

LOVE & SEX

AN INFOGRAPHIC SERIES
ABOUT EMERGING ADULTS

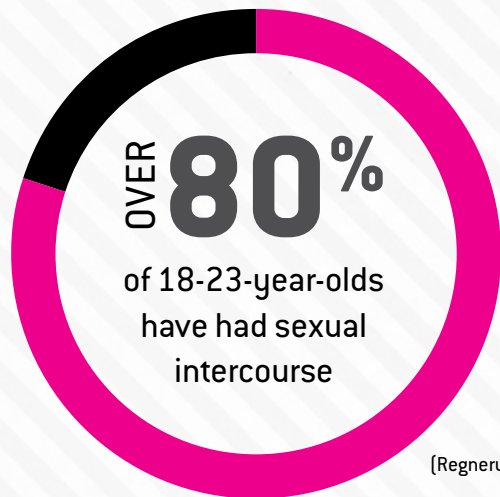


85% of 18-29-year-olds said they would have no objection to a family member marrying someone of a different ethnic background

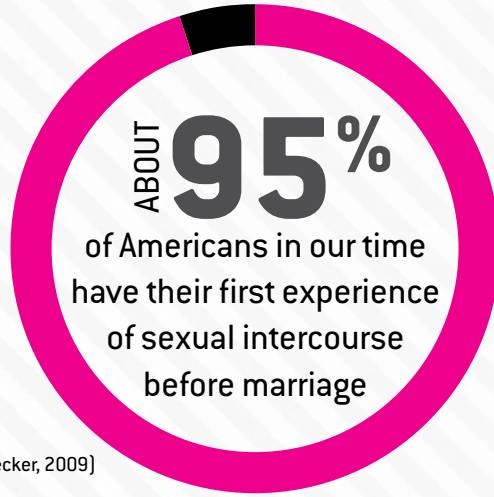


According to a 2009 survey, **22% of COUPLES** who began their relationship during 2007-2009 **MET THROUGH THE INTERNET**, up from **3%** just a decade earlier

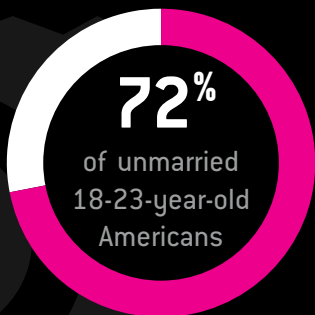
[Rosenfeld & Thomas, 2012]



[Regnerus & Uecker, 2009]



CONTRACEPTION USE



USED ANY KIND OF CONTRACEPTION in their most recent experience of sexual intercourse, according to a national study [Regnerus & Uecker, 2009]

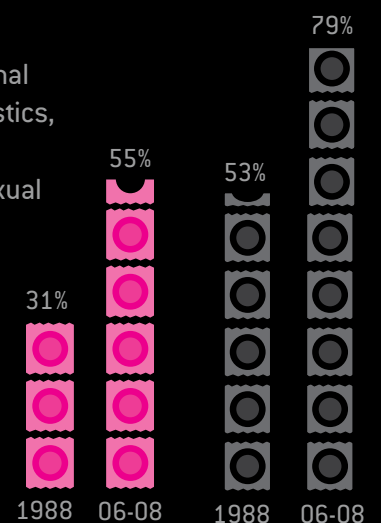
When do they use contraception?



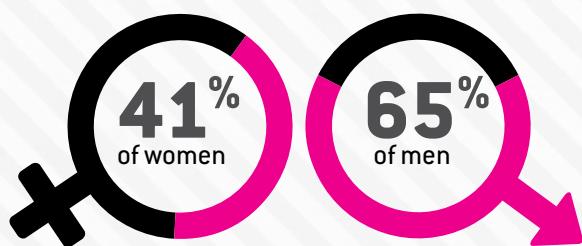
[Regnerus & Uecker, 2009]

In sum, half of the unmarried **18-23-YEAR-OLDS** who are sexually active are risking an unintended pregnancy

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, reported condom use during most recent sexual encounter among 15-19-year-olds rose since 1988



In a national survey of **UNMARRIED 20-29-YEAR-OLDS**,



agreed that there are people they would HAVE SEX WITH EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE **NO INTEREST IN MARRYING THEM** [Popenoe & Whitehead, 2001]

52% AGREE

33% AGREE

"IT IS OK FOR TWO PEOPLE TO HAVE SEX EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER."

According to the national Clark poll of people ages 18-29

ONLY 15%

of American adults believe that **PREMARITAL SEX IS OK FOR 16-YEAR-OLDS**, but if the partners in question ARE **18**, THE PROPORTION **RISES TO 55%**

[Regnerus & Uecker, 2009]

According to the CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, the **median age** of **FIRST SEXUAL INTERCOURSE** in the United States is

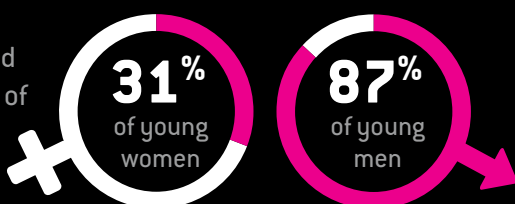
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[CDC] [2013a]

INTERNET PORN

One study of college students at six sites around the country reported rates of Internet pornography usage. »

[Carroll et al (2008)]



Frequent use was far higher among men; **NEARLY HALF OF MEN REPORTED WATCHING PORN WEEKLY**,

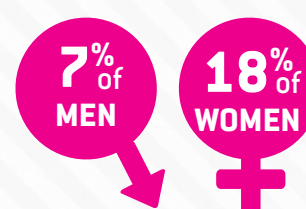
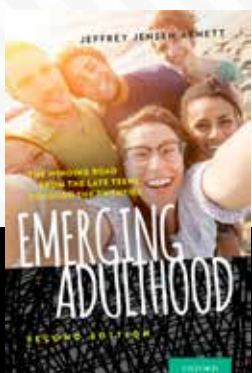
compared

TO JUST 3% OF WOMEN

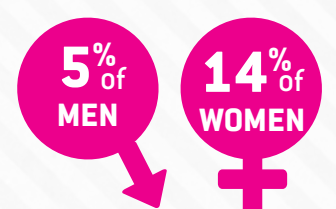


A March 2013 national survey found that **81% OF 18-29 YEAR-OLDS SUPPORTED GAY MARRIAGE**, but support declined steadily with age, to **44% OF PERSONS AGE 65 AND OVER**

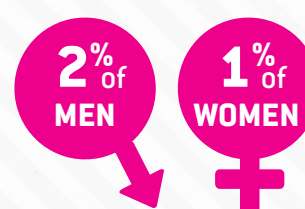
[Washington Post (2013)]



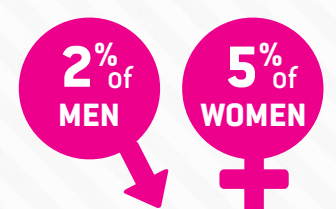
REPORTED EXPERIENCING SAME-SEX ATTRACTIONS



HAD AT LEAST ONE SAME-SEX EXPERIENCE



IDENTIFIED AS LESBIAN OR GAY



IDENTIFIED AS BISEXUAL

In a national study of 18-23 year-olds. [Regnerus & Uecker (2009)]

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These facts and more can be found in the new second edition of *Emerging Adulthood: The Winding Road from the Late Teens Through the Twenties*, by Jeffrey Jensen Arnett

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