%	60.3%	34.1%	65.6%	43.9%	58.8%	58.1%	58.5%	60.2%	49.4%	63.6%	55.5%
"Surf" randomly	43.4%	57.7%	38.4%	43.6%	39.5%	49.6%	39.0%	42.9%	45.5%	38.3%	40.5%	36.5%	43.5%	45.2%
Find pornography	4.8%	15.1%	1.1%	4.8%	2.4%	6.9%	6.7%	4.1%	5.1%	3.7%	4.5%	3.2%	5.8%	4.4%
Research for school papers	77.3%	76.1%	77.8%	78.7%	69.3%	84.7%	66.5%	72.9%	78.5%	73.5%	79.6%	75.1%	78.4%	77.6%
Find information about news/hobbies/leisure topics	58.4%	67.0%	55.4%	59.2%	53.2%	67.9%	50.0%	55.9%	59.7%	55.3%	58.5%	54.4%	60.0%	58.9%
Other	13.6%	19.9%	11.3%	12.7%	17.6%	13.7%	20.7%	14.7%	14.6%	10.5%	9.7%	17.0%	14.5%	12.1%
I do not use the Internet	10.3%	7.9%	11.1%	9.4%	13.2%	5.3%	17.1%	17.1%	9.2%	14.1%	9.3%	12.3%	10.5%	9.4%
No answer	.9%	.6%	1.0%	.7%	2.4%	.8%	.6%	1.2%	.8%	.7%	1.0%	1.5%	.3%	1.0%
Q.69 DO YOU THINK THE INTERNET HAS HELPED YOU ACADEMICALLY														
Yes	63.8%	66.2%	63.0%	64.1%	59.0%	74.8%	62.2%	60.0%	65.3%	58.2%	65.1%	64.3%	65.3%	62.7%
No	32.2%	29.9%	33.0%	32.5%	33.7%	21.4%	32.3%	34.1%	30.9%	36.5%	32.2%	31.9%	31.2%	33.1%
No answer	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	3.4%	7.3%	3.8%	5.5%	5.9%	3.8%	5.3%	2.8%	3.8%	3.5%	4.3%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural	
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - ATHLETICS/SPORTS														
0-3 hours (1.5)	42.1%	31.0%	46.1%	39.4%	61.5%	50.4%	51.2%	42.9%	43.1%	37.5%	42.2%	52.3%	42.2%	39.7%
4-7 hours (5.5)	19.9%	21.2%	19.5%	20.2%	12.2%	16.8%	23.2%	23.5%	19.8%	21.2%	20.1%	16.4%	20.1%	20.4%
8-10 hours (9)	17.3%	21.0%	16.0%	18.3%	12.2%	17.6%	12.2%	14.1%	16.7%	20.8%	14.5%	16.4%	16.8%	18.0%
11 or more hours (12)	19.9%	26.3%	17.6%	21.4%	13.2%	15.3%	12.8%	19.4%	19.7%	19.8%	22.1%	14.6%	20.6%	21.0%
No answer	.7%	.5%	.8%	.7%	1.0%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.7%	1.0%	.3%	.4%	1.0%
Mean	5.72	6.71	5.36	5.96	4.31	5.09	4.71	5.54	5.64	6.01	5.76	4.93	5.74	5.91
Std Devn	4.17	4.16	4.11	4.18	3.97	4.08	3.83	4.11	4.17	4.10	4.25	4.04	4.19	4.18
Std Err.	.075	.146	.086	.085	.278	.356	.300	.315	.086	.173	.251	.219	.120	.110
Mean Base	3099	816	2280	2406	203	131	163	170	2362	558	286	341	1226	1440
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES														
0-3 hours (1.5)	24.8%	25.9%	24.5%	22.4%	35.6%	23.7%	36.6%	35.3%	24.1%	28.6%	24.6%	32.5%	24.5%	22.6%
4-7 hours (5.5)	36.0%	31.8%	37.6%	36.8%	32.7%	38.9%	29.3%	32.9%	35.7%	36.7%	37.4%	37.7%	34.0%	37.3%
8-10 hours (9)	20.6%	20.6%	20.6%	21.3%	16.1%	22.9%	18.9%	17.6%	21.3%	17.3%	20.4%	16.7%	21.3%	21.2%
11 or more hours (12)	17.1%	20.6%	15.8%	18.2%	13.7%	14.5%	12.8%	13.5%	17.8%	15.5%	15.6%	12.6%	18.8%	17.3%
No answer	1.4%	1.1%	1.5%	1.4%	2.0%	.6%	2.4%	.6%	1.1%	2.0%	2.1%	.6%	1.3%	1.6%
Mean	6.35	6.54	6.28	6.54	5.53	6.30	5.53	5.59	6.45	5.97	6.26	5.60	6.50	6.47
Std Devn	3.63	3.81	3.57	3.60	3.71	3.49	3.74	3.70	3.64	3.65	3.57	3.56	3.70	3.58
Std Err.	.066	.134	.075	.074	.262	.305	.296	.284	.075	.155	.212	.193	.106	.095
Mean Base	3077	811	2263	2390	201	131	160	169	2350	551	283	340	1215	1431

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY			
	Male	Female	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural		
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - INTERNET (GAMES/CHAT ROOMS/E-MAIL)														
0-3 hours (1.5)	83.1%	76.5%	85.5%	83.7%	85.9%	74.0%	82.9%	80.6%	82.6%	84.2%	84.8%	84.5%	81.1%	84.7%
4-7 hours (5.5)	10.8%	15.5%	9.1%	10.8%	7.8%	16.8%	8.5%	11.2%	11.2%	10.0%	9.3%	9.1%	11.9%	10.2%
8-10 hours (9)	3.3%	5.0%	2.7%	3.0%	2.9%	6.9%	4.9%	4.1%	3.7%	2.3%	2.8%	2.9%	4.3%	2.4%
11 or more hours (12)	1.6%	2.3%	1.3%	1.4%	2.0%	1.5%	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%	2.1%	1.7%	2.6%	1.9%	1.2%
No answer	1.2%	.7%	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	1.8%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	.9%	.7%	1.6%
Mean	2.36	2.75	2.22	2.32	2.25	2.86	2.48	2.52	2.39	2.31	2.27	2.37	2.51	2.22
Std Devn	2.16	2.52	2.00	2.09	2.14	2.55	2.44	2.41	2.18	2.16	2.11	2.31	2.35	1.95
Std Err.	.039	.088	.042	.043	.051	.224	.192	.187	.045	.092	.125	.125	.067	.052
Mean Base	3084	814	2267	2398	202	150	162	167	2352	554	285	339	1222	1431
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - INTERNET (RESEARCH)														
0-3 hours (1.5)	86.4%	82.8%	87.6%	87.7%	82.9%	77.9%	81.7%	82.9%	85.5%	90.2%	87.9%	85.7%	85.6%	87.1%
4-7 hours (5.5)	9.3%	11.5%	8.6%	8.4%	10.7%	14.5%	14.0%	11.8%	10.0%	6.4%	8.0%	8.2%	10.1%	9.0%
8-10 hours (9)	1.9%	3.2%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	4.6%	1.8%	2.4%	2.1%	.7%	1.7%	3.5%	1.7%	1.5%
11 or more hours (12)	1.2%	1.3%	1.1%	.9%	2.9%	3.1%	1.2%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	.7%	1.2%	1.7%	.8%
No answer	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%	.9%	1.6%
Mean	2.15	2.35	2.07	2.06	2.40	2.74	2.36	2.34	2.19	1.96	2.03	2.22	2.22	2.07
Std Devn	1.87	2.11	1.77	1.74	2.31	2.60	2.00	2.13	1.91	1.68	1.67	2.03	2.00	1.71
Std Err.	.034	.074	.037	.036	.063	.227	.157	.164	.039	.071	.099	.111	.057	.045
Mean Base	3081	810	2268	2392	202	131	162	168	2349	555	284	337	1220	1431

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	SEX		RACE			TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural

