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***WHAT TEENS KNOW AND DON'T (BUT SHOULD) ABOUT
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES:
A National Survey of 15 to 17 Year-olds***

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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation / MTV / TEEN PEOPLE National Survey of 15-17 Year Olds: What Teens Know and Don't (But Should) About Sexually Transmitted Diseases is a random-sample national survey of 400 teens, ages 15 to 17 years old. (Approximately a 168 teens in this survey -- or 42 percent of 15-17 year olds -- have had sexual intercourse, a finding consistent with other national statistics.) The survey was conducted by telephone by Princeton Survey Research Associates between March 24-April 14, 1998. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5 percent for the total sample. The margin of sampling error may be higher for some of the sub-sets in this analysis. Parental permission was obtained prior to interviewing the teens.

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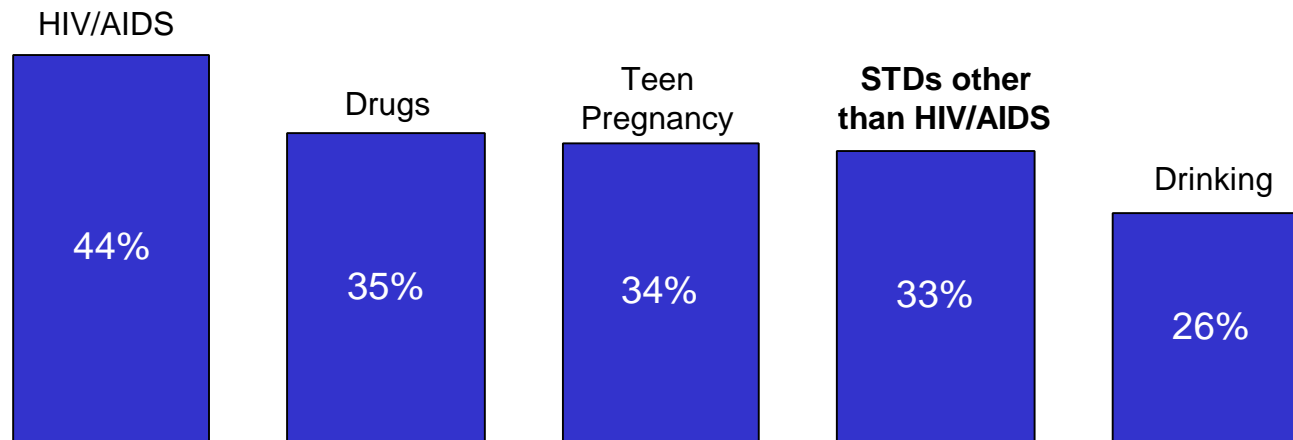
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REAL LIFE, REAL WORRIES

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who say each is **one of the most important** issues facing teens today

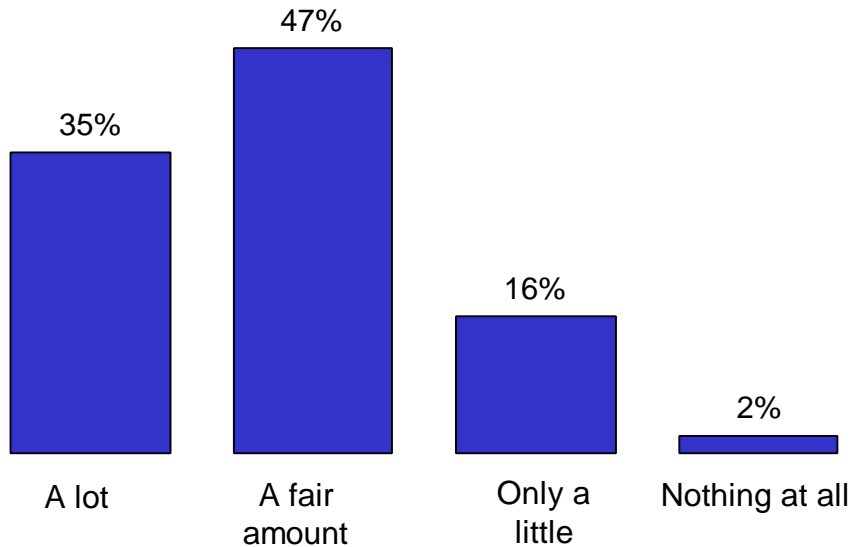


Nearly four million teens get an STD every year. A quarter of new STD cases occur among young people ages 15-19.

