Young America: Behavior and Values

Few Teens Say They Have Smoked Pot, Though Many Say Their Parents Did

**Question:** On average, how often do you smoke marijuana or pot—at least once a week, a few times a month, once a month, hardly ever, or never?

**Question:** Have either of your parents ever smoked marijuana, or not?

One in 10 Say They Smoke Cigarettes Regularly, One in 8 that They Drink Regularly or on Occasion

**Question:** Have you ever smoked cigarettes? [If yes] Are you a regular cigarette smoker, or have you smoked just a few times?

**Question:** On average, how often do you drink alcohol, wine, or beer—at least once a week, a few times a month, once a month, hardly ever, or never?

**Source:** Survey of teenagers by CBS News/New York Times, April 2-7, 1996.
Half Say Premarital Sex is Always Wrong
And Half That Homosexual Relations are Always Wrong

**Question:** Do you think having sex before a person is married is always okay, okay some of the time, or do you think it is always wrong to have sex before marriage?

**Question:** Do you think sexual relations between people of the same sex are always okay, okay some of the time, or do you think gay or lesbian relations are always wrong?

Three in Five Say They Have Cheated on a Test and One in Ten That There Was a Lot Of Cheating on the Last Test They Took in Their School

**Question:** ...Think about the last test you took at school. How much cheating by the kids in your class would you say there was on that test? Would you say there was a lot of cheating, some cheating, not very much cheating, or no cheating at all?

**Question:** Have you, yourself, ever cheated on a test or exam?

**Question:** Do you lie to your [parent/guardian] a lot of the time, some of the time, hardly ever, or have you never lied to your [parent/guardian]?

More Than Half of Teens Say They Have Done Volunteer Work in the Past Year

**Question:** In the past twelve months, have you done any volunteer work for religious, educational, health, environmental or other organizations? By volunteer work I mean not just belonging to a group, but actually working in some way to help others for no pay.

**Goals: "Philosophy of Life" and "Economic Success" Swap Places**

**Views of Entering College Freshmen**

**Question:** Please indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following objectives.

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**A Big Decrease in Opposition to Capital Punishment**

**A Roller-Coaster Ride on Marijuana**

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

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**Source:** Surveys of American Freshman, Higher Education Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, for the American Council on Education.