	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	5.78	4.66	4.63	2.98	4.54	5.38	5.91	5.18	5.35	5.09	5.44	6.24	4.61	4.65
0-3 hours (1.5)	47.9%	48.1%	60.0%	77.9%	60.4%	45.3%	47.0%	53.0%	52.2%	55.0%	51.3%	43.5%	10.6%	10.5%
4-7 hours (5.5)	10.6%	10.8%	7.8%	7.6%	8.5%	20.6%	10.5%	12.5%	8.3%	9.9%	11.5%	10.5%	11.0%	11.1%
8-10 hours (9)	27.9%	27.4%	30.5%	7.6%	9.8%	7.1%	11.0%	8.5%	13.1%	8.2%	10.3%	12.4%	2.4%	2.6%
11 or more hours (12)	1.8%	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%	3.7%	4.7%	2.2%	2.7%	3.5%	3.5%	1.7%	2.5%	5.8%	6.4%
No answer	5.87	5.75	6.12	4.63	4.54	5.38	5.91	5.18	5.35	5.09	5.44	6.24	4.61	4.65
Mean	4.66	4.60	4.41	3.22	4.27	4.30	4.64	4.65	4.51	4.50	4.53	4.65	4.66	4.65
Std Devn	0.84	0.97	0.95	0.25	0.34	0.38	0.09	0.19	0.27	0.24	0.30	0.24	0.84	0.97
Std Err.	3045	805	2378	128	158	162	2324	547	279	330	1210	1417	3045	805
Mean Base	Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT													

	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	61.7%	60.4%	61.6%	59.5%	67.9%	66.5%	61.5%	62.5%	63.7%	58.2%	63.5%	60.9%	23.3%	23.8%
0-3 hours (1.5)	8.1%	8.1%	7.6%	8.3%	6.9%	11.2%	8.4%	7.1%	7.6%	10.2%	7.5%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%
4-7 hours (5.5)	5.8%	6.4%	5.8%	7.3%	5.5%	4.1%	5.4%	7.8%	4.8%	5.8%	6.1%	5.4%	5.8%	4.0%
8-10 hours (9)	1.1%	1.2%	.9%	.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.0%	1.1%	1.4%	.6%	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%	.6%
11 or more hours (12)	3.67	3.42	3.67	3.85	4.03	3.46	3.67	3.74	3.51	3.90	3.60	3.68	3.18	2.98
Mean	0.57	0.104	0.065	0.237	0.262	0.244	0.065	0.142	0.182	0.25	0.091	0.083	0.57	0.104
Std Devn	3087	815	2403	201	161	167	2354	556	285	340	1219	1436	3087	815
Std Err.	Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - READING FOR PLEASURE													



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	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cau- casian	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - SOCIAL LIFE												
0-3 hours (1.5)	15.8%	18.8%	14.8%	13.1%	24.9%	29.0%	25.3%	15.9%	14.8%	16.3%	17.5%	15.7%
4-7 hours (5.5)	31.2%	30.0%	31.7%	29.9%	42.9%	35.1%	31.8%	30.6%	35.2%	31.1%	33.9%	32.1%
8-10 hours (9)	27.1%	26.3%	27.5%	29.2%	17.1%	22.9%	23.5%	27.1%	26.0%	29.8%	25.4%	26.9%
11 or more hours (12)	24.0%	23.7%	24.0%	26.0%	12.2%	11.5%	18.2%	24.5%	22.6%	21.5%	22.2%	23.6%
No answer	1.9%	1.2%	2.1%	1.8%	2.9%	1.5%	1.2%	1.9%	1.4%	1.4%	.9%	1.7%
Mean	7.41	7.23	7.47	7.73	5.91	5.89	6.51	7.44	7.31	7.31	7.15	7.38
Std Devn	3.55	3.67	3.51	3.46	3.38	3.52	3.72	3.57	3.47	3.51	3.57	3.55
Std Err.	.064	.129	.074	.071	.240	.310	.287	.074	.147	.208	.194	.102
Mean Base	3063	810	2250	2381	199	129	168	2332	554	285	339	1210

Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - STUDYING/HOMEWORK

0-3 hours (1.5)	17.0%	23.0%	14.8%	17.0%	25.4%	5.3%	16.5%	14.1%	18.8%	13.0%	5.9%	15.2%
4-7 hours (5.5)	31.8%	31.2%	32.0%	32.3%	32.7%	19.1%	29.9%	35.3%	33.0%	28.3%	27.3%	30.1%
8-10 hours (9)	24.7%	21.8%	25.7%	25.3%	23.9%	27.5%	25.6%	15.3%	24.2%	25.8%	27.3%	26.3%
11 or more hours (12)	24.8%	22.7%	25.6%	23.6%	17.1%	47.3%	26.2%	34.1%	22.5%	30.8%	36.7%	27.2%
No answer	1.7%	1.2%	1.9%	1.8%	1.0%	.8%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	2.1%	2.8%	1.5%
Mean	7.33	6.83	7.51	7.27	6.44	9.35	7.48	7.71	7.08	7.94	8.69	7.61
Std Devn	3.63	3.79	3.55	3.60	3.68	3.10	3.65	3.73	3.64	3.57	3.19	3.60
Std Err.	.066	.133	.075	.074	.258	.272	.288	.288	.075	.152	.190	.196
Mean Base	3068	810	2255	2380	203	130	161	168	2343	550	281	338

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Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - VOLUNTEERING	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri-can Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Chial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0-3 hours (1.5)	66.9%	71.7%	65.1%	67.5%	66.3%	55.7%	67.7%	64.1%	67.6%	64.1%	59.5%	65.5%
4-7 hours (5.5)	23.8%	20.1%	25.2%	23.8%	21.5%	32.1%	23.2%	23.5%	23.1%	27.2%	30.8%	24.6%
8-10 hours (9)	5.5%	5.0%	5.7%	5.2%	7.3%	7.6%	6.1%	5.9%	5.6%	5.2%	4.8%	5.6%
11 or more hours (12)	2.6%	2.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	4.6%	1.8%	3.5%	2.7%	1.8%	2.8%	3.2%
No answer	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	.9%	2.4%		1.2%	2.9%	.9%	1.8%	2.1%	1.2%
Mean	3.16	2.90	3.25	3.12	3.20	3.84	3.10	3.31	3.15	3.19	3.43	3.26
Std Devn	2.68	2.52	2.73	2.64	2.76	3.01	2.60	2.84	2.69	2.56	2.69	2.77
Std Err.	.048	.088	.057	.054	.195	.263	.204	.221	.056	.109	.160	.151
Mean Base	3084	810	2272	2401	200	131	162	165	2355	552	283	338
Q.70 ON AVERAGE, HOW MANY HOURS EACH WEEK DO YOU SPEND DOING - WATCHING TV												
0-3 hours (1.5)	38.4%	29.0%	41.6%	40.3%	21.5%	32.8%	42.1%	33.5%	37.5%	40.9%	41.2%	38.9%
4-7 hours (5.5)	32.6%	34.9%	31.9%	33.2%	22.9%	29.0%	35.4%	37.1%	33.2%	31.0%	32.9%	30.7%
8-10 hours (9)	16.3%	19.1%	15.3%	15.3%	24.9%	24.4%	12.2%	18.2%	16.3%	16.9%	15.2%	15.2%
11 or more hours (12)	11.8%	16.3%	10.1%	10.3%	30.2%	13.7%	9.1%	10.0%	12.2%	10.1%	10.0%	14.9%
No answer	.9%	.6%	1.0%	.9%	.5%		1.2%	1.2%	.8%	1.1%	.7%	.3%
Mean	5.30	6.07	5.02	5.09	7.49	5.94	6.83	5.45	5.36	5.11	5.03	5.45
Std Devn	3.63	3.70	3.57	3.55	3.93	3.74	3.44	3.47	3.64	3.59	3.55	3.80
Std Err.	.065	.129	.075	.073	.275	.327	.271	.268	.075	.152	.210	.206
Mean Base	3092	815	2274	2401	204	131	162	168	2357	556	287	341