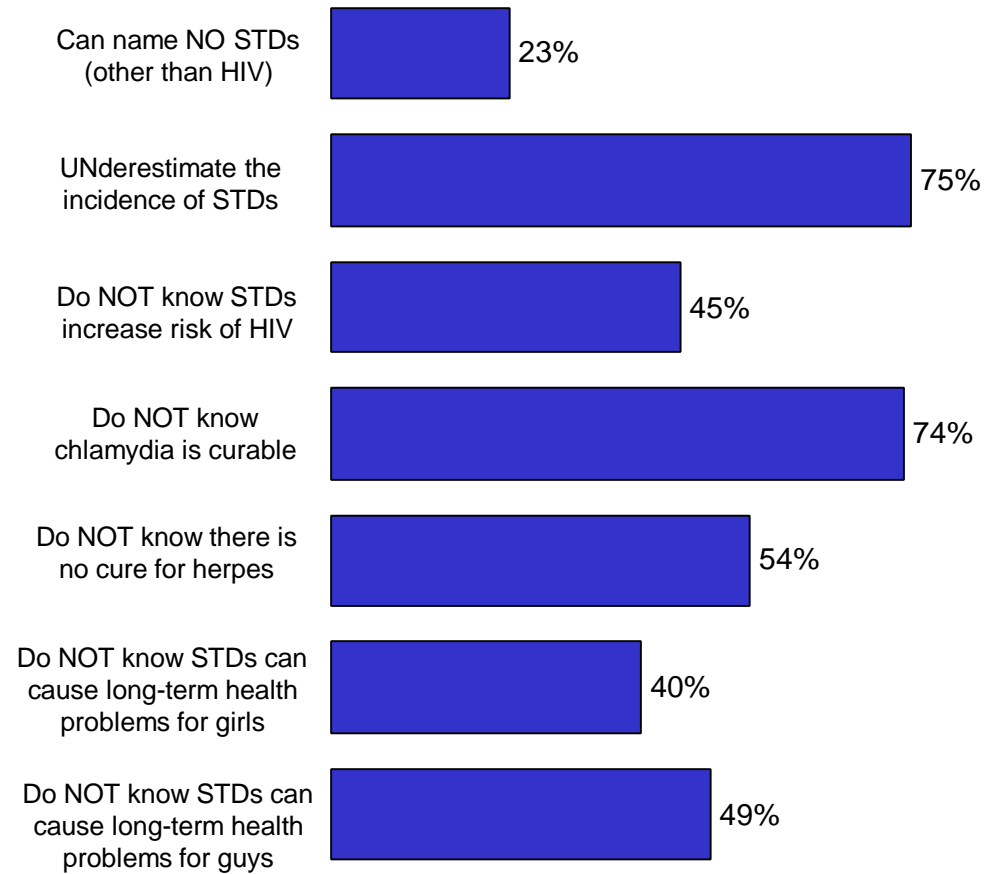
IN THE KNOW?

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who say...

How much do they THINK they know about sexually transmitted diseases or STDs?



