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N = 901 men and women age 18-44 (Surveyed from 4.29 - 8.18.2003)
250 youth age 15 -17 (Surveyed from 4.29 - 9.02.2003)

Margin of error total sample is ± 3
Margin of error age 18-44 is ± 3
Margin of error age 15-17 is ± 6

“Total” refers to the entire survey population of 1,151 women and men ages 15 to 44.

* indicates a value of less than .5%

S1 In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with healthcare in America today?

Total

48 Satisfied
43 Dissatisfied
9 Don't know
1 Refused

P1 I have some questions about issues facing our country and youth today. For each issue I read please tell me if you think it is a major problem facing our country, a minor problem or not a problem at all. (First | What about) (Insert)?

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

List items were rotated

a discrimination because of race or ethnicity

Ages 15-17

48 Major problem
37 Minor problem
13 Not a problem at all
2 Don't know
***** Refused
250 N

b unintended pregnancy

Ages 15-17

76 Major problem
17 Minor problem
4 Not a problem at all
3 Don't know
0 Refused
250 N

As you may know, emergency contraceptive pills are a higher dose of birth control pills that are taken after unprotected sexual intercourse. If taken within days of having sex, they greatly reduce the chance of pregnancy.

P2 Have you ever heard of emergency contraceptive pills, sometimes called morning after pills?

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

Ages 15-17

74 Yes
25 No
2 Don't know
0 Refused
250 N

P3 Is emergency contraception an issue you think your teen has learned about in school?

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

Ages 15-17

47	Yes
32	No
21	Don't know
0	Refused
250	N

P4 Parent's Sex

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

Ages 15-17

28	Male
72	Female
250	N

P5 Now I have several questions so we can describe the people who took part in our survey. Many Americans do not have health insurance. Is your teen now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, including any private insurance plan or a government program such as Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, or doesn't your teen have health insurance at this time?

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

Ages 15-17

89	Yes
10	No
0	Don't know
*	Refused
250	N

P6 Which of the following is your teen's main source of health insurance coverage?

*Based on **parent** of teen who has health insurance*

Responses were read aloud

Ages 15-17

75	Private insurance
17	Medi-Cal
5	Healthy Families, the state health program for uninsured children
2	Some other government medical program such as CHAMPUS or the VA
1	Don't know
0	Refused
224	N

P8 Last year, that is in 2002, what was your total household income from all sources before taxes? Was it over or under \$25,000?

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen*

Ages 15-17

26	Under \$25,000
67	Over \$25,000
3	Don't know
4	Refused
250	N

P9 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen whose income is less than \$25,000*

Responses were read aloud

Ages 15-17

18	Less than \$10,000
15	\$10,000 to under \$15,000
30	\$15,000 to under \$20,000
36	\$20,000 to under \$25,000
1	Don't know
0	Refused
64	N

P10 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

*Based on those who are the **parent** of a teen whose income is more than \$25,000*

Responses were read aloud

Ages 15-17

9	\$25,000 to under \$30,000
6	\$30,000 to under \$35,000
7	\$35,000 to under \$40,000
12	\$40,000 to under \$50,000
16	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
18	\$75,000 to under \$100,000
24	\$100,000 or more
1	Don't know
6	Refused
168	N

Q1 In general, how would you describe your own health? Is it excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Total

32	Excellent
52	Good
12	Only fair
3	Poor
1	Don't know
*	Refused

Q2 I have some questions about issues facing our country today. For each issue I read please tell me if you think it is a major problem facing our country, a minor problem or not a problem at all. (First | What about) (Insert)?

List items were rotated

a discrimination because of race or ethnicity

<u>Total</u>	
45	Major problem
40	Minor problem
11	Not a problem at all
4	Don't know
*	Refused

b unintended pregnancy

<u>Total</u>	
64	Major problem
24	Minor problem
5	Not a problem at all
6	Don't know
*	Refused

S10 So I know which questions to ask, please tell me how old you are?

<u>Total</u>	
10	15-17
22	18-24
33	25-34
35	35-44
0	Refused

D1 Sex

<u>Total</u>	
49	Male
51	Female

Q3 As far as you know, if a woman has just had unprotected sex or thinks her birth control may have failed, is there anything she can do in the following days to prevent pregnancy?

<u>Total</u>	
65	Yes
18	No
10	Not sure
7	Don't know
1	Refused

Q4 What could she do in the following days to help prevent pregnancy? Is there anything else she can do?

Based on those 18-44 years old who say there is something a woman can do

Multiple response; Pre-coded open-end; Up to 3 responses accepted

Ages 18-44

48	Take morning-after pills
6	Take RU-486
4	Take emergency contraception
7	Have an abortion
3	Take the abortion pill
35	Other
9	Don't know
1	Refused
612	N

Q5 Have you ever heard of emergency contraceptive pills, sometimes called morning-after pills?