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TOTAL	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Cau- casian	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Pri- vate	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q-71 WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING YOUR GENERATION TODAY													
AIDS	7.6%	7.0%	6.7%	15.1%	5.3%	12.2%	6.5%	8.2%	5.5%	5.9%	10.5%	6.7%	7.4%
Crime/violence	15.2%	12.4%	16.1%	25.9%	16.0%	20.1%	24.7%	15.6%	13.5%	13.5%	21.3%	12.8%	15.4%
Drugs	11.4%	11.3%	11.5%	10.8%	12.2%	13.0%	14.7%	12.7%	6.4%	11.4%	13.2%	9.3%	12.8%
Lack of job opportunities	1.1%	1.5%	.9%	.8%	2.9%	1.2%	2.9%	1.3%	.2%	.3%	1.8%	1.0%	.9%
Cost of college	4.3%	4.6%	4.2%	4.0%	5.9%	4.6%	5.9%	4.5%	3.9%	2.8%	5.6%	4.3%	4.0%
Declining moral and/or social values	45.6%	45.6%	45.6%	31.7%	48.1%	29.9%	36.5%	42.5%	56.8%	49.8%	37.4%	48.5%	45.4%
Inadequate education	3.1%	3.4%	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	.8%	4.1%	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	2.5%
Lack of motivation or direction	13.8%	17.8%	12.4%	13.7%	11.7%	11.5%	18.3%	12.9%	10.7%	12.1%	12.0%	15.6%	12.9%
No answer	1.5%	.9%	1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	3.1%	1.2%	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	2.0%
Q-71 WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE SECOND BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING YOUR GENERATION TODAY													
AIDS	7.4%	6.6%	7.7%	6.8%	10.2%	6.1%	8.5%	11.2%	7.3%	7.1%	9.1%	7.2%	7.0%
Crime/violence	19.1%	18.5%	19.4%	19.2%	22.9%	20.6%	18.9%	12.4%	19.5%	18.5%	19.6%	16.7%	20.8%
Drugs	16.8%	15.7%	17.1%	17.1%	13.2%	16.0%	14.0%	18.8%	16.5%	17.3%	15.8%	16.5%	17.1%
Lack of job opportunities	2.6%	2.1%	2.7%	1.7%	7.3%	4.6%	4.9%	4.7%	1.8%	.3%	3.2%	1.9%	2.9%
Cost of college	6.2%	6.7%	6.0%	5.9%	4.9%	9.2%	7.1%	6.6%	4.6%	5.5%	6.7%	6.5%	5.8%
Declining moral and/or social values	17.3%	17.1%	17.4%	17.0%	17.1%	15.3%	22.0%	17.9%	14.8%	18.3%	19.3%	17.1%	17.2%
Inadequate education	6.1%	7.4%	5.6%	5.4%	8.8%	6.9%	7.6%	6.1%	6.2%	5.5%	6.4%	6.7%	5.5%
Lack of motivation or direction	26.4%	28.8%	25.5%	27.3%	25.4%	22.9%	25.3%	24.7%	32.4%	27.7%	23.7%	28.1%	25.9%
No answer	1.6%	1.1%	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	3.8%	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.7%	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Cay- casian Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.71 WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE THIRD BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING YOUR GENERATION TODAY													
AIDS	8.9%	9.3%	8.8%	8.6%	9.3%	7.6%	11.0%	12.9%	9.2%	7.7%	11.1%	8.2%	8.4%
Crime/violence	21.9%	22.0%	21.9%	22.2%	20.5%	19.8%	20.7%	21.8%	20.7%	26.9%	23.5%	25.1%	22.8%
Drugs	18.0%	18.2%	18.0%	19.3%	14.1%	14.5%	13.4%	14.7%	18.6%	16.5%	15.9%	14.6%	17.5%
Lack of job opportunities	3.5%	4.1%	3.3%	3.3%	6.8%	2.3%	3.7%	3.5%	3.8%	2.1%	3.5%	4.1%	3.0%
Cost of college	9.7%	10.6%	9.4%	9.7%	8.3%	9.9%	11.6%	10.6%	10.5%	5.9%	9.7%	10.2%	9.4%
Declining moral and/or social values	10.3%	9.4%	10.7%	9.5%	14.6%	11.5%	11.0%	14.1%	10.3%	10.0%	11.8%	11.1%	10.6%
Inadequate education	8.5%	9.8%	8.1%	8.2%	9.3%	9.9%	11.6%	8.8%	7.7%	11.2%	10.0%	10.5%	8.8%
Lack of motivation or direction	19.1%	17.0%	19.9%	18.9%	23.4%	20.6%	16.5%	17.1%	19.6%	19.0%	13.5%	17.0%	19.3%
No answer	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.5%	5.3%	3.0%	2.9%	2.1%	1.8%	2.1%	2.9%	1.5%
Q.72 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU WANT MOST IN LIFE													
Career success	22.0%	21.6%	22.1%	18.3%	42.4%	32.1%	36.6%	25.9%	23.7%	18.0%	13.5%	27.8%	20.7%
Fame	1.0%	1.5%	.8%	.9%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	1.0%	1.1%	.3%	2.3%	.5%
Family	40.8%	37.7%	41.9%	43.1%	35.6%	29.8%	26.8%	38.8%	39.2%	45.9%	43.9%	37.7%	38.5%
Friends	8.8%	10.9%	8.1%	9.3%	3.9%	8.4%	5.5%	10.6%	8.6%	10.0%	10.0%	9.1%	9.1%
Money	4.1%	6.6%	3.2%	3.4%	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%	7.6%	4.4%	3.0%	3.5%	5.0%	4.1%
Security	11.7%	10.5%	12.1%	12.0%	8.8%	9.2%	11.6%	12.4%	12.2%	10.0%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%
Sense of personal contribution to society	15.7%	16.2%	15.4%	16.0%	11.7%	11.5%	18.3%	17.1%	15.2%	16.0%	20.4%	16.4%	18.3%
Social status	.8%	1.3%	.6%	.7%	1.0%	2.3%	.9%	2.4%	.8%	.9%	.3%	.9%	1.1%
No answer	2.9%	2.6%	3.1%	3.0%	3.4%	3.1%	2.4%	1.8%	2.8%	3.2%	3.5%	1.8%	2.9%

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SEX	RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Urban

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - AFRICAN-AMERICANS												
Very	.8%	1.5%	.5%	.8%	.8%	.6%	1.2%	.8%	.9%	.3%	1.1%	.8%
Somewhat	14.4%	19.5%	12.5%	15.5%	2.4%	17.6%	10.0%	13.4%	17.6%	19.0%	12.6%	17.1%
Not at all	84.0%	78.3%	86.0%	82.9%	96.6%	80.9%	87.1%	84.9%	80.8%	79.6%	86.8%	81.1%
No answer	.9%	.7%	1.0%	.8%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	.9%	.7%	1.0%	.6%	.8%

Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - ASIAN-AMERICANS												
Very	.4%	1.0%	.2%	.4%	.5%	.8%	.6%	.3%	.5%	.7%	.3%	.6%
Somewhat	7.5%	12.2%	5.8%	7.7%	5.4%	6.1%	7.9%	7.1%	10.0%	8.0%	5.3%	8.4%
Not at all	91.2%	85.9%	93.0%	91.0%	93.2%	92.4%	90.9%	91.6%	89.0%	90.3%	94.2%	90.3%
No answer	.9%	1.0%	.9%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	1.2%	1.0%	.5%	1.0%	.3%	.6%

Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - CAUCASIANS												
Very	.2%	.5%	.1%	.1%	1.5%	.6%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.5%	.1%
Somewhat	3.7%	4.1%	3.4%	2.2%	14.1%	11.5%	2.9%	3.5%	4.3%	3.5%	6.1%	4.2%
Not at all	95.0%	94.1%	95.4%	96.7%	84.9%	86.3%	90.9%	94.1%	94.3%	95.2%	93.3%	94.5%
No answer	1.1%	1.2%	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	1.8%	2.4%	1.1%	1.0%	.6%	.8%

Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - HISPANICS												
Very	1.3%	2.1%	1.1%	1.5%	3.8%	.6%	.6%	1.5%	1.1%	.7%	.6%	1.6%
Somewhat	14.0%	16.7%	13.1%	15.6%	19.1%	4.3%	5.9%	13.2%	18.0%	17.6%	9.6%	15.8%
Not at all	83.5%	79.9%	84.8%	81.9%	92.7%	76.3%	93.9%	84.2%	80.1%	80.3%	89.2%	81.7%
No answer	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	.8%	1.8%	2.4%	1.1%	.9%	.6%	.9%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Cau-Asian	Afri-Asian	His-panic	Other	Public	Pri-vate	Chrital	Urban	Subur-ban	Rural

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - HOMOSEXUALS												
Very	14.6%	23.7%	11.4%	16.2%	7.8%	10.7%	4.9%	12.9%	13.5%	19.4%	12.8%	10.5%
Somewhat	32.5%	32.4%	32.4%	34.2%	29.3%	24.4%	30.5%	21.2%	31.6%	35.4%	35.6%	27.5%
Not at all	52.2%	43.7%	55.3%	49.0%	62.4%	64.9%	62.8%	64.7%	54.3%	44.1%	50.9%	61.4%
No answer	.7%	.2%	.9%	.7%	.5%	.5%	1.8%	1.2%	.6%	1.1%	.7%	.6%

Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - JEWS												
Very	-4%	-7%	.3%	.3%	.5%	.8%		.6%	.3%	.7%	.3%	.6%
Somewhat	4.4%	6.7%	3.6%	4.4%	2.4%	6.9%	6.7%	2.9%	3.4%	6.8%	9.3%	6.4%
Not at all	94.2%	91.6%	95.2%	94.4%	96.1%	91.6%	91.5%	94.1%	95.3%	91.6%	89.3%	92.7%
No answer	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	.8%	1.8%	2.4%	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	.6%