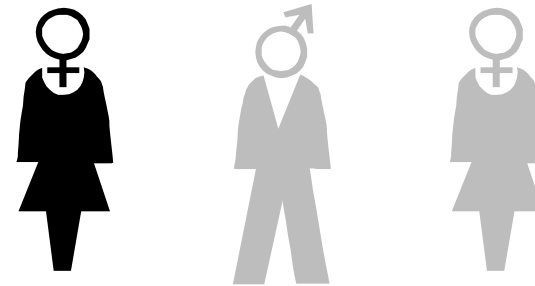
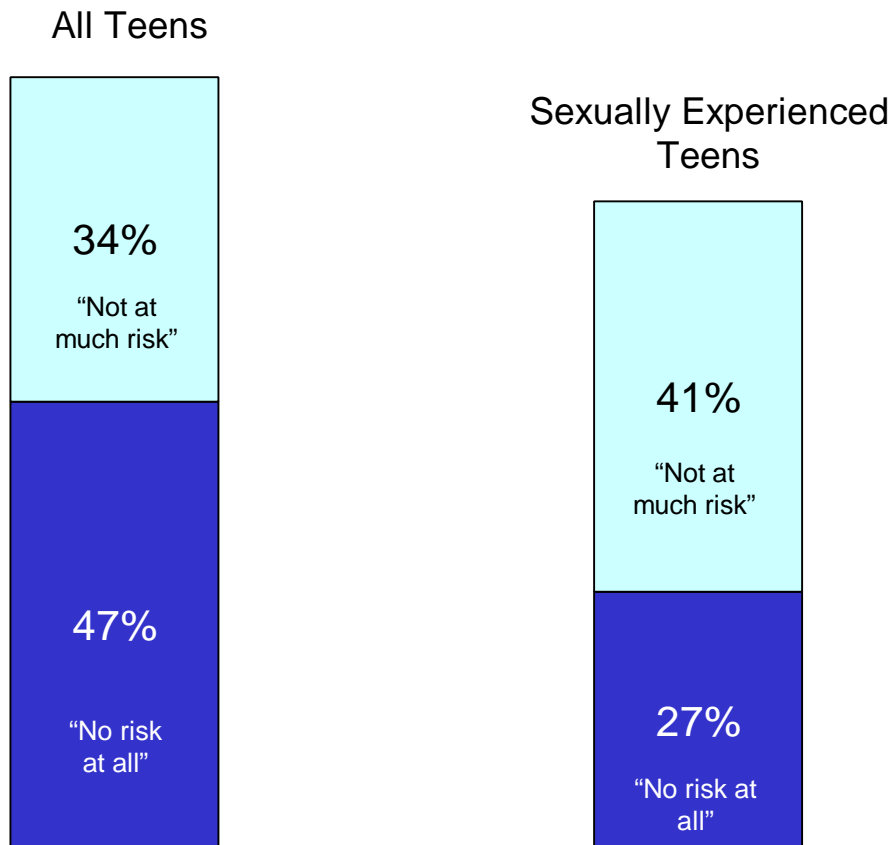
How much do they REALLY know?



GETTING PERSONAL

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who say they DO NOT consider themselves “at risk” of getting an STD...

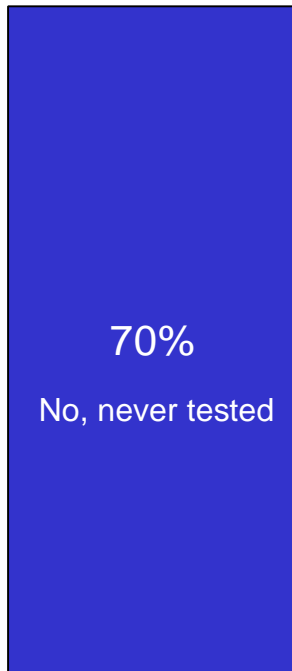
According to the American Social Health Association, by the age of 24, a third of sexually experienced young people will have an STD



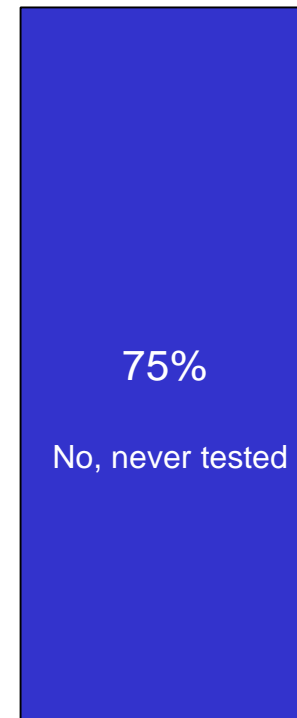
TESTED... OR NOT?

Percent of sexually experienced teens ages 15-17 who say they have NEVER been tested for...

