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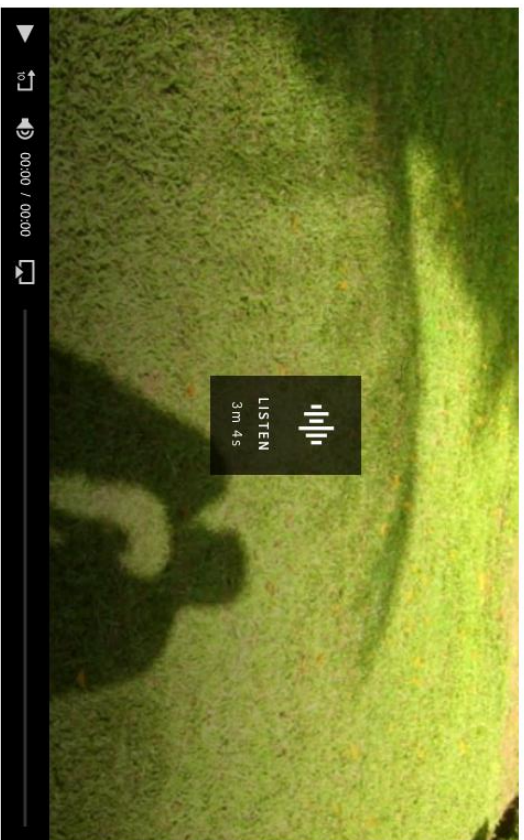


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Survey reveals sexual behaviour of more than 6,000 high school students

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It's a topic of conversation that most parents and teenagers find awkward: sex.

But we now have a good idea of high school students' sexual behaviour, thanks to a national survey

