

## Behavior/Attitude Survey: African American Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy

This survey is intended to learn more about the opinions of the African American community specifically relating to teen and unplanned pregnancy. We hope that you will take the time to answer each question honestly.

This survey is for individuals over the age of 18 and your answers will remain anonymous. Thank you for participating!

### Section 1

1. What is your age? (Must be 18 to continue) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your gender?  
Male  Female
3. What is your race/ethnicity?  
 African American     Native American     Other  
 Asian     Pacific Islander  
 Hispanic     White / Caucasian
4. What is your current marital status?  
 Single, never Married     Divorced     Widowed  
 Married     Separated
5. In which state were you raised?  
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6. What is your religious affiliation?

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| <input type="radio"/> | Christian | <input type="radio"/> | Muslim | <input type="radio"/> | Other |
| <input type="radio"/> | Catholic  | <input type="radio"/> | Jewish | <input type="radio"/> | None  |

## Section 2

**Based on the current environment in your community, what are your feelings concerning the overall status of teen and unplanned pregnancy? Please circle face.**



**The following questions will reflect your attitude with respect to both teen AND unplanned pregnancy in your current community.**

7. Thinking about your current community, how much of a concern is teen pregnancy in your community?

- Teen pregnancy is not a concern in my community because not many teens get pregnant.
- Teen pregnancy is very common in my community but it is not an important concern.
- Teen pregnancy is one of the most important concerns in my community.

8. Thinking about your current community, how much of a concern is unplanned pregnancy in your community?

- Unplanned pregnancy is not a concern in my community because most people are planning their pregnancies.
- Unplanned pregnancy is very common in my community but it is not an important concern.
- Unplanned pregnancy is one of the most important concerns in my community.

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

9. Teen pregnancy is accepted in my community.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Unplanned pregnancy is accepted in my community.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Despite declines in teen pregnancy in the African American community, rates remain higher for teens overall. What is the primary factor that contributes to this high rate in your opinion?

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| <input type="radio"/> Changing Political Environment | <input type="radio"/> Greater Acceptance                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Peer Pressure                  | <input type="radio"/> Increase in Sexual Content in Media |
| <input type="radio"/> Less Parental Supervision      | <input type="radio"/> Other                               |

**What is your opinion with the statements below?**

12. It is alright for unmarried 18 year olds to have sexual relations if they have strong affection for their girlfriend/boyfriend.

Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. In my family, it is acceptable to have a child out of wedlock.

Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
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14. How important is it that people are married before they have a baby?

- It is not at all important to be married before having a baby
- It is a little important to be married before having a baby
- It is quite important to be married before having a baby
- It is extremely important to be married before having a baby

15. VIDEO SNIPET. This question can not be answered via paper survey.

**Section 3. Please answer the following questions about your background. The survey is anonymous; please be as honest and accurate as possible.**

16. How old were you when you first had sexual intercourse? (oral, anal or vaginal)

- Under 11       11 - 12       13 - 14       15 - 16
- 17 - 18       19 - 20       21 - 24       25 - 30
- 31 - 35       Over 35       Never Had Sex (Skip to Question 24)

17. When you first had sex, were you married?

- Yes       No

18. Looking back do you feel you were emotionally prepared to have sex?

- Yes       No

19. Have you ever experienced an unplanned pregnancy outside of marriage?

- Yes       No (Skip to Question 21)

20. What were the outcomes of that unplanned pregnancy

- Made a plan for adoption
- Terminate the pregnancy
- Had and kept the baby
- Other

21. Are you or your partner using a form of birth control?

- Yes (Go Directly to Question 23)
- No (If married, Skip to Question 24)
- Not having sex right now (Skip to Question 24)

22. Why are you or your partner not using a form of birth control?

- Birth control is too expensive
- It is too difficult to use
- I am worried that birth control won't work
- My partner doesn't want me to use birth control
- My partner won't use birth control
- I'm concerned about side effects
- Other

23. How would you rate your level of consistency with the birth control method?

- Always
- Somewhat consistent
- Not consistent

#### Section 4

**The next list of questions are based on your experiences GROWING UP, not based on today's teenage/young adult views. Please try to remember as best as you can.**

24. When you were growing up, who most influenced your decisions about sex?

- Parents
- Siblings
- Medical Professional
- Friends
- Internet
- Teacher/Counselor
- Boyfriend/Girlfriend
- Religious Leader
- Other

25. How would you rank your knowledge of the following items growing up?

	Not at all Knowledgeable	A little Knowledgeable	Somewhat Knowledgeable	Very Knowledgeable
Birth Control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STDs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HIV/AIDS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pregnancy Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Under what circumstances did you think sex should happen when you were growing up?

- Under any circumstances / There are no terms
- When they are friends
- When they feel they are ready
- When there is a lasting, committed relationship
- When they are married

27. When you were younger, what in your opinion is/was the top reason why teens get pregnant or get someone pregnant?

- Because it is planned
- Not responsible / Careless
- Birth control failure
- Peer pressure from friends
- Pressure from partner
- Other

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

28. When I was growing up, teen and unplanned pregnancy was accepted in my community.

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Somewhat Agree    Strongly Agree
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29. Do you feel teenage pregnancy is much more accepted today than 30 years ago?

Yes  No

30. If you would like to provide more detail, why do you feel teenage pregnancy is much more accepted today than it was 30 years ago?

31. What Sigma Gamma Rho Chapter encouraged you to take this survey?

Example: Theta Rho Sigma or Epsilon Rho - Please use Greek letters only

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Once complete please send back to the committee via fax, email or mail.**

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**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, we thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Please visit The National Campaign's website ([www.thenationalcampaign.org](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org)) to get more information about this important issue.