STDs other than HIV



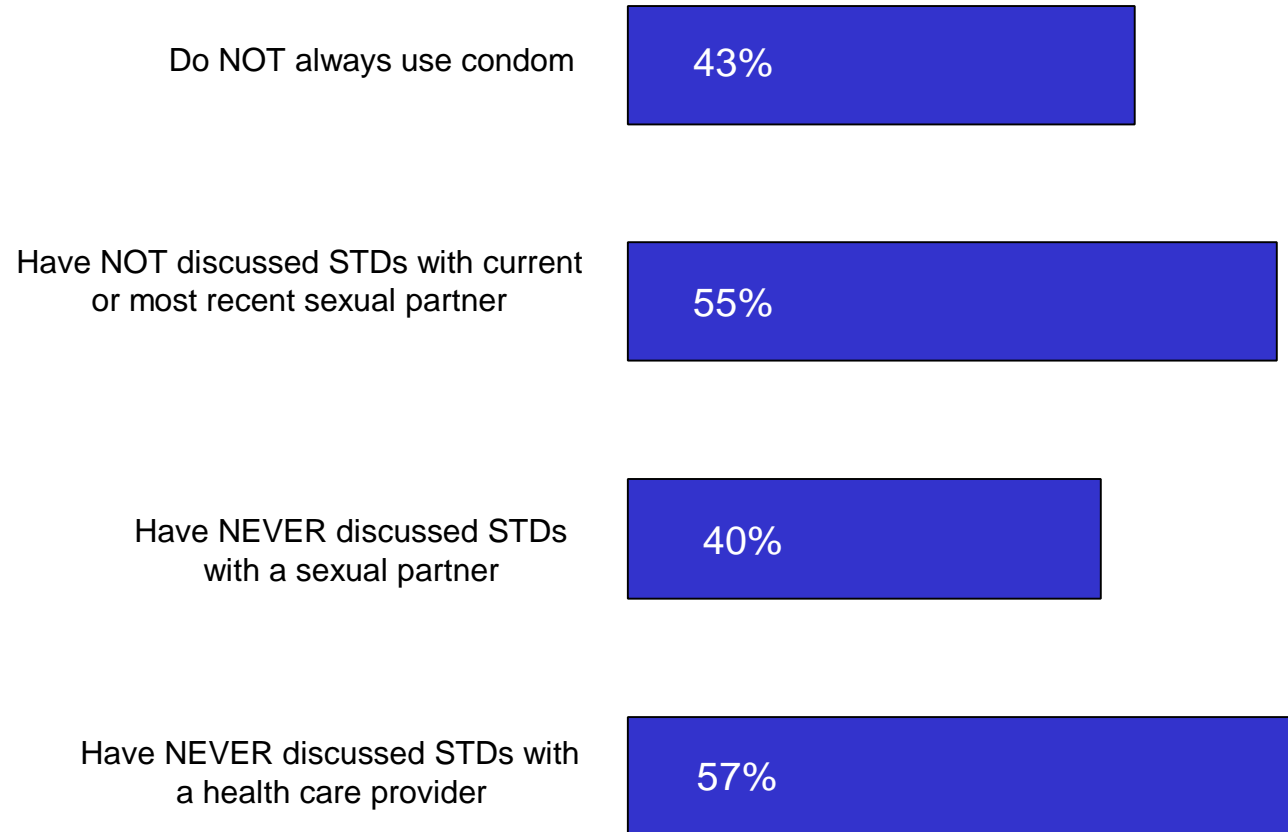
HIV/AIDS



Most teens who reported being tested for an STD said it was “part of routine care”- make sure it is by asking your health care provider. The CDC recommends annual chlamydia screenings for sexually active teens.