THE CONVERSATION

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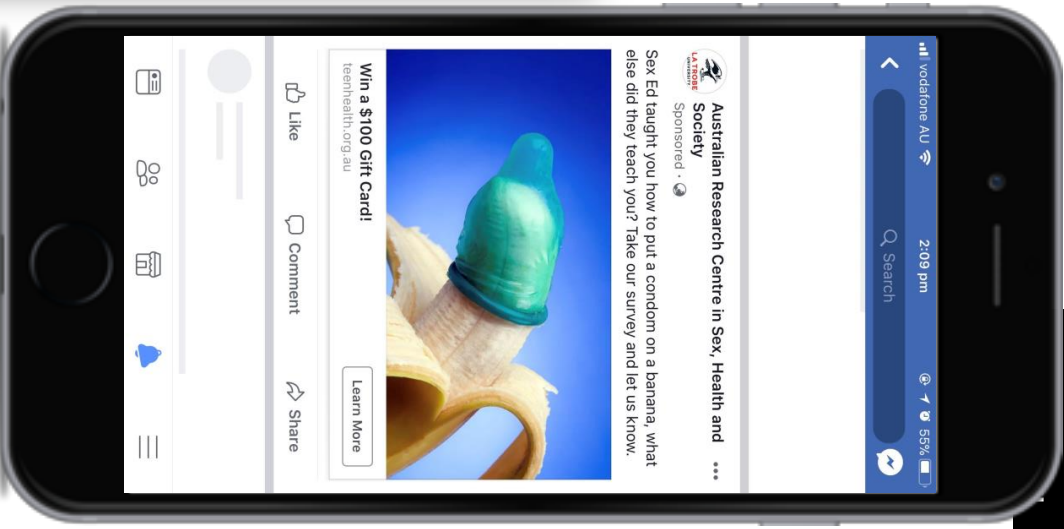
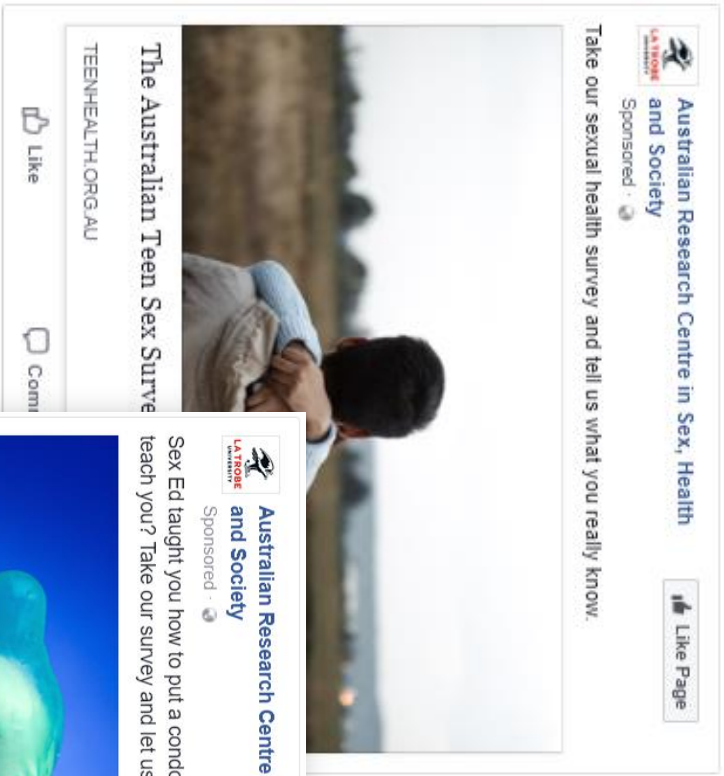
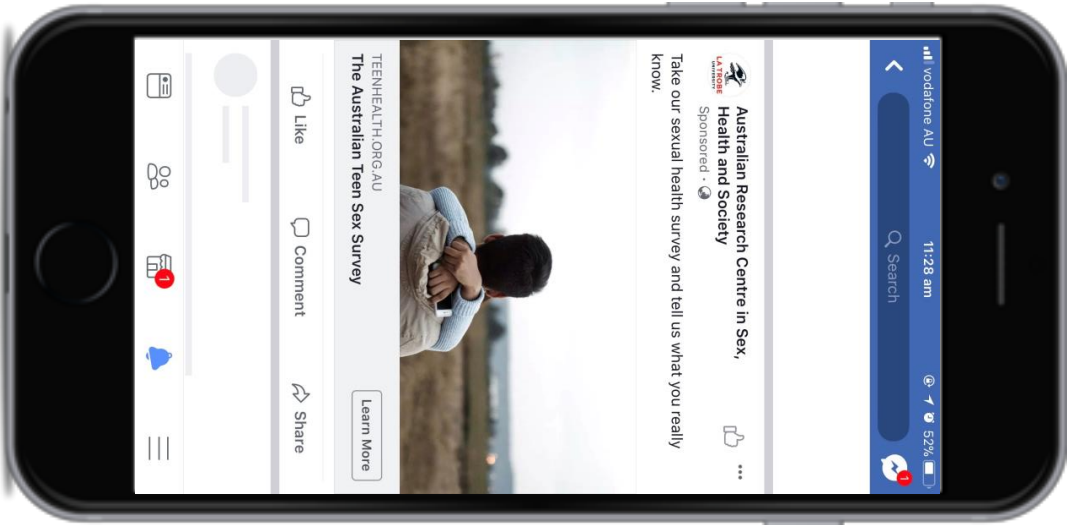
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Gender

Table 3.2 Sample size by gender

Gender	%	n
Male	42.8	2,711
Female	54.8	3,469
Trans and Gender Diverse (TGD)*	2.3	147
Total	100.0	6,327

* TGD students self-identified as transgender, gender diverse, and other similar identities.

Year Level

Table 3.5 Sample size by year level

Year in School	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Year 10	24.6	667	26.8	930	23.8	35	25.8	1,632
Year 11	36.3	985	38.7	1,344	39.5	58	37.7	2,387
Year 12	39.1	1,059	34.4	1,195	36.7	54	36.5	2,308
Total	100.0	2,711	100.0	3,469	100.0	147	100.0	6,327

STIs

Table 5.2 Responses to “Have you ever been diagnosed with a sexually transmissible infection (STI)?”