Q.73 ARE YOU PREJUDICED AGAINST - MUSLIMS												
Very	.8%	1.6%	.5%	.7%	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%	.6%	.5%	1.6%	2.4%	.6%
Somewhat	7.5%	10.1%	6.6%	8.3%	2.4%	8.4%	7.3%	2.9%	5.8%	14.4%	13.5%	9.6%
Not at all	90.6%	87.2%	91.8%	90.1%	95.6%	88.5%	89.6%	93.5%	92.6%	83.1%	83.0%	88.6%
No answer	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	.9%	1.0%	1.5%	1.8%	2.9%	1.1%	.9%	1.0%	.8%

Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICANS, WHY												
I have moral/ religious convictions	1.4%	1.6%	1.3%	1.4%	1.0%	3.1%	.6%	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	1.7%	1.5%
It would hurt my image	.3%	.7%	.2%	.3%	.5%	.8%		.6%	.3%	.2%	.3%	.4%
I have nothing in common with them	2.7%	4.3%	2.1%	2.9%	1.5%	2.4%	2.4%	3.5%	2.4%	3.6%	4.2%	2.0%
I feel uncomfortable around them	9.6%	12.4%	8.6%	10.5%	.5%	11.5%	10.4%	5.3%	9.0%	11.9%	11.4%	7.0%
I am not prejudiced against	80.3%	74.8%	82.4%	79.5%	89.8%	78.6%	81.7%	81.8%	81.2%	77.4%	78.9%	82.2%
No answer	5.7%	6.2%	5.4%	5.4%	8.3%	4.6%	4.9%	7.6%	5.6%	5.7%	3.5%	7.3%

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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural	
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST ASIAN-AMERICANS, WHY													
I have moral/ religious convictions	.6%	.6%	.6%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.6%	.5%	.7%	.6%	.6%	.7%	.7%
It would hurt my image	.2%	.4%	.1%	.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.1%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.1%
I have nothing in common with them	2.7%	4.0%	2.2%	2.0%	3.7%	3.5%	2.2%	4.6%	3.5%	1.8%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%
I feel uncomfortable around them	3.7%	6.8%	2.6%	3.9%	2.4%	2.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	2.0%	3.7%	3.7%	4.2%
I am not prejudiced against them	87.0%	81.5%	88.9%	86.3%	87.8%	83.5%	87.2%	85.2%	88.6%	88.9%	86.4%	86.4%	87.3%
No answer	6.0%	6.7%	5.7%	8.8%	6.1%	7.6%	6.1%	5.5%	3.1%	7.3%	5.9%	5.9%	5.2%
Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST CAUCASIANS, WHY													
I have moral/ religious convictions	.4%	.4%	.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	.4%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.2%	.3%
It would hurt my image	.1%	.2%	*	.5%	1.2%	1.8%	*	.9%	.3%	.6%	.1%	.1%	.1%
I have nothing in common with them	.8%	.7%	.9%	3.9%	1.2%	1.8%	.9%	.9%	.9%	.6%	1.3%	1.3%	.5%
I feel uncomfortable around them	1.9%	2.1%	1.8%	6.3%	4.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.0%	1.4%	4.4%	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%
I am not prejudiced against them	90.7%	89.8%	91.2%	78.0%	87.8%	87.1%	90.6%	90.6%	94.5%	88.0%	90.3%	90.3%	92.4%
No answer	6.1%	6.8%	5.8%	9.8%	6.1%	7.6%	6.1%	6.4%	3.5%	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	5.2%

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	SEX		RACE					TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri- can Amer	Asian Amer	His- panic	Other	Public	Private	Paro- chial	Urban	Subur- ban	Rural	

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST HISPANICS, WHY

I have moral/ religious convictions	1.1%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%	2.3%	.6%	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%
It would hurt my image	.3%	.7%	.1%	.3%	.8%		.3%	.2%	.3%		.4%		.3%
I have nothing in common with them	3.1%	5.5%	2.3%	3.5%	3.8%	.5%	2.4%	2.8%	3.9%	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%	3.0%
I feel uncomfortable around them	9.4%	8.8%	9.6%	10.6%	12.2%	2.4%	3.5%	9.3%	11.2%	9.7%	5.3%	10.2%	10.0%
I am not prejudiced against them	79.8%	76.5%	81.0%	78.5%	74.8%	90.9%	84.7%	80.4%	76.3%	79.2%	84.5%	78.0%	80.3%
No answer	6.3%	7.1%	6.0%	5.8%	6.1%	6.1%	8.2%	6.2%	6.9%	4.2%	6.7%	6.8%	5.2%

Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS, WHY

I have moral/ religious convictions	28.2%	32.3%	26.7%	31.1%	23.4%	15.3%	19.4%	25.5%	39.0%	28.0%	18.1%	23.4%	34.9%
It would hurt my image	.4%	.5%	.3%	.3%	.6%	.6%	.6%	.4%	.2%	.3%	.5%	.2%	.2%
I have nothing in common with them	1.6%	2.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.0%	.8%	.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	2.6%	1.2%	1.7%
I feel uncomfortable around them	17.0%	19.3%	16.2%	17.6%	12.7%	16.0%	14.1%	17.6%	14.1%	19.7%	16.1%	16.1%	18.0%
I am not prejudiced against them	48.5%	41.1%	51.2%	45.5%	55.6%	63.4%	60.0%	50.5%	40.9%	48.4%	57.3%	53.8%	42.0%
No answer	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%	3.9%	4.6%	6.1%	5.3%	4.4%	4.4%	2.4%	5.6%	5.0%	3.2%



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	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian American	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST JEWS, WHY													
I have moral/ religious convictions	2.2%	2.4%	2.2%	1.0%	1.5%	1.8%	1.7%	4.3%	3.5%	1.2%	2.1%	2.7%	2.7%
It would hurt my image	.1%	.4%	.1%	.6%	.3%	.1%	.2%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.2%	.1%	.1%
I have nothing in common with them	.9%	2.0%	.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.8%	.8%	.5%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	.6%	.6%
I feel uncomfortable around them	1.4%	2.9%	.9%	1.3%	3.1%	3.7%	1.1%	2.5%	3.1%	2.6%	1.5%	1.1%	1.1%
I am not prejudiced against	89.5%	86.1%	90.7%	89.3%	88.5%	87.2%	90.5%	86.3%	88.2%	86.8%	89.3%	90.6%	90.6%
No answer	5.9%	6.2%	5.4%	8.8%	5.3%	6.7%	5.8%	6.2%	3.5%	8.2%	5.8%	4.9%	4.9%
Q.74 IF YOU ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST MUSLIMS, WHY													
I have moral/ religious convictions	4.6%	5.5%	4.3%	2.9%	1.5%	1.8%	2.9%	10.1%	8.0%	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%
It would hurt my image	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%	* .1%
I have nothing in common with them	1.4%	2.8%	1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	2.4%	1.3%	2.0%	3.1%	1.5%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%
I feel uncomfortable around them	2.3%	3.8%	1.7%	2.3%	5.3%	3.7%	1.2%	4.1%	4.2%	2.6%	3.0%	1.6%	1.6%
I am not prejudiced against	85.9%	81.7%	87.4%	88.3%	86.3%	86.6%	85.9%	78.1%	81.7%	83.9%	85.1%	87.1%	87.1%
No answer	5.8%	6.1%	5.6%	8.8%	5.3%	5.5%	8.2%	5.7%	3.1%	7.3%	5.8%	5.0%	5.0%
Q.75 WHETHER BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY													
Should be permitted	51.2%	46.1%	53.0%	49.7%	64.9%	55.5%	58.2%	54.4%	39.0%	52.6%	57.0%	53.6%	47.5%
Should not be permitted	47.1%	52.8%	45.1%	48.7%	34.4%	43.3%	40.0%	44.0%	59.4%	45.3%	41.2%	44.8%	50.8%
No answer	1.7%	1.1%	1.9%	1.7%	.8%	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	1.5%	1.8%

29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

TOTAL	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL				COMMUNITY	
	Male	Female	Afri-Can Amer	Asian Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Chial	Urban	Suburban	Rural

TOTAL 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0%

Q.75 WHETHER BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO COACH YOUTH SPORTS

Should be permitted	66.0%	54.9%	69.9%	63.8%	75.1%	79.4%	73.2%	67.1%	68.5%	55.7%	68.9%	74.3%	70.8%	60.0%
Should not be permitted	32.4%	43.9%	28.4%	34.6%	22.4%	19.8%	25.6%	31.8%	30.2%	42.2%	28.4%	24.0%	27.8%	38.4%
No answer	1.6%	1.2%	1.7%	1.6%	2.4%	.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	2.1%	2.8%	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%