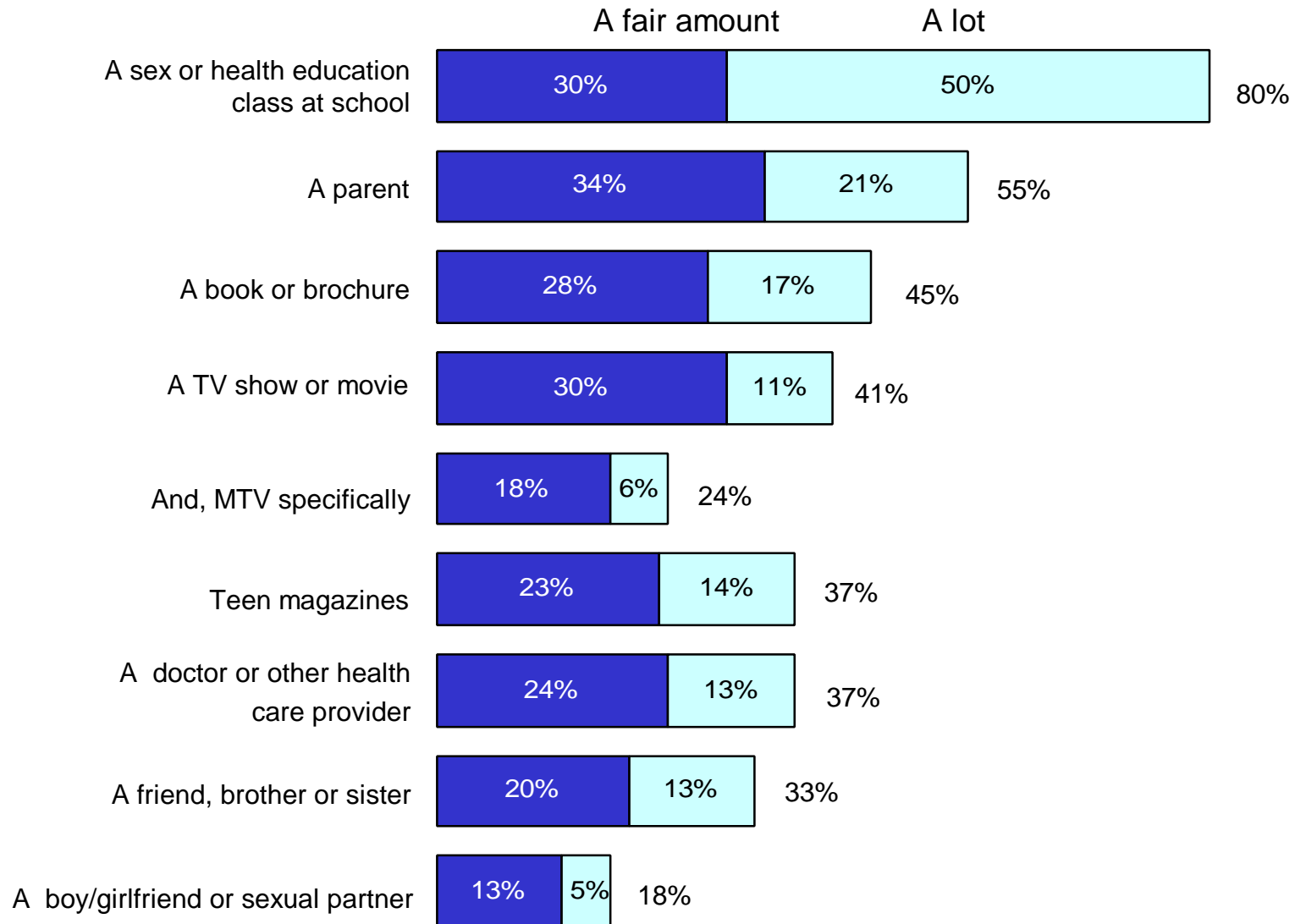
RISKY BUSINESS

Percent of sexually experienced teens ages 15-17 who say that...



