

# SEX

## Where do you draw the line?

Twenty-four percent of you would cheat on a partner—as long as it remained a secret. More than two-thirds of you want to have sex in public. And over 70 percent like to play with sex toys. The results of our exclusive survey reveal just how adventurous you really are

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# Would

### ...have a one-night stand?

**YES 46%**



LISA, 30,  
documentary producer

■ Sex doesn't always have to lead to a relationship. Four years ago, I met a man while traveling in Scotland. We had dinner, and afterward, we went to his hotel room. We satisfied our urges and practiced safe sex. I don't regret a thing.

**NO 54%**



MARY, 28, photographer

■ I'd never have sex with a man I wasn't dating; I worry I'd feel cheap, guilty, and unhappy afterward. Resisting can be tough, though. Two years ago, I met a man at a friend's wedding and ended up going to his place. We kissed, but I refused to have sex with him.

### ...let your partner videotape a sexual encounter?

**YES 44%**



APRYLE, 36, public-relations executive

■ I would love to see what really goes on when I close my eyes. I think that by videotaping our lovemaking, we could critique ourselves—which would ultimately lead to better sex.

**NO 56%**



JO, 36, real-estate agent

■ I'd rather enjoy the moment as it happens than rate our performance afterward. Besides, while watching the tape later, I'd probably be too self-conscious, thinking I looked fat, to get turned on by it.

# you ever...

## ... cheat on your partner if he would never find out?

**YES 24%**



**AMY, 28, student**

■ If I were attracted to another man, I'd cheat to make sure I didn't feel the same passion for him that I do for my boyfriend. If I did, I'd have to rethink our relationship. Last year, I met a man who I could have cheated with, but I refrained.

**NO 76%**



**TINA, 28, sales executive**

■ Even if Antonio Sabato, Jr., were lying naked on my living-room floor, I wouldn't cheat. Before I met my husband four years ago, my eyes definitely wandered. But since we fell in love and got married, I haven't considered cheating once.

## ... use sex toys (handcuffs, vibrators, etc.) to add to your love life?

**YES 72%**



**JENNIFER, 31, dating-service coordinator**

■ A vibrator can bring me pleasure on my own. And other toys add depth to a relationship. In college, I dated a policeman, and I used to love handcuffing him to the bed and "placing him under arrest."

**NO 28%**



**LIS, 27, actress**

■ I've been with my boyfriend for almost two years, and we rely on our knowledge of each other's bodies—rather than plastic toys and batteries—to keep our sex life hot. He knows how to turn me on with a flick of his tongue.

## ... have sex in a public place?

**YES 69%**



**PJ, 28, freelancer**

■ I've done it before and I'd do it again.

A year ago, my then-boyfriend and I spontaneously decided to try it at a concert. After that, we fooled around in cabs and restaurants. To us, it was fun and silly—and the sex was great.

**NO 31%**



**JUDY, 30, teacher**

■ I'd never have sex in a

truly public place, like a park or beach, because if my husband and I got caught, I'd feel embarrassed. We keep things pretty exciting in the bedroom, but if we ever tried something new, an airplane bathroom would be public enough to be thrilling but private enough that we might not get caught.

## ... experiment with S&M (whips, spanking, hot wax)?

**YES 39%**



**MARJORIE, 33, skincare consultant**

■ My boyfriend and I are sexually uninhibited, and lately, I've been thinking about dripping hot candle wax on him. The combination of heat and pain can be sensual. I'd tie his hands, blindfold him, and drizzle wax on his chest.

**NO 61%**



**SUZ, 34, writer**

■ I find S&M laughable. I once went to a bondage bar with a friend. One group was spanking each other while another couple played with hot wax. It didn't excite me—it looked silly.

## ... fake an orgasm?

**YES 63%**



**TRACEY, 30, account executive**

■ I think every woman has faked it at least once. I've done it when I've been tired or sick. In fact, I did it last week. Men take The Big O seriously, and my husband won't stop until I'm satisfied. So faking gets sex over quickly.

**NO 37%**



**MARY BETH, 32, writer**

■ Faking an orgasm is misleading. I don't want a man to think he's on the right track when he's not—he needs to learn how to please me. It takes me a long time to orgasm, and a previous boyfriend really paid attention to what I wanted. ▷

# Would you ever...

## ...forbid your partner to:

### GO TO A STRIP CLUB? 19%



**COLLEEN, 28, homemaker**  
■ I don't want my husband going to strip clubs. When I was in college, I had a boyfriend who used to go—and I didn't mind. But I think it's completely degrading to a wife if her husband pays to look at naked women.

### READ A PORN MAGAZINE? 1%



**HALLIE, 30, performance artist**  
■ My ex-boyfriend always left his porn in plain sight. It was disrespectful—I didn't need to see it. If we had read a magazine together, I might have felt different—but still, let's face it, porn magazines are not romantic.

### WATCH PORN FILMS? 2%



**RAMIN, 32, editor**  
■ I don't think a man who's in a sexually fulfilling relationship should need to watch porn.

My ex-husband often rented porn movies, and though I wasn't jealous, it made me feel he was bored in our marriage.