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Yes	1.6	18	2.7	46	9.1	2	2.3	66
No	98.4	1,142	97.3	1,640	90.9	20	97.7	2,802

Pregnancy

Table 5.30 Responses to “Have you ever had sex that resulted in a pregnancy?” (n=2,886)

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Yes	3.1	32	3.6	61	14.3	3	3.5	96
No	95.2	987	94.8	1,593	85.7	18	94.9	2,598
Don't know	1.7	18	1.5	26	0.0	0	1.6	44

Table 5.31 Responses to “Was the pregnancy planned?” (n=2,886)

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Yes	6.3	2	5.0	3	33.3	1	6.3	6
No	93.8	30	95.0	57	66.7	2	93.7	89

HPV vaccination

Table 5.4 Responses to “Have you been vaccinated against HPV, also called the cervical cancer vaccine?”

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Yes	30.8	843	44.9	1,570	37.5	24	38.7	2,437
No	26.3	718	20.3	710	26.6	17	23.0	1,445
Don't know	42.9	1,173	34.8	1,218	35.9	23	38.3	2,414

Sexual behaviour



Sexual intercourse

Table 5.13 Students who have ever had sexual intercourse (anal and/or vaginal) by year level

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Year 10	31.2	203	36.9	338	11.8	2	34.3	543
Year 11	41.4	408	49.5	666	38.1	8	46.0	1,082
Year 12	52.9	554	58.6	695	46.2	12	55.8	1,261
Total	43.4	1,165	49.3	1,699	34.4	22	46.6	2,886

Number of partners

Table 5.14 Responses to “Over the last year with how many people have you had anal and/or vaginal intercourse?” (n=2,886)