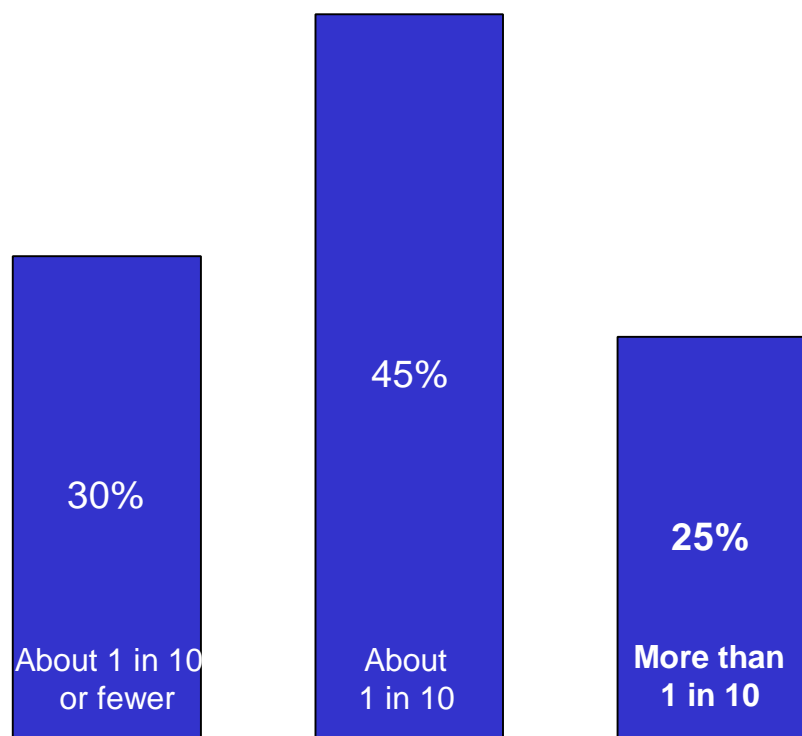
FINDING OUT

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who say they have learned about STDS from . . .



YOU DO THE MATH

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who THINK the number of people who will get an STD at some point in their lives is . . .

