

Westminster Faith Debates

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Too much sex these days – the sexualisation of society?

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YouGov survey for Westminster Faith Debates, 2013

- Online survey
- Total sample size 4,437 adults.
- Fieldwork undertaken 25th - 30th January 2013.
- The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+).

Most people think sex is important

68% of people agree that sex is important for a fulfilled life

Religious people slightly more likely to agree

Men are almost twice as likely to agree strongly that sex is important for a fulfilled life as women (40% : 20%)

But a similar % also think that society is too sexualised

66% say that the profile of sex is too high in society.

Slightly higher for religious people

Little difference between men and women

**Do religious people have a
different attitude to sex?**

How guilty, if at all, would you feel if you did one of the following things?

1. Used pornography for sexual stimulation

2. Used contraception

3. Had sex before marriage/civil partnership

4. Had sex outside marriage/civil partnership

<i>Would feel guilty if</i>	All	All religious
Used pornography for sexual stimulation	26%	33%
Used contraception	5%	6%
Had pre-marital sex	13%	20%
Had extra-marital sex	56%	64%

	All	Anglicans	Catholics	Jewish
<i>Would feel guilty if</i>				
Used pornography for sexual stimulation	26%	30%	30%	31%
Used contraception	5%	3%	9%	3%
Had pre-marital sex	13%	12%	19%	12%
Had extra-marital sex	56%	60%	57%	72%

	All	All non-religious	Baptists	Pentecostals	Muslims
<i>Would feel guilty if</i>					
Used pornography for sexual stimulation	26%	15%	69%	89%	54%
Used contraception	5%	3%	7%	9%	23%
Had pre-marital sex	13%	5%	50%	76%	62%
Had extra-marital sex	56%	48%	88%	89%	69%

Other surveys

YouGov Feb 2006	
<i>Do you think this change in attitude towards different types of sexual conduct [between consenting adults] has made people healthier and happier in today than they were in the 1960s?</i>	
Has made people a lot healthier and happier	14
Has made people a little healthier and happier	30
Has made no difference	18
Has made people a little less healthy and happy	19
Has made people a lot less healthy and happy	12
Don't know	7

Most parents think there's a problem

<i>YouGov (Mar 2010)</i> <i><u>Parents/carers of children under 16</u></i> <i>Please say if you agree or disagree compared to when you were a child</i>	Disagree	Neither	Agree	DK
Children are under more pressure to behave in a sexualized way now	10	12	76	1
I think that sexualized media and advertising is around too much now	9	11	79	1
I worry about the effects that sexualized media and sexual peer pressure may have on my child now and in the future	12	13	73	2

Most concern about internet

YouGov Feb 2006	
<i>Generally speaking, do you think there is too much sex on British TV and in films shown in Britain today?</i>	
Far too much	26
A little too much	28
About the right amount	32
Not enough	8
Don't know	6
<i>There should be greater restrictions on what sexual material is allowed on the internet today</i>	
Agree	71
Disagree	25
Don't know	5

Acceptable sexual activities

Angus Reid Jan 2013	
<i>please indicate whether you personally believe they are morally acceptable</i>	
Contraception	91
Sexual relations between an unmarried man and woman	82
Sexual relations between two people of the same sex	58
Pornography	40
Prostitution	34
Married men and/or women having an affair	13
Polygamy	10
Paedophilia	1

The Sex Census 2012

Organized by Ann Summers and Relate, more than 20,000 respondents online December 2011-January 2012.

44% of people have sex at least every few days

Average once a week

50% of women and 63% of men would like more

When asked how happy people are with their sex life, 1 in 3 answer 'not sure.'

30–39-year-olds are also the least satisfied with the quality of their sex life, with 50% unable to say categorically that they have good sex

19% of women use pornography once a week or more, compared to 58% of men

41% of both men and women are unsure about the impact pornography has on their relationship

Agree sex is NOT important to a fulfilled human life

6% men

12% women

Think profile of sex is NOT too high in society

11% men

5% women

Only 2-3% “don’t know”

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