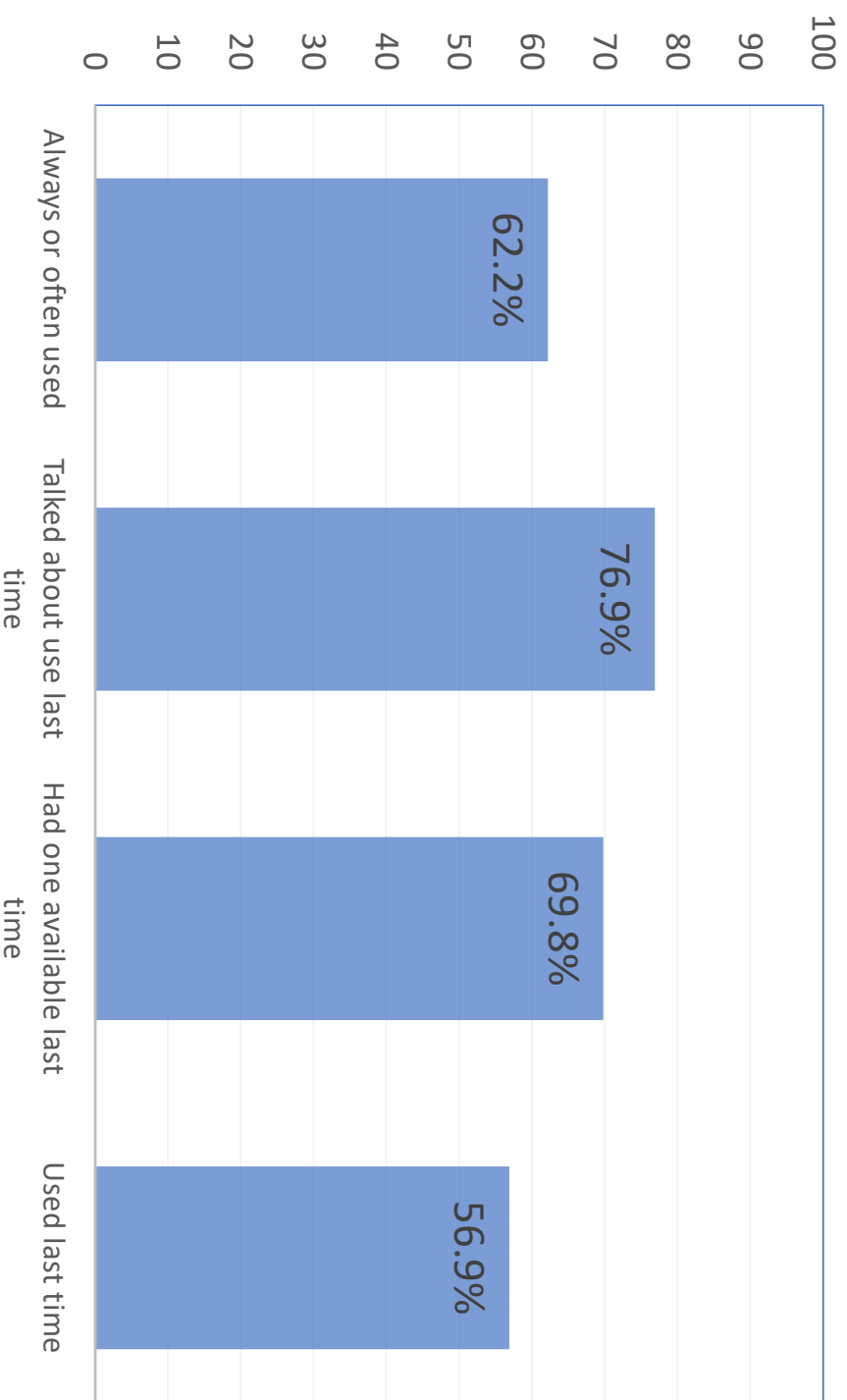
	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
I have not had sex in the past year	5.4	62	2.8	48	13.6	3	3.9	113
1 person	59.6	687	63.0	1,064	40.9	9	61.5	1,760
2 people	15.5	179	15.5	261	18.2	4	15.5	444
3+ people	19.4	224	18.7	315	27.3	6	19.0	545