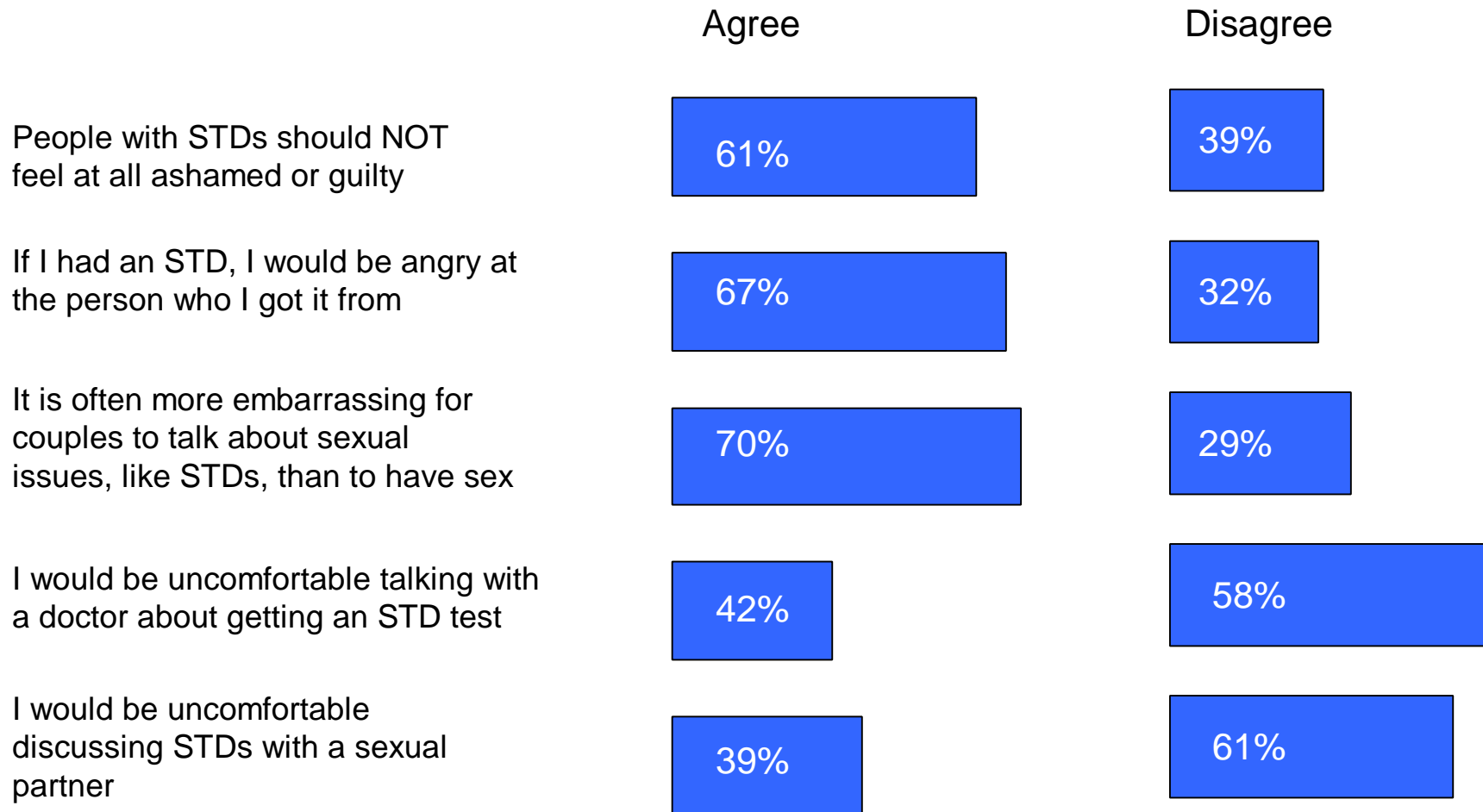


About **one in four sexually experienced teens** gets an STD every year

Correct Answer

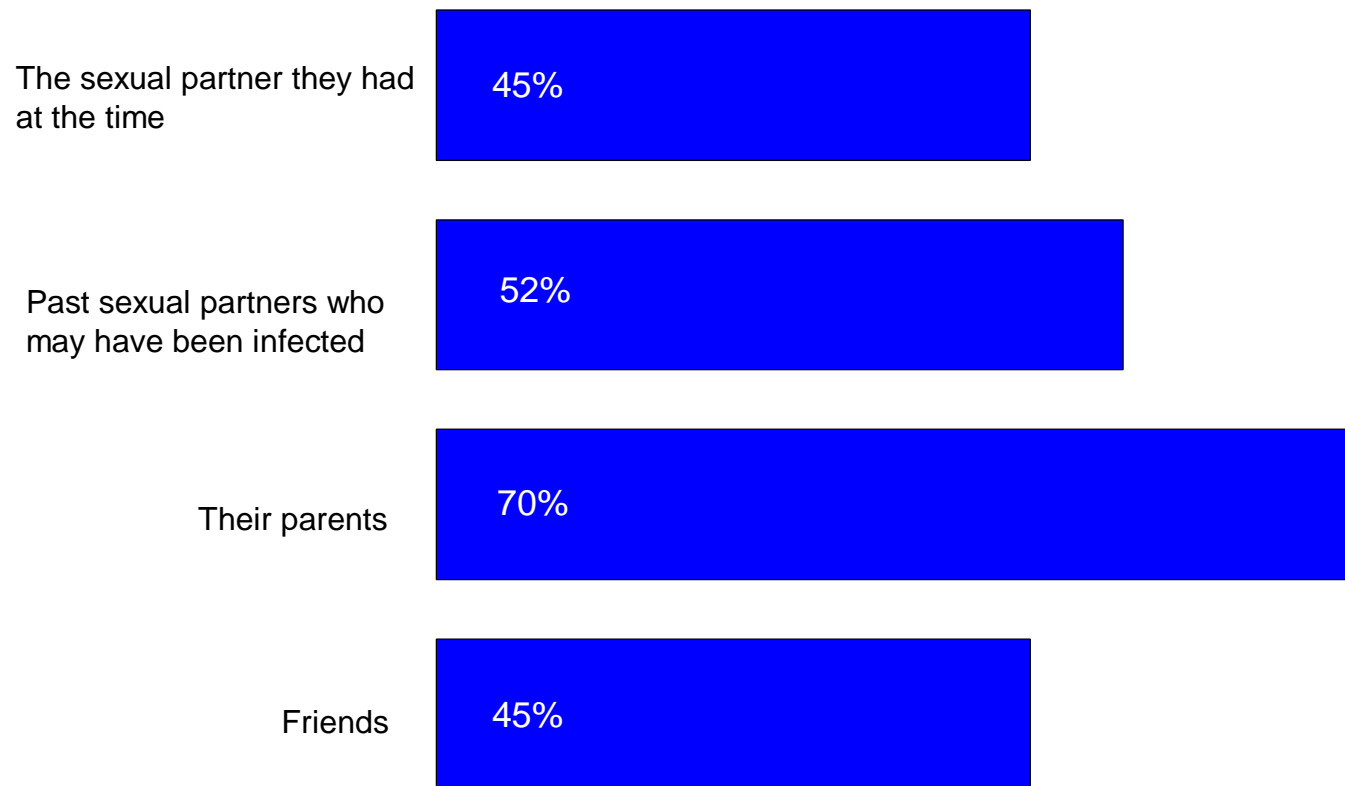
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Percent of teens ages 15-17 who...



HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?