Q.75 WHETHER BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENLIST IN THE MILITARY

Should be permitted	74.9%	63.8%	78.9%	73.2%	85.9%	83.2%	78.0%	77.6%	77.5%	64.6%	76.8%	77.5%	78.7%	71.1%
Should not be permitted	23.5%	34.9%	19.5%	25.2%	12.2%	16.0%	20.7%	21.2%	21.1%	33.6%	21.1%	21.3%	20.0%	27.2%
No answer	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%	2.0%	.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.8%	2.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.7%

Q.75 WHETHER BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEAD A GIRL/BOY SCOUT TROOP

Should be permitted	61.1%	51.7%	64.4%	59.5%	65.4%	77.9%	62.2%	64.1%	64.0%	49.6%	63.7%	67.3%	66.6%	55.2%
Should not be permitted	37.2%	47.0%	33.8%	38.9%	32.7%	21.4%	36.0%	34.1%	34.5%	48.6%	33.9%	31.3%	32.1%	42.9%
No answer	1.7%	1.3%	1.8%	1.7%	2.0%	.8%	1.8%	1.8%	1.5%	1.8%	2.4%	1.5%	1.3%	1.9%

Q.75 WHETHER BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO TEACH STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS

Should be permitted	70.7%	63.3%	73.3%	69.2%	77.6%	84.0%	72.0%	71.8%	74.0%	58.7%	73.4%	76.6%	76.9%	64.8%
Should not be permitted	27.7%	35.4%	25.0%	29.1%	21.0%	15.3%	26.8%	27.1%	24.7%	39.3%	24.6%	22.2%	21.9%	33.4%
No answer	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%	.8%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	2.0%	2.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.9%

Q.76 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF

Bi-sexual	1.1%	1.6%	1.0%	.9%	1.0%	1.5%	3.0%	2.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.4%	2.6%	.9%	.8%
Heterosexual	95.2%	93.8%	95.7%	96.3%	95.1%	94.7%	86.0%	88.2%	94.7%	96.8%	97.2%	92.1%	96.2%	95.6%
Homosexual	.7%	.7%	.7%	.8%	.8%	.8%	1.2%	.6%	.8%	.5%	.3%	.3%	1.0%	.6%
Uncertain	1.7%	3.0%	1.2%	1.3%	2.0%	2.3%	3.7%	5.3%	2.0%	.9%	.3%	3.5%	1.2%	1.6%
No answer	1.2%	.9%	1.4%	.7%	2.0%	1.5%	6.1%	3.5%	1.4%	.7%	.7%	1.5%	.7%	1.4%



29TH ANNUAL SURVEY OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

	SEX		RACE				TYPE OF SCHOOL			COMMUNITY		
	Male	Female	Caucasian Amer	African Amer	Hispanic	Other	Public	Private	Parochial	Urban	Suburban	Rural
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Q.77 WHICH DO YOU THINK ARE POTENTIAL RESULTS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES IN THE U.S.												
It will be harder to get into the college I want	52.4%	42.7%	49.9%	22.4%	38.2%	26.8%	30.0%	45.6%	45.2%	44.3%	41.5%	43.7%
It will be harder to get the job I want	54.9%	44.1%	52.4%	22.4%	29.0%	21.3%	38.8%	47.5%	46.8%	42.6%	36.5%	47.9%
Society will be more fair to minorities	39.4%	43.8%	38.7%	63.4%	44.3%	59.1%	56.5%	43.0%	41.3%	44.3%	47.7%	41.0%
No answer	11.8%	8.5%	12.9%	11.4%	10.7%	13.4%	8.8%	11.2%	13.5%	12.8%	11.4%	10.9%

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## **CHEATING AND SUCCEEDING: RECORD NUMBERS OF TOP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE ETHICAL SHORTCUTS**

*Who's Who Finds Troubling Trends, Some Good News  
in 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey of High Achievers*

### **Prejudice, Cheating, Birth Control Use on the Rise; Drinking and Driving Decline**

**LAKE FOREST, IL** – Four out of five teens at the top of their classes say they got there the easy way, according to this year's poll of students honored in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. A full 80 percent admit to having cheated during their impressive academic careers, the highest percentage in the 29-year history of the survey. Most students seem blasé about their own ethical slips (53 percent say it was "no big deal") and virtually all (95%) avoided getting caught. Even so, nearly two times as many students this year than last year (46% versus 25%) point to "declining social and moral values" as the biggest problem facing their generation today. Crime and violence came in a distant second place, cited by 15 percent.

"In all likelihood, when these kids look at the examples now being set by traditional role models – the president, business leaders, Hollywood stars, even the clergy – they have an easier time excusing their own behavior," said Joe Krouse, associate publisher of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

The increase in cheating – a four percent jump from last year's survey – was one of the findings of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey of High Achievers. Among other disturbing results: large leaps in levels of prejudice against homosexuals (up 19 percent from last year) and against African Americans and Hispanics (both more than doubled, from 7 to 15 percent). The news on other fronts was more cheering, including a sharp drop in those who mix their own driving with drinking (from 10 down to 4 percent) and a plunge in the number who have ridden with a driver who had been drinking – from 24 down to 9 percent.

These and other survey highlights:

- **SHAKY VALUES:** Almost half (46%) named a decline in social and moral values as the biggest problem facing their generation today; crime and violence came next (15%).
- **CHEATING:** Four out of five (80%) admit to cheating on school work, up 4 percentage points from last year; a majority (53%) said the transgression was no big deal.
- **SEX:** Nearly one in five students (18%) has had sexual intercourse – the majority of them (84%) when they were 16 years old or younger.
- **CONDOMS AT SCHOOL:** Almost two-thirds of all sexually active students (64%) say they would be more likely to use condoms every time if the school distributed them.
- **PREJUDICE:** Tolerance is shrinking among the brightest teens: 48 percent say they are prejudiced against homosexuals – up 19 percent from last year; and 15 percent are prejudiced against African Americans and Hispanics – each up 8 percent.
- **DRINKING:** Nearly one-half of the brightest teens (47%) say they have consumed alcohol, despite being underage; more than three-quarters (78%) say obtaining alcohol is easy or not very difficult.
- **VIOLENCE:** Sixteen percent of teens report gang fights occurring at their schools, and 22 percent say students have attacked teachers.



### **Cheaters DO Prosper**

In high school, apparently even the academic elite take a ho-hum attitude toward cheating. Eighty-three percent say cheating is common at their schools, and this is one lapse they don't try to pin on the other guy: a full 80 percent say they have done it themselves. More than one-half (57%) say it would be easy or not very difficult to obtain test questions and answers at their schools.

Perhaps lax enforcement of the rules is partly to blame: 95 percent of the cheaters were never caught. Silence might be another culprit: over one-third of top students (34%) have never heard anything from their parents about cheating. Parents seem unaware that cheating might be an issue their children are grappling with. In fact, in a 1997 survey of parents of *Who's Who* kids, 63 percent stated flatly that their children had never cheated; another 11 percent admitted they had no idea whether their youngsters had bent the rules.

“With such a casual attitude toward cheating on the part of so many parents and school authorities, it's no wonder more than half of the cheaters just shrug it off, saying ‘it didn't seem like a big deal’,” said Krouse. “If the folks in charge of moral guidance don't make a bigger fuss about ethical behavior, it *won't be* a big deal.”

### **Resisting Temptation**

While talk of sex permeates the airwaves, the vast majority (81%) of students surveyed say they remain chaste. And the overwhelming majority of *Who's Who* teens who are having sex start when they are age 16 or younger (84 percent).

Pregnancy tops the list of worries about the consequences of sexual intercourse for sexually active teens. Forty-two percent cited pregnancy as their chief concern, trailed by AIDS at 25 percent (up from 17% last year), and sexually transmitted diseases and “losing virginity” -- both named by 22 percent. The dual concerns about conception and disease help explain the increased use of birth control, especially condoms -- used “always” by 64 percent of sexually active males. This is up from last year, when 55 percent of sexually active male students reported always using condoms. Birth control pill usage remained the same this year, with 23 percent of sexually active females using the preventive measure. Asked to speculate how distribution of condoms in school would affect their behavior, 64 percent of sexually active students say they would be more likely to use condoms all the time.

“What's interesting this year is that as the use of birth control is increasing, discussions about birth control at home are in a steep decline,” said Krouse. “In this year's survey, 53 percent say they have never talked about birth control with their parents, up 12 percent from last year. But wherever they're getting their information, the message is having an effect.” In fact, fewer students say they learned about sex from their parents (59 percent) than from their friends (73 percent).