Contraception

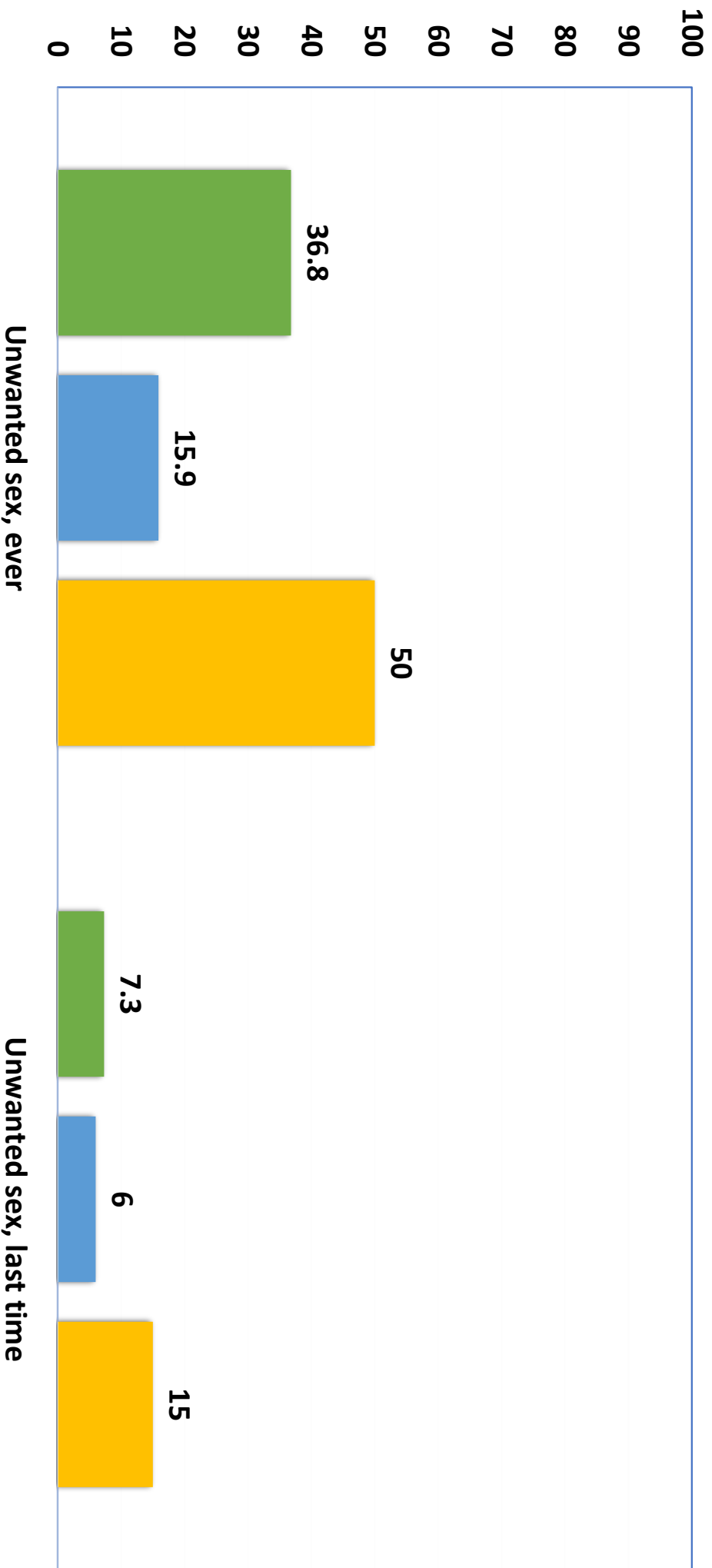
Table 5.29 Responses to “The last time you had vaginal sex which, if any, forms of contraception did you or the person you had sex with use to prevent pregnancy? Please select as many as you think apply” (n=2,886)

	Male		Female		TGD		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Condom	54.5	663	53.1	935	30.4	7	53.5	1,605
The pill	37.7	459	43.5	765	30.4	7	41.0	1,231
Withdrawal	17.4	212	21.2	373	13.0	3	19.6	588
Contraceptive implant (e.g., Implanon)	6.7	81	9.6	169	26.1	6	8.5	256
None	7.2	87	7.8	138	13.0	3	7.6	228
Emergency contraception (the morning after pill)	3.0	36	4.6	81	8.7	2	4.0	119
IUD (intrauterine device)	1.6	19	1.4	25	0.0	0	1.5	44
Rhythm method	1.4	17	1.1	19	4.3	1	1.2	37
Injection (e.g., Depo-Provera)	0.7	8	0.7	13	0.0	0	0.7	21
Other	0.7	9	0.7	12	8.7	2	0.8	23
Diaphragm	0.3	4	0.1	2	0.0	0	0.2	6

Condom use



Unwanted Sex (%)