### ALL OF THE ABOVE? 18%



**MELANIE, 29, stay-at-home mother**  
■ My husband knows I don't want him looking at any porn—and he respects my wishes. Four years ago, I dated a man who always wanted to go to strip clubs. His attitude turned me off and was partly why we broke up.

### NONE OF THE ABOVE? 60%



**NICOLE, 31, project coordinator**  
■ I wouldn't forbid my husband to do anything. Strippers and porn are entertainment.

I've been to strip clubs with my husband—they're harmless. He doesn't go home with those women, he comes home to me.

## ...get involved with a married man?

### YES 19%



**BONNIE, 25, portfolio manager**  
■ You can't help who you fall for, and it's hard to stop caring just because a man is involved with someone else. Besides, a committed man should know not to cheat. I've never been with a married man, but I have dated men with girlfriends, which is almost as bad.

### NO 81%



**SHARON, 30, columnist**  
■ A man who would even think of cheating on his wife is sleazy—and not someone I'd want to date. The way I see it, if you don't like your wife, divorce her—then call me. Don't escape your problems by leaving her at home and hitting on me.

## ...engage in anal sex?

### YES 37%



**HEIDI, 25, customer-service representative**  
■ I suggested

this to a boyfriend three years ago. I was bored and wanted to spice up our sex life. It was a different kind of stimulation than vaginal intercourse, and though it hurt at first, I ultimately enjoyed it.

### NO 63%



**AUDREY, 30, compliance examiner**  
■ My husband

once asked me to do it, but I told him no. I'll try nearly any position, as long as it doesn't take away from the closeness of being face-to-face during sex. Plus, anal sex seems very unclean to me.

## ...masturbate in front of your partner?

### YES 65%



**LIZ, 37, consultant**  
■ I mentioned the idea, half-jokingly, to my boyfriend on the phone recently. We laughed at first, but then we said, "That would actually be great." Just thinking about it is exciting. It would turn him on and give me pleasure. It's funny, though—I wouldn't want to watch *him* masturbate.

### NO 35%



**ANDRÉYA, 34, certified reflexologist**  
■ The idea totally turns me off. I dated my last boyfriend for two years, and I never once considered masturbating for him. I think it's selfish. Lovemaking is about sharing and togetherness—not one person watching while the other person gets off. ▷

# Would you ever...

## ...role-play a fantasy dressed up as:

### A SCHOOL-GIRL? 42%



DEIDRA-ANN, 32, business owner

■ My husband has never asked,

but if dressing up like a schoolgirl would turn things up a notch, I'd be willing to try it. We like to be daring in bed; my favorite role-play scenario would be to pretend we were strangers who just met.

### A PROSTITUTE? 23%



MYREAH, 43, producer

■ I've done this with my boyfriend.

We find that acting out fantasies keeps sex hot. I've dressed up as a nurse and a schoolgirl, too. Role-playing lets me pretend I'm a different, more adventurous woman than I really am.

### NEITHER? 35%



ANDREA, 31, public-relations manager

■ I'm not opposed to wearing sexy

lingerie, but if my husband asked me to do some kinky role-playing as a schoolgirl or prostitute, I'd be freaked out. I want him to respect and love me as *me*, not as someone—or something—that I'm not.

## ...have sex with a man after:

### THE FIRST DATE? 27%



OCTAVIA, 34, office manager

■ Last year, I went out with a man I was very attracted to. We laughed all evening, and at the end of the night, I went home with him—and we had sex. It was the first time I'd ever done that, but my instincts told me to trust him. I was right, because a year later, we're still dating.

### THE THIRD DATE? 27%



COURTNEY, 37, journalist

■ You don't need to know a man for months to know you want him.

Four years ago, I was working in Antarctica and met an attractive doctor. On our third date, we had sex. We didn't fall in love, but we have kept in touch.

### THREE MONTHS? 22%



CAROL, 41, commercial artist

■ Three months is enough time to learn about a person and trust him. My

ex-husband and I dated for several months before sleeping together—and the sex was unbelievable.

### NONE OF THE ABOVE? 24%



SANDY, 38, researcher

■ I get attached to men once we've slept together. So with my last two boyfriends, I waited at least

five months to have sex with them. Sex is incredible if you wait; all that pent-up sexual energy just explodes.

## ...forbid your partner to have cybersex?

### YES 63%



ALEXA, 28, public-relations executive

■ If my husband is satisfied with me, then he

doesn't need to talk dirty with someone else. Cybersex is cheating—and it's just plain tacky. In college, my friend had a sexy e-mail relationship with a man, and I was revolted.

### NO 37%



ALLISON, 31, mosaic artist

■ If there's no physical contact, it isn't cheating.

Plus, I'd rather my husband flirt online than at a bar. He's on computers all day at work, so he has plenty of opportunity. As long as I don't know about it, it's fine.

## ...have a threesome with your partner?

### YES 23%



BROOKE, 23, editor

■ I tried this for the first time in college with my best friends—a guy and

a girl—and it was an exciting experiment. Then, a year ago, my friend asked me to join her and her boyfriend. It was fun, but I'd never share my man with another woman.

### NO 77%



STACEY, 30, teacher

■ I was a virgin until I got married almost two

years ago, and I dated my husband for 10 years before that. I would never bring another person into the bedroom. Sex shouldn't be only physical. It should be about demonstrating your love for one special person—not two. □