Those who choose to wait to have sex do so because of several factors: 34 percent prefer to wait for marriage (down from 48% in 1997); 17 percent say they aren't ready yet; 11 percent say their religion discourages it; while 13 percent say the fear of disease and pregnancy is responsible.

### **Alcohol and Drug Use**

A startling number of high-achieving teens are not just bending the rules, they're breaking the law. Close to half of them (47%) say they drink alcohol even though they are underage. Almost four in five of the students (78%) say it is easy or not very difficult for them and their friends to obtain alcohol, and an even greater number (81%) say drinking is common at parties.

“With drinking so widespread at such tender ages, it’s not surprising that teens are seeing alcohol causing problems,” said Krouse. “The younger you are, the less likely you are to be able to handle this potent substance.”

Many teens can’t. Fifty-three percent of students feel that some of their friends have a problem with alcohol, while 47 percent say driving under the influence is common. It’s no wonder that this year’s survey also revealed an increase (26% this year versus 19% in 1997) in the number of students who feel that drugs and alcohol are the most serious problem facing their school.

Despite their worries about their friends’ alcohol problems, fewer teens in this year’s survey say they, personally, have driven a car after drinking: 4 percent of students say they have mixed driving with drinking, down from 10 percent last year, while 9 percent say they have been passengers in a car whose driver had been drinking, down from 24 percent in 1997.

Drugs, although not as prevalent as alcohol, remain a persistent part of the landscape for the nation’s top teen achievers. More than half of *Who’s Who* students (54%) say that there is a lot of drug use among students in their schools. Forty-one percent of these teens say that drugs are very common at parties, and an equivalent number (42%) say their own friends have a problem with drugs.

### **Racial Biases**

Tolerance of diversity is one of the values that seems to be waning among the brightest students. Fifteen percent say they are prejudiced against African Americans and Hispanics – more than double (7%) last year’s responses. When asked why they are prejudiced against these groups, the top response given was “they feel uncomfortable around them.” These high-achieving teens also tell us they are skeptical of affirmative action: nearly half (47%) say affirmative action would make it harder for them to get the job they want, and 45 percent say it would make it more difficult for them to get into the college of their choice.

According to Leonard Steinhorn, co-author of the forthcoming book *By the Color of Our Skin: The Illusion of Integration and the Reality of Race* and Assistant Professor of Communications at American University, “These results are fully consistent with a society in which kids largely live in separate neighborhoods, attend separate schools, socialize separately, go to separate churches, follow separate media, and increasingly gravitate toward separate sports.”

Almost half of the students, 48 percent, admit they are prejudiced against gays, up 19 percentage points from last year’s survey. When asked to explain their intolerance, 28 percent say homosexuality goes against their moral/religious convictions and 17 percent say they feel uncomfortable around gay people. Despite their personal feelings, 75 percent of teens believe homosexuals should be allowed to join the military, and 71 percent think they should be permitted to teach school. Objections arise, though, over homosexuals as clergy (47 percent opposed). Two-thirds of these top teens (66%) find the depiction of homosexual relationships on television and in the movies offensive.

“It’s surprising to see that so many young people who are so capable have such closed minds,” said Krouse. “Clearly we’re falling down on the job of teaching tolerance to the next generation.”

### **Clear and Present Danger**

This year’s school ground massacres were a sobering reminder of the danger that lurks around our nation’s schools. Teens today know from personal observation just how nearby violence can be, not just on the streets but in the supposedly safe haven of the classroom. More than one in five (22%) *Who’s Who* teens knows of a

student attacking a teacher, 16 percent have had gang fights occur at their school, 11 percent know of a rape or sexual assault on school grounds, and 9 percent say a teacher has struck a student. Thirteen percent say it would be easy or not very difficult to obtain weapons along with an education.

Although few top teens (one percent) think violence is the most serious problem facing their schools, they still have firm convictions about the best ways to fight back. Nearly three-fourths (73%) of high achievers endorse the implementation of stricter gun control laws as the way to curb violence. One in three (36%) say gun purchases should be delayed in order to check the police record of the prospective buyer. Another third (33%) think that handgun sales should not be permitted at all. Two-thirds (67%) believe increasing the number of police officers on the streets would be an effective way to combat violence, and 45 percent say reducing violence on TV, in movies, and in music would be an effective remedy.

### **The Cyber Generation**

Virtually unknown a decade ago, the virtual world has become commonplace for the nation's high-achieving teens. Almost all of them (93%) now have access to the Internet, most through school (71 percent). Public school students have an easier time reaching cyberspace than their private school counterparts – 75 percent and 54 percent respectively can link up at school.

Although X-rated web sites seem to arouse the greatest concern among parents, they don't seem to be luring the young. A mere 5 percent of *Who's Who* teens say they use the Internet to find pornography, while three-quarters (77%) use it for research for school papers; 58 percent search for information about news, hobbies, and leisure topics; 36 percent use chat rooms; and 43 percent just "surf randomly."

"This survey tells us that parents and legislators can probably relax a little about the moral menace lurking on the Web," said Krouse. "Teens seem to be using it as a huge library – something we should all celebrate."

### **And Now for the Good News**

- ◆ ***Untroubled Teens:*** Eighty-two percent of *Who's Who* teens say they are happy most of the time, and another 11 percent say they are always happy.
- ◆ ***True to Their Schools:*** Eighty percent of high achievers give their schools an "A" or "B" for quality of education, and 87 percent say their schools are very or somewhat challenging.
- ◆ ***Family Ties:*** Although 62 percent fear they will have a more difficult time raising children and staying married than their parents, 41 percent still say that a family is what they most want out of life.

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The *Who's Who* annual survey was conducted among 3,123 high-achieving 16 to 18-year-old students, all of whom have an "A" or "B" average, and 97 percent of whom plan to attend college after high school graduation.

**For more information about the 29th Annual Survey or *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, call Doug Baj at 202/667-0901 or Judy Casey at 847/295-3970 ext. 232.**



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## **ATTENTION: NEWS WRITERS, RESEARCHERS AND EDITORS**

### **ON-LINE DATABASE PROVIDES 29 YEARS OF TELLING DATA ON ATTITUDES OF NATION'S BRIGHTEST TEENS**

*ECI Makes Who's Who Survey Data Available on the Internet*

LAKE FOREST (IL) — Educational Communications Inc. (ECI), publishers of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, unveiled today a new on-line database containing key data on high-achieving teens compiled from nearly three decades of *Who's Who* teen surveys. The "Annual Survey Results" on-line database gives users access to the attitudes, opinions, and activities of the nation's best and brightest students.

Users can search for specific survey questions by keyword or by choosing a pre-determined topic found in the drop-down menu. A search can also be queried by survey year (surveys are available for years 1970 through 1998). Once the user finds the particular topic of interest, she/he may view the question and answers in its individual survey. The survey results show overall answer percentage numbers and categorized percentages by sex, race, type of school, and community.

Users can access the database at [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com). The survey questions are developed as a result of the input of students, distinguished educators, and counselors from across the country. The questions present a broad set of thought-provoking topics, including education, careers, sex, violence, drugs, and social issues. Users can also get an in-depth description of the *Who's Who* annual survey process and can view the latest Annual Survey news release.

The *Who's Who* Annual Survey of High Achievers is the largest independent sample of outstanding high school students. Nationally, more than 3,000 students complete and return a questionnaire. It provides a penetrating look into the minds of those students who are traditionally expected to be among this country's future leaders in business, government, and academia.

