

COMING OUT

We're going to switch subjects now, and talk about your sexual identity.

IDENTITIES

1. Do you consider yourself to be?

- Lesbian or Gay 1
- Bisexual 2
- Straight 3 [SKIP TO Q. 4]
- OTHER (Specify: _____).....4

2. At what age did you first feel you might be (lesbian/gay/bisexual)?

____ _ years old

3. How old were you when you first discussed being (lesbian/gay/bisexual) with another person?

____ _ years old

The next questions cover sexual attractions, thoughts, and fantasies.

4. Let's talk for a moment about sexual attractions. For instance, when you are walking down the street and there are many different people around or when you are standing in line somewhere; when you see photographs in magazines or books, or see sexy and erotic scenes in movies and TV shows. In the past 3 months, which of the following best describes your sexual/erotic attractions:

- Only attracted to/turned on by guys/men 1
- Mainly attracted to guys/men, some attraction to girls/women 2
- About equal 3
- Mainly attracted to girls/women, some attraction to guys/men 4
- Only attracted to/turned on by girls/women.....5

[BE CAREFUL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER EROTIC ATTRACTION IS PRESENT AND NOT JUST ADMIRATION.]

[IF PARTICIPANT SELF IDENTIFIES AS STRAIGHT, Q.1 = 3, SKIP TO Q. 10]

For these questions we want you to think of people you know, as well as those you may hardly know, like those you pass on the street.

5. How many people discovered you are (lesbian/gay/bisexual) without you wanting them to (e.g., by seeing you with a same-sex partner, by finding (lesbian/gay) literature you had hidden, by following you to a (lesbian/gay) place, etc.)

_____ people

[SHOW HANDCARD #17]

6. How often do people call you names, or embarrass, humiliate, or ridicule you because you are (lesbian/gay/bisexual)?

Never1
Rarely2
Sometimes.....3
Often.....4
All the time5

7. How often do people slap, hit, or beat you -- gay bash you -- because you are (lesbian/gay/bisexual)?

Never1
Rarely2
Sometimes.....3
Often.....4
All the time5

8. How often do people "OUT" you in a group setting of two or more people (e.g., at school/work someone blurts out you are (gay/lesbian/bisexual) in the cafeteria/lunch area)?

Never1
Rarely2
Sometimes.....3
Often.....4
All the time5

9. About how many people know that you are (gay/lesbian/bisexual)? Please answer for each of the groups I ask about.

[SHOW HANDCARD #18]

How many among your:	All of <u>them</u>	Most of <u>them</u>	Some of <u>them</u>	None of <u>them</u>
a. Circle of friends	4	3	2	1
b. Other acquaintances or neighbors	4	3	2	1
c. Family members	4	3	2	1

(IF EMPLOYED)

d. Co-workers	4	3	2	1
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10. About how many people know that you are HIV+? Please answer for each of the groups I ask about.

[SHOW HANDCARD #18]

How many among your:	All of <u>them</u>	Most of <u>them</u>	Some of <u>them</u>	None of <u>them</u>
a. Circle of friends	4	3	2	1
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