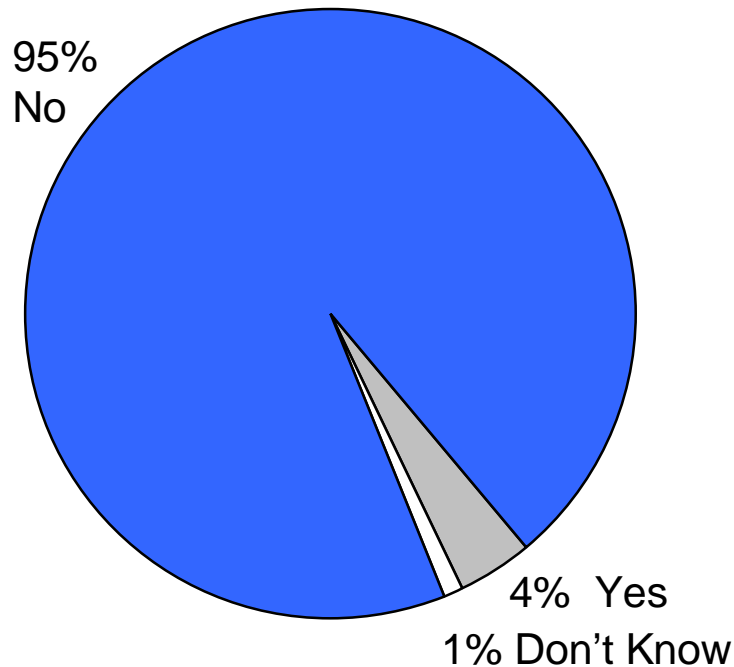
Percent of teens ages 15-17 who say if they found out they had an STD they would feel VERY uncomfortable telling . . .



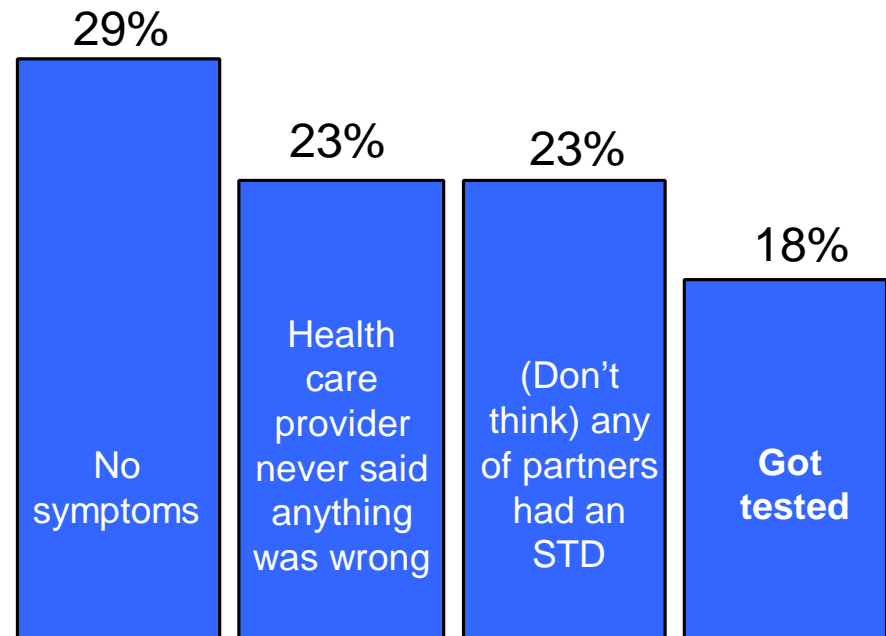
DO YOU REALLY KNOW? ARE YOU SURE?

Percent of sexually experienced teens ages 15-17 who say...

“Have you ever had an STD?”



“How do you know you don't?”



One in four sexually experienced teens gets an STD every year; most **don't** know it. Many STDs do not have symptoms, the only sure way to know is to get tested.

SURVEY SUMMARY

Overview of 400 teens ages 15-17 surveyed nationwide

42% have had sexual intercourse; 35% in the last 12 months

48% of those who have had sex are *currently* in a sexual relationship.

79% of those who have had sex say they used a condom the *last time* they had sex.

57% of those who have had sex say they use a condom *every time* they have sex.

32% have had one sexual partner; 23% two partners; 45% three or more.

12% have been sexually involved with more than one person at the same time.