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### Views on Education, Drugs, Social and Sexual Issues

SAMPLE SIZE: 3,123

**PROFILE**

Female .....	74%
Male .....	26%
16 years old .....	31%
17 years old .....	67%
18 years old .....	2%
Caucasian .....	78%
African American .....	7%
Asian American .....	4%
Hispanic .....	5%
Other .....	5%
Protestant .....	30%
Catholic .....	31%
Jewish .....	2%
Other .....	29%
None .....	8%
Attend public school .....	76%
Attend private school .....	18%
Attend parochial school .....	9%
Going to college or university after graduation ..	97%
<b>Estimated Family Income:</b>	
Under \$20,000 .....	7%
\$20,000-\$29,000 .....	10%
\$30,000-\$44,999 .....	20%
\$45,000-\$70,000 .....	27%
More than \$70,000 .....	25%
Parents are married to each other .....	78%
Parents are divorced .....	16%
Other .....	6%
Both parents attended college .....	49%
One parent attended college .....	28%
Neither parent attended college .....	22%
<b>Family's Employment:</b>	
Mother works full-time .....	58%
Mother works part-time .....	22%
Mother does not work .....	16%
Father works full-time .....	88%
Father works part-time .....	3%
Father does not work .....	3%
<b>Live in:</b>	
Midwest .....	30%
South .....	26%
East/Northeast .....	20%
Pacific/West .....	16%
Southwest .....	7%
Rural/small town .....	47%
Suburban .....	39%
Urban .....	11%

**CHEATING**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY CHEATING IS COMMON AT THEIR SCHOOL:**

All students .....	83%
Public school students .....	87%
Private school students .....	68%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHEATED: 80%**  
(1997 response:)

Copied someone else's homework .....	67%
Cheated on a quiz or test .....	40%
Used Cliff or Monarch Notes to avoid reading a book .....	29%
Plagiarized part of an essay .....	13%
None of the above .....	20%

**OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHEATED, THOSE WHO WERE NOT CAUGHT: 95%**

**STUDENTS WHO NAME THE FOLLOWING AS THEIR REASONS FOR CHEATING:**

Competition for good grades .....	56%
Didn't seem like a big deal .....	53%
Not interested in the subject .....	28%
Didn't think I'd get caught .....	24%
To get into a good college .....	14%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY IT WOULD BE EASY OR NOT VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN TEST QUESTIONS/ANSWERS AT THEIR SCHOOL: 57%**

**SEXUAL BEHAVIOR**

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE:**

All students .....	18%
Public school students .....	21%
Private school students .....	11%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE USED THE FOLLOWING SOURCES TO LEARN ABOUT SEX:**

Friends .....	73%
Parents .....	59%
Books .....	51%
Movies .....	47%
Television .....	47%
Teacher/counselor .....	32%
Brother/sister .....	15%
Doctor .....	15%

**MAJOR REASONS STUDENTS GIVE FOR ABSTAINING FROM SEXUAL INTERCOURSE:**

Want to wait for marriage .....	34%
(1997 response:)	48%
Not ready .....	17%
Fear of disease/pregnancy .....	13%
Religion discourages it .....	11%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING WORRIES THEM MOST ABOUT HAVING SEXUAL INTERCOURSE:**

Pregnancy .....	42%
AIDS .....	25%
(1997 response:)	17%
Sexually transmitted diseases .....	22%
Losing virginity .....	22%

Hurting/angering parents .....	10%
Reputation .....	7%
Nothing .....	3%

**STUDENTS WHO THINK THEIR PERSONAL RISK OF CONTRACTING AIDS IS:**

High .....	3%
Moderate .....	7%
Low .....	41%
None .....	48%

**STUDENTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE AT SCHOOL WHO HAS HAD AN ABORTION: 47%**

**STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE IF THEIR SCHOOL DISTRIBUTED CONDOMS: 14%**

**STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO ALWAYS USE CONDOMS IF THEIR SCHOOL DISTRIBUTED THEM: 64%**

**AMONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE:**

**First experience was at age:**

14 or under .....	19%
15 .....	28%
16 .....	37%
17 .....	12%

**Students who say they always use the following contraceptive device:**

Condom .....	64% of male students
(1997 response:)	55% of male students
Birth control pill .....	23% of female students
(1997 response:)	21% of female students

**Students who say they have been pregnant/gotten someone pregnant:**

All students .....	6%
African Americans .....	11%
Hispanics .....	8%
Caucasians .....	5%

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ASSAULT**

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED BY THE FOLLOWING:**

Member of the opposite sex .....	25%
Member of the same sex .....	4%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY HARASSED HAVE REACTED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:**

Confided in friends .....	13%
Confided in parents .....	7%
Confided in teacher/administrator .....	5%
Pursued legal action .....	1%
I didn't do anything .....	11%

**STUDENTS WHO ARE LED TO BELIEVE A PERSON IS WILLING TO CONTINUE SEXUAL ACTIVITY EVEN THOUGH SHE/HE IS SAYING NO, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

She/he continues to be affectionate .....	37%
She/he doesn't put up a fight .....	22%
She/he got into a sexual situation and should have expected it .....	14%
She/he seems drunk .....	14%
She/he is apologetic and not angry .....	9%

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NOTE: where percentages do not add up to 100%, the difference indicates "No Answer." Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number. Totals over 100% indicate multiple responses.



**STUDENTS WHOSE BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE CLINTON/LEWINSKY AFFAIR IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:**  
 I will be more cautious with people I work with . 35%  
 I will try to learn more about sexual harassment laws/policies ..... 34%  
 I will be more wary of my employer(s) ..... 20%  
 I would not accept an internship at  
 The White House ..... 16%

Hispanics ..... 15%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 7%  
 Asian Americans ..... 8%  
 Jews ..... 5%  
 Caucasians ..... 4%

**REASONS STUDENTS GIVE FOR BEING PREJUDICED AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS:**  
 Moral/religious convictions ..... 28%  
 I feel uncomfortable around them ..... 17%  
 I have nothing in common with them ..... 2%  
 It would hurt my image ..... less than 1%  
 I am not prejudiced ..... 49%

**ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY IT IS EASY OR NOT VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM AND THEIR FRIENDS TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL: ..... 78%**

**FREQUENCY WITH WHICH STUDENTS DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**  
 Never ..... 52%  
 Almost never ..... 32%  
 Monthly ..... 8%  
 On weekends ..... 7%

**OF STUDENTS WHO DRINK, THE PLACES THEY GO TO DO SO:**  
 Friends' houses when their parents are away .. 57%  
 Friends' houses when their parents are home . 27%  
 Parents' house when their parents are away ... 23%  
 Parents' house when their parents are home .. 29%  
 Public places (parks, beaches, etc.) ..... 29%  
 Restaurants/bars ..... 12%  
 School ..... 1%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY ALCOHOL USE IS VERY COMMON AT PARTIES GIVEN BY THEIR PEERS: ..... 81%**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THAT THERE IS A LOT OF ALCOHOL USE AMONG STUDENTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL:**  
 All students ..... 78%  
 Public school students ..... 84%  
 Private school students ..... 57%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE DRIVEN A CAR AFTER DRINKING .... 4%**  
 (1997 response:) ..... 10%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN PASSENGERS IN A CAR WHOSE DRIVER HAS HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK: ..... 9%**  
 (1997 response:) ..... 24%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL IS VERY COMMON AMONG STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL: ..... 47%**

**STUDENTS WHO THINK SOME OF THEIR FRIENDS HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ALCOHOL: ..... 53%**

**STUDENTS WHO THINK SOME OF THEIR FRIENDS HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DRUGS: ..... 42%**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THERE IS A LOT OF DRUG USE AMONG STUDENTS FROM THEIR SCHOOL: ..... 54%**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY DRUGS ARE VERY COMMON AT PARTIES GIVEN BY THEIR PEERS: ..... 41%**  
**STUDENTS WHO SAY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS IS VERY COMMON AMONG STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL: ..... 30%**

**STUDENTS WHO BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO:**  
 Enlist in the military ..... 75%  
 Teach students in schools ..... 71%  
 Coach youth sports ..... 66%  
 Lead a girl/boy scout troop ..... 61%  
 Be a member of the clergy ..... 51%

**SCHOOL VIOLENCE**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY IT IS EASY OR NOT VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN WEAPONS AT THEIR SCHOOL: ..... 13%**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AT SCHOOL:**  
 Student attacking a teacher ..... 22%  
 Gang fights ..... 16%  
 Rape/sexual assault ..... 11%  
 Teacher hitting a student ..... 9%  
 A shooting on school grounds ..... 4%

**SUICIDE**

**STUDENTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE THEIR OWN AGE WHO HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE: ..... 21%**

**STUDENTS WHO KNOW SOMEONE THEIR OWN AGE WHO HAS TRIED COMMITTING SUICIDE: ..... 46%**

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED COMMITTING SUICIDE:**  
 All students ..... 24%  
 Male students ..... 19%  
 Female students ..... 25%

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE TRIED COMMITTING SUICIDE:**  
 All students ..... 4%  
 Male students ..... 1%  
 Female students ..... 5%

**REASONS STUDENTS GIVE FOR CONSIDERING SUICIDE:**  
 General depression ..... 19%  
 School pressures ..... 12%  
 Fight with parents ..... 9%  
 Divorce/family problems ..... 6%  
 Break-up of a relationship ..... 4%  
 Problems with drugs/alcohol ..... 1%  
 A friend committed suicide ..... less than 1%

**IF STUDENTS CONSIDERED SUICIDE, WHAT DID THEY DO?**  
 Worked it through themselves/started to feel better ..... 22%  
 Talked to a friend ..... 8%  
 Talked to a parent ..... 3%  
 Talked to a hot-line/professional counselor ..... 2%

