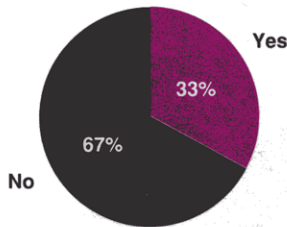


## What to Wear (or Not Wear) On The Beach

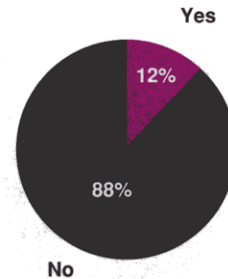
### Looking Back

**Question:** Do you think it is indecent for men to wear topless bathing suits for swimming?



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, June 9-14, 1939.

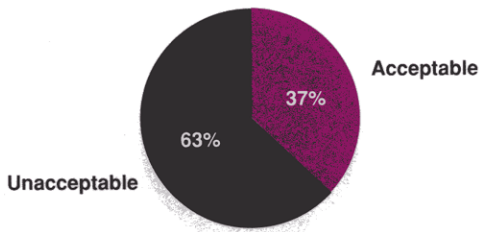
**Question:** ...[T]ell me whether you have ever done it or not... gone swimming nude or "skinny dipping" with a mixed group?



**Source:** Survey by the Roper Organization, October 18-27, 1971.

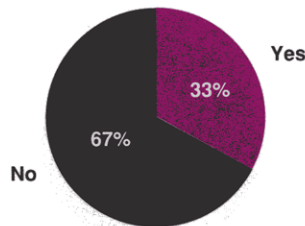
### Most Americans Aren't Ready for the Riviera

**Question:** Do you feel that... nude bathing beaches are acceptable or unacceptable at least for other people, even if not for yourself?



**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich, Skelly and White for *Time*, July 26-31, 1977.

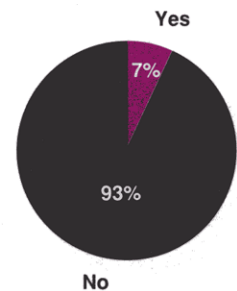
**Question:** Have you ever gone swimming in the nude in mixed company?



**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Troika Productions and Lifetime Television, January 4-6, 1991.

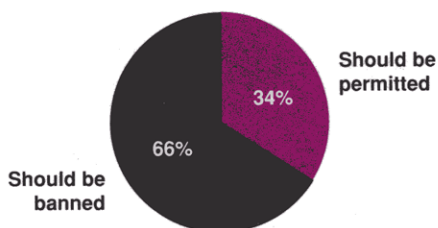
**Question:** Have you ever gone topless on a beach?

*Asked of women*



**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Troika Productions and Lifetime Television, April 4-7, 1991.

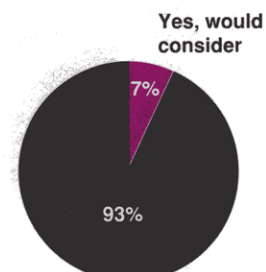
**Question:** Do you think women should be permitted to sunbathe topless on public beaches if they choose to, or do you think topless sunbathing on public beaches should be banned?



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, July 31-August 2, 1992.

**Question:** Would you, yourself, consider sunbathing topless on a public beach if it were allowed?

*Asked of women*



No, would not

