

Society / Opinion Polls

MAGAZINE | DEC 24, 2012



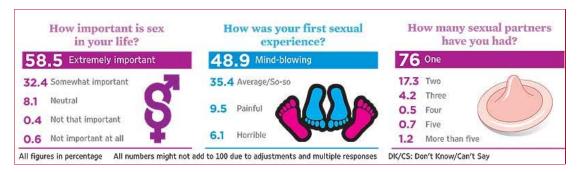
OUTLOOK-SKORE SEX SURVEY 2012

The Kids Are Alright

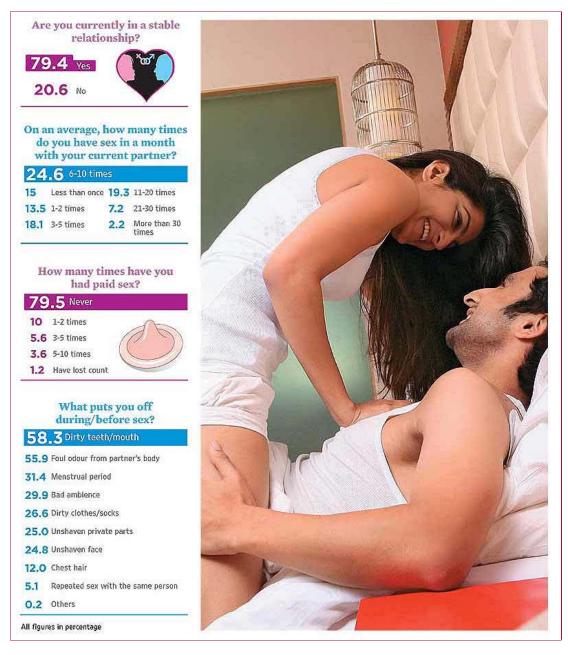
30% of urban youth don't think there's anything wrong with homosexuality; 73% agree that incest is a big issue in India

Sex is something which has natural association with youth—raging hormones, infinite possibilities and many, many <u>naughty discoveries</u>. Or so we hope and pray. Given that such <u>a large proportion of Indians</u> are young, what's the point if they aren't reaping true dividends—sex, and lots of it—in keeping with their demographic? Which is why we at *Outlook* decided to focus on this demanding segment (ages 18-35) in the *Outlook*-<u>Skore Sex Survey</u> 2012. Our findings show that, although late bloomers (most of the youth surveyed had their first sexual experience in <u>the early 20s</u>), urban youth are experimenting and more open about attitudes to sex. There's a clear relaxation here in views on virginity too. There's also greater acceptability about casual sex in <u>the urban arena</u> (almost 65% respondents acknowledged having what is now referred to as 'buddy sex' before marriage). This growing ease and comfort with sex is evident in two startling disclosures: one, 30% of

urban youth don't think there's anything wrong with homosexuality (29% of urban males admit to having had a homosexual experience at least once). And, secondly, urban youth are talking about the elephant in the room: incest. A stunning 73% of our sample agree that incest is a big issue in India. All this may not add up to a sexual revolution yet but one thing is for sure, our youth are definitely speaking a new sparkling, sexual language.



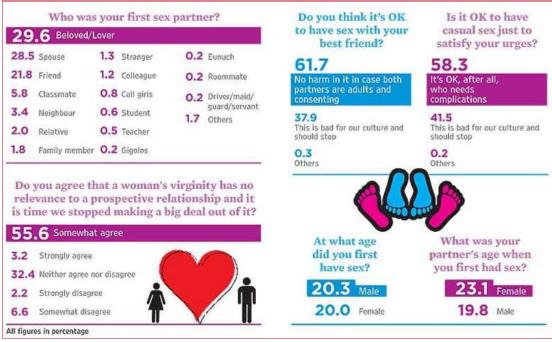
- 25 Percentage of young urbanites who have sex 6-10 times a month. Some 2% said they had sex more than 30 times in the same period.
- 15.5 The average age of boys when they get to know about sex compared to 16 years for girls.



• **64** Percentage of young urban males who think that virginity is not important to a prospective relationship.

30 Percentage of young urbanites who don't find anything wrong with homosexuality.

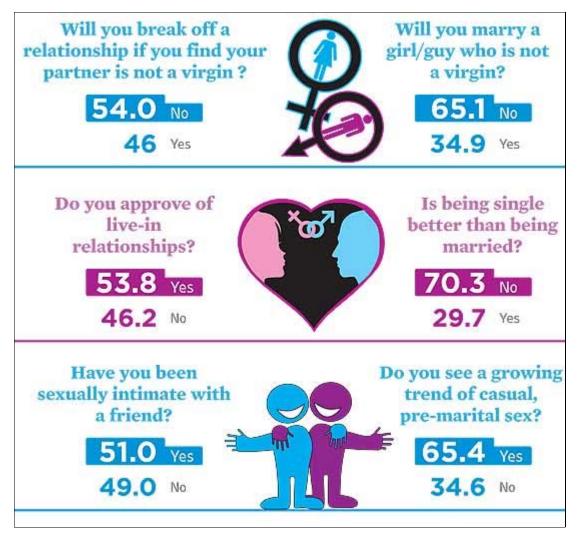




- **65** Percentage of urban males who feel that sex is extremely important for them; the figure is 52 per cent for women.
- 84 Percentage of youngsters in Jaipur in the 18-35 age group who are least satisfied with their current sex life.
- 20 Average age when young urbanites have their first sexual experience. In Calcutta, it's 15 years for men and 17 for women.

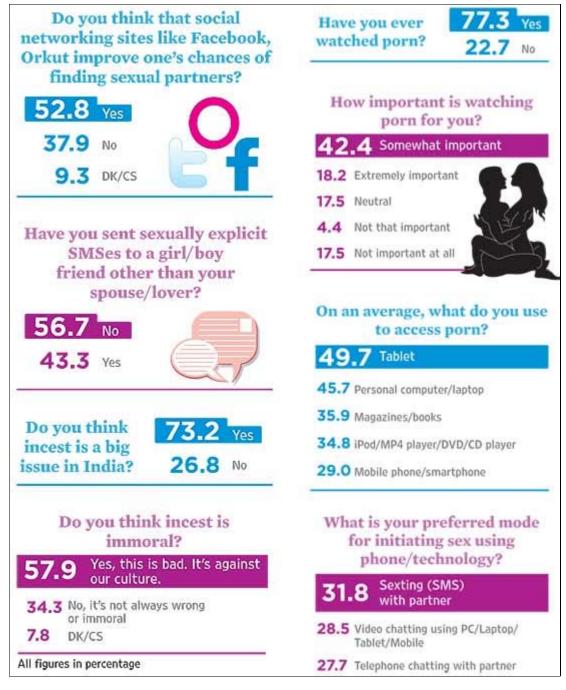






- **49** Percentage of unmarried males who will break off a relationship if they find their partner is not a virgin; 70% women won't marry a non-virgin.
- 29 Percentage of young men who have had a homosexual experience at least once.
- 82 Percentage of women who are in a stable relationship; the figure is 77 per cent for males.





- 96 Percentage of young men who are satisfied with their current sex life; the figure is 91 per cent for women.
- 29 Percentage of young men who claim to have more than one sexual partner compared to 19% women.



Click here to see the article in its standard web format