**EDUCATION**

**GRADE STUDENTS WOULD GIVE THEIR SCHOOL FOR QUALITY OF EDUCATION:**  
 A (excellent) ..... 30%  
 B (good) ..... 50%  
 C (fair) ..... 17%  
 D (poor) ..... 2%  
 F (failing) ..... less than 1%

**STUDENTS WHO GIVE THEIR SCHOOL AN "A" FOR QUALITY OF EDUCATION:**  
 Public school students ..... 23%  
 Private school students ..... 50%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY FIND THEIR SCHOOL TO BE:**  
 Somewhat challenging ..... 65%  
 Very challenging ..... 22%  
 Not very challenging ..... 11%  
 Not at all challenging ..... 1%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING IS THE ONE THING THEY WANT FROM THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:**  
 Preparation for getting into the college of my choice ..... 83%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 92%  
 Help to gain skills so I can get a job ..... 8%  
 The opportunity to make friends ..... 7%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAD STUDENTS IN PRAYER:**  
 Yes ..... 59%  
 No ..... 40%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM FACING THEIR SCHOOL:**  
 Student apathy ..... 34%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 47%  
 Drug & alcohol use ..... 26%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 19%  
 Lack of funds/limited budget ..... 26%  
 Incompetent educators ..... 10%  
 Parental apathy ..... 3%  
 Racial problems ..... 2%  
 Students graduate without basic skills ..... 2%  
 Violence ..... 1%

**LIFE AT HOME**

**STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES EAT DINNER TOGETHER:**  
 Every day ..... 24%  
 3-5 times per week ..... 40%  
 1-2 times per week ..... 21%  
 Almost never ..... 14%

**STUDENTS WHOSE MOTHER STARTED WORKING WHEN THEY WERE:**  
 0-3 years old ..... 41%  
 4-9 years old ..... 21%  
 10-12 years old ..... 8%  
 13 years and older ..... 11%  
 My mother doesn't work ..... 16%

**STUDENTS WHO CONSIDER THEIR PARENTS TO BE:**  
 Very strict ..... 16%  
 Somewhat strict ..... 58%  
 Not very strict ..... 23%  
 Not at all strict ..... 3%

**DIVERSITY**

**STUDENTS WHO ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST:**  
 Homosexuals ..... 48%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 29%  
 African Americans ..... 15%  
 (1997 response:) ..... 7%



**STUDENTS WHO HAVE NEVER DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING WITH THEIR PARENTS:**

Using birth control .....	53%
(1997 response:)	41%
Cheating .....	34%
Using illegal drugs .....	21%
Sex .....	17%
Drinking .....	14%
Smoking .....	13%
Studying .....	5%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEIR PARENTS HAVE TOLD THEM NOT TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

Drink alcoholic beverages .....	48%
Cheat .....	47%
Have sex .....	45%
Smoke .....	44%
Use illegal drugs .....	22%
Use birth control .....	10%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEIR PARENTS KNOW THEY DO THE FOLLOWING:**

Have friends over when they are away .....	35%
Drink alcoholic beverages .....	19%
Cheat in school .....	11%
Have sex .....	6%
Smoke cigarettes .....	3%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON THEIR LIFE:**

Mother .....	39%
Brother/sister .....	14%
Female friend .....	10%
Father .....	7%
Boyfriend/girlfriend .....	7%
Male friend .....	5%
Teacher .....	4%
Sports coach .....	2%
Member of the clergy .....	2%
Other .....	6%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING IS THE PERSON THEY CONFIDE IN MOST:**

Female friend .....	38%
Mother .....	20%
Boyfriend/girlfriend .....	15%
Male friend .....	14%
Sister/brother .....	10%
Father .....	4%

**FUTURE EXPECTATIONS**

**STUDENTS WHO THINK THEY WILL HAVE A MORE DIFFICULT TIME THAN THEIR PARENTS DOING THE FOLLOWING:**

Raising children .....	62%
Staying married .....	62%
Affording an education .....	55%
Buying a house .....	54%
Getting a good job .....	43%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY WILL RAISE THEIR CHILDREN THE SAME WAY THEIR PARENTS RAISED THEM: .....**

**STUDENTS WHO FEEL THE FOLLOWING IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING THEIR GENERATION:**

Declining social and moral values .....	46%
(1997 response:)	25%
Crime/violence .....	15%
Lack of motivation or direction .....	14%
Drugs .....	11%
AIDS .....	8%

Cost of college .....	4%
Inadequate education .....	3%
Lack of job opportunities .....	1%

**THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA**

**STUDENTS WHO FIND THE FOLLOWING OFFENSIVE:**

Depiction of homosexual relationships on television/in the movies .....	66%
Explicit sexual activity on television/in the movies .....	62%
Nudity on television/in the movies .....	57%
References to sexual activity and/or violence in music lyrics .....	53%
News coverage of President Clinton's sexual activity with Monica Lewinsky .....	48%

**STUDENTS WHO FEEL THE PRESS PROVIDES FAIR AND ACCURATE COVERAGE OF MOST NATIONAL ISSUES:**

Yes .....	38%
No .....	61%

**STUDENTS WHO RELY ON THE FOLLOWING AS THEIR MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT EVENTS:**

Television .....	56%
Newspapers .....	22%
Radio .....	14%
School .....	9%
News magazines .....	5%
Internet .....	3%

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**STUDENTS WHO THINK THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RESULTS OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES IN THE U.S.:**

It will be harder to get the job I want .....	47%
It will be harder to get into the college I want .....	45%

**STUDENTS WHO BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT GUN CONTROL:**

Gun purchases should be delayed in order to check the police record of the prospective buyer .....	36%
Handgun sales should not be permitted .....	33%
Handgun purchases should require registration and a 3-7 day waiting period .....	29%
Anyone should be able to own a gun without any prerequisite registration .....	1%

**STUDENTS WHO FIND THE FOLLOWING AS A VERY EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY:**

Implementing stricter gun control laws .....	73%
Increasing the number of police officers on the streets .....	67%
Making prevention and education programs more available .....	63%
Reducing violence on TV, movies and music ..	45%
Holding parents responsible for their children's behavior .....	35%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE TEEN SMOKING:**

Raise the price of cigarettes .....	61%
Fine stores that sell cigarettes to minors .....	57%
Eliminate tobacco advertisements .....	36%
Better educate the public on health risks of smoking .....	31%
Raise legal age limit for smoking .....	22%
None of the above would reduce teen smoking .....	20%

**STUDENTS' OPINIONS REGARDING ABORTION:**

I do not support abortion under most circumstances .....	45%
I do not support abortion under any circumstances .....	27%
I support the right of a woman to choose to have an abortion .....	26%

**THE INTERNET**

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET: .....**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET:**

At school .....	71%
Public school students .....	75%
Private school students .....	54%
At home .....	54%
At a friend's house .....	53%
At the public library .....	45%

**STUDENTS WHO USE THE INTERNET TO:**

Research for school papers .....	77%
E-mail .....	58%
Find information about news, hobbies, and leisure topics .....	58%
"Surf" randomly .....	43%
Use chat rooms .....	36%
Find pornography .....	5%
Other .....	14%

**STUDENT LIFESTYLES**

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY FEEL PEER PRESSURE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

Get good grades .....	83%
Cheat in school .....	51%
Drink alcohol .....	48%
Have sex .....	42%
Skip classes .....	39%
Smoke cigarettes .....	30%
Use drugs .....	24%
Do poorly in school .....	19%
Join a gang .....	5%

**STUDENTS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE:**

Always happy .....	11%
Happy most of the time .....	82%
Unhappy most of the time .....	6%
Always unhappy .....	less than 1%

**STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY SPEND 8 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK DOING THE FOLLOWING:**

Engage in social activities .....	51%
Study .....	50%
Work part-time .....	39%
Participate in extracurricular activities .....	38%
Play athletics/sports .....	37%
Watch television .....	28%
Read for pleasure .....	14%
Volunteer .....	9%

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2. **Set a good example for your child:** Parents who smoke, drink, use drugs or watch television excessively, may find their child rejecting their warnings against these behaviors as hypocritical. But if parents demonstrate that reading and education are important to them, it will become important for their children.
3. **Maintain an adult presence in your child's life:** Parents should not allow peer pressure to set their child's values but instead have regularly scheduled family time.
4. **Communicate tough, but fair and consistent rules:** Explain to your child the purpose behind the rule and let him or her know when the rule is no longer necessary. Ensure that your child earns privileges instead of being automatically given them.
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