

Beliefs About Preventing AIDS – BAPA

Scale items:

1. I would feel uncomfortable buying condoms.
2. I would be too embarrassed to carry a condom around with me, even if I kept it hidden.
3. It doesn't bother me if others make fun of me because I believe in having safe sex. **R**
4. If my partner won't use (or let me use) a condom, I won't have sex. **R**
5. My friends have changed the way they have sex because of the AIDS epidemic. **R**
6. I will have safe sex even if people make fun of me for it. **R**
7. AIDS is a health scare that I take very seriously. **R**
8. There is a good chance I will get AIDS during the next five years.
9. If I ask to use condoms, it might make my partner not want to have sex with me.
10. A person who gets AIDS has a good chance of being cured.
11. I plan on being very careful about who I have sex with. **R**
12. My friends practice safe sex. **R**
13. I have no control over my sexual urges.
14. My friends feel that it is too much trouble to use condoms.
15. I have a high chance of getting AIDS because of my past history.
16. My partner will know I really care about him/her if I ask to use condoms. **R**
17. I don't know how to use a condom.
18. AIDS is the scariest disease I know. **R**
19. If I was going to have sex with someone and they made fun of me for wanting to have safe sex, I would probably give in.
20. There is still time for me to protect myself against AIDS. **R**
21. Trying to have safe sex gets in the way of having fun.
22. I feel almost sure that I will get AIDS.
23. I know how to have safe sex. **R**
24. Using condoms would be a sexual "turn off" for me.
25. I am not doing anything now that is sexually unsafe. **R**
26. In the future I will always be able to practice safe sex. **R**
27. Before I decide to have intercourse, I will make sure we have a condom. **R**
28. Once I get sexually excited, I lose all control over what happens.
29. Most of my friends think that practicing safe sex can lower the spread of AIDS. **R**
30. If I ask to use a condom, it will look like I don't trust my partner.
31. Carrying condoms with me every day is a habit I can keep. **R**
32. I am too young to take care of a baby right now. **R**
33. Not getting pregnant (or not getting a girl pregnant) is very important to me. **R**
34. I will not bother with birth control when I have intercourse with a member of the opposite sex.
35. In the future, whenever I have sexual intercourse with a member of the opposite sex, I plan to make sure we are using birth control. **R**
36. If I wanted to have sex with a member of the opposite sex, and did not have protection, I would go ahead and have intercourse anyway.

USE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE CATEGORIES.

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Disagree somewhat
4. Disagree strongly

Note: Items followed by an R should be reversed when coding.