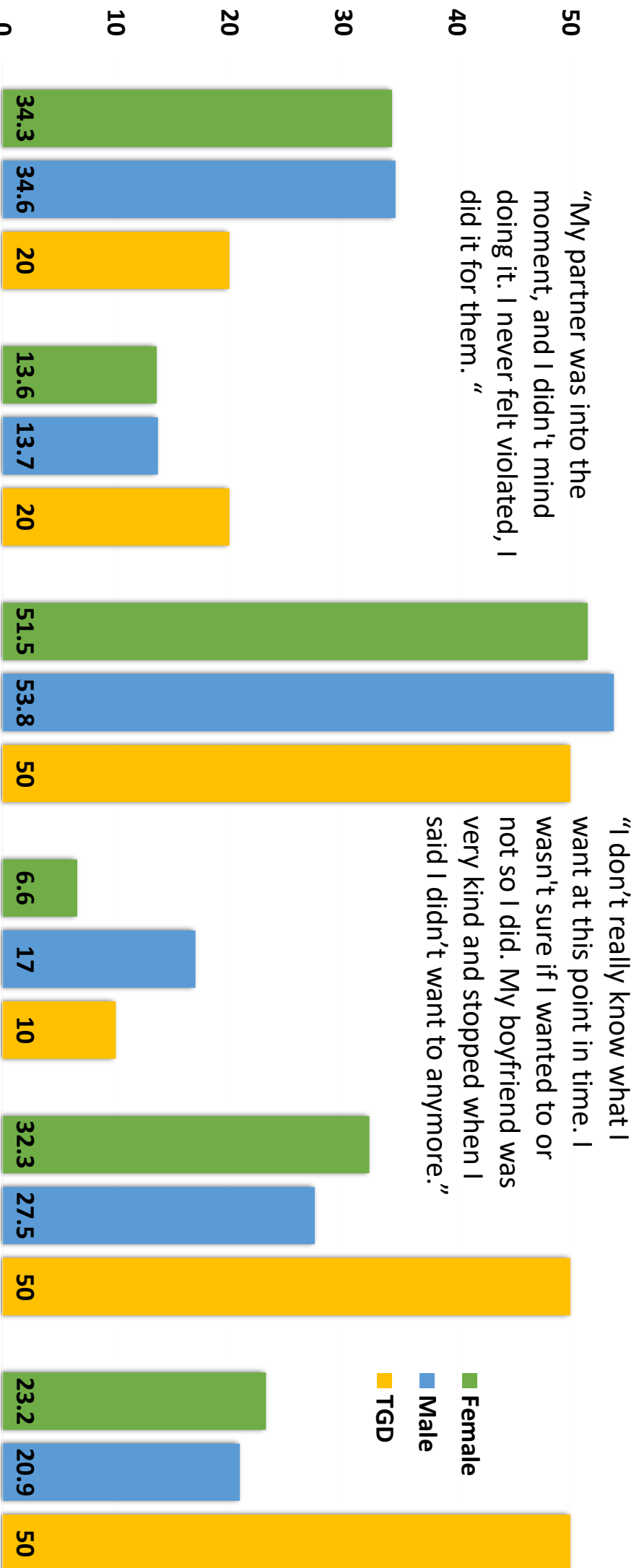


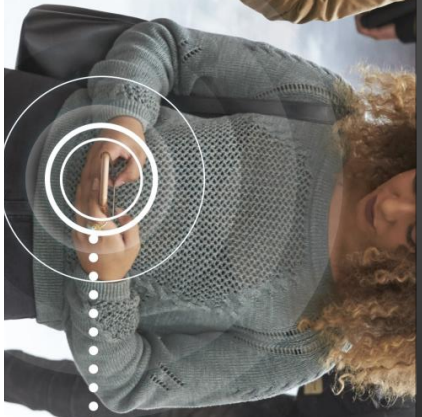
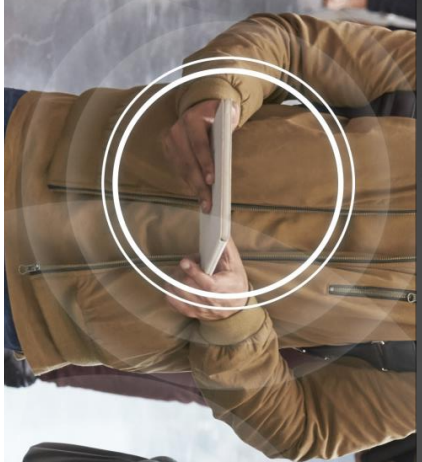
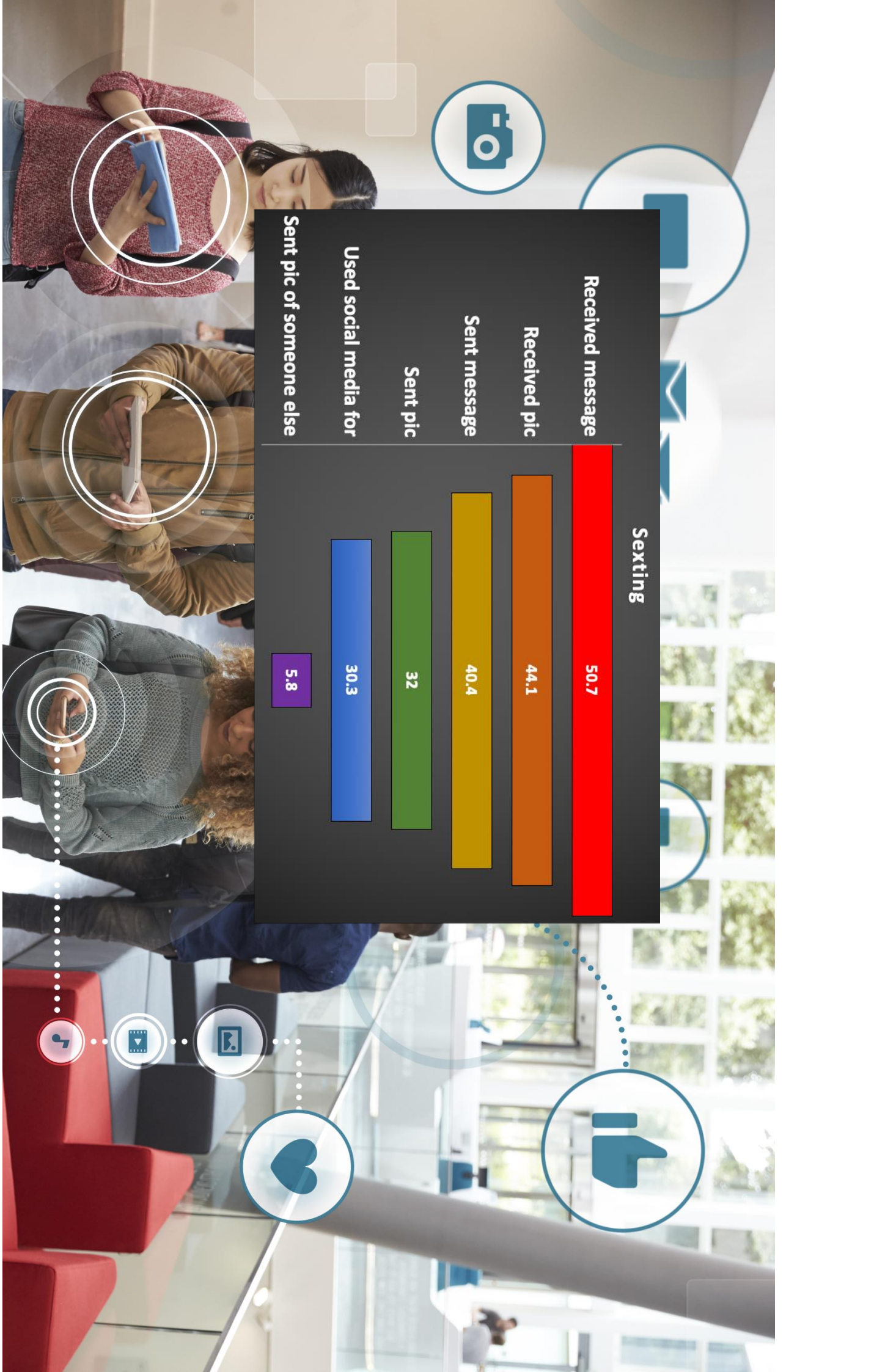
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Reasons for unwanted sex (%)

60
49 cases of narrated sexual assault/rape

“I was just tired and wasn’t feeling it but gave my partner consent to.”







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