Based on 18-44 year olds who mentioned neither emergency contraceptive pills nor morning after pills as a way to prevent pregnancy and all those who said that there isn't anything a woman can do to prevent pregnancy after sex

Ages 18-44

66	Yes
32	No
2	Don't know
0	Refused
581	N

Q6 Now I'm going to read you several statements. To the best of your knowledge, are the following statements true or false?

Based on 18-44 year olds who have heard of emergency contraceptive pills or morning after pills. List items were rotated

a Emergency contraceptive pills are used primarily to prevent pregnancy.

Ages 18-44

73	True
22	False
5	Don't Know
0	Refused
734	N

b Emergency contraceptive pills are another term for RU-486, the "abortion pill."

Ages 18-44

50	True
25	False
25	Don't Know
0	Refused
734	N

Q7 When did you first hear about emergency contraceptive pills or morning-after pills- within the last 6 months, between six months and a year, two or three years ago, over three years ago?

Based on 18-44 year olds who have heard of emergency contraceptive pills or morning after pills

Ages 18-44

7	Within the last 6 months
19	Between 6 months and a year
35	Two or three years ago
38	Over three years ago
1	Don't know
0	Refused
734	N

Q8 How did you hear about emergency contraceptive pills or morning-after pills?

Based on 18-44 year olds who have heard of emergency contraceptive pills or morning-after pills; Multiple response; Pre-coded open-end; Up to 3 responses accepted

Ages 18-44

46	The news / Television news program
12	Magazines, newspapers
14	Friends or peer
7	Health care professional
2	Internet
12	School / from a teacher, school nurse, school counselor
3	Family member
13	Other
6	Don't know
0	Refused
734	N

Q9 Have you ever heard about emergency contraceptive pills in a class or from a teacher, nurse, or counselor at school?

Based on 15 to 17 year olds who said there isn't anything a woman can do to prevent pregnancy after sex and have heard of ECs but did not say they heard about ECs from school or a teacher

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q10 Have you ever discussed emergency contraception with a doctor or other health professional?

Based on 18-44 year olds who have heard of emergency contraceptive pills or morning-after pills

Ages 18-44

9	Yes
90	No
*	Don't know
*	Refused
734	N

Read to all

The topic we have been discussing, emergency contraceptive pills, is a higher dose of birth control pills that are taken after unprotected sexual intercourse. If taken within days of having sex, they greatly reduce the chance of pregnancy.

Q11 Do you have religious or moral objections to emergency contraception?

<u>Total</u>	
18	Yes
79	No
3	Don't know
*	Refused

Q12 As far as you know, are emergency contraceptive pills currently available in the United States, or not?

<u>Total</u>	
57	Yes
8	No
33	Not sure/Don't know (Volunteered)
1	Never heard of ECPs or MAPs (Volunteered)
*	Refused

Q13 To the best of your knowledge, can a woman get a prescription for emergency contraception directly from a pharmacist without having to contact or visit her doctor first?

Based on those who say ECs are available in the US

<u>Total</u>	
18	Yes
57	No
26	Don't know
0	Refused
657	N

Q14 These next few questions are about your own sexual behavior. Please keep in mind that all of your answers are confidential. Have you ever had sexual intercourse, or do you anticipate that you may have sex in the next year?

<u>Total</u>	
79	Yes
16	No
*	Lesbian or gay (Volunteered)
1	Don't know
4	Refused

Q15 If you have had sexual intercourse, how often do you use birth control or do anything else to try to prevent pregnancy? Would you say never, only sometimes, most of the time, or all of the time?

Based on those who have had sexual intercourse or anticipate having it

<u>Total</u>	
25	Never
7	Only sometimes
13	Most of the time
52	All of the time
1	Never had sex so I do not use birth control (Volunteered)
1	Don't know
1	Refused
850	N

Q16 (Are you currently pregnant or trying to get pregnant | Is your partner if you have one currently pregnant or trying to become pregnant), or are you or your partner sterilized?

Based on those who never do anything to prevent pregnancy

<u>Total</u>	
57	Yes to any
42	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused
199	N

Q17F If you had sex without using a contraceptive or if you think your regular birth control may have failed, and you wanted to prevent pregnancy, how likely would you be to take emergency contraceptive pills- very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

Based on females who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
38	Very likely
16	Somewhat likely
10	Somewhat unlikely
33	Very unlikely
3	Don't know
1	Refused
472	N

Q17M If you had sex without using a contraceptive or if you think your regular birth control may have failed, and you wanted to prevent pregnancy, how likely would you be to suggest to your partner that she take emergency contraceptive pills-very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

Based on males who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
40	Very likely
18	Somewhat likely
11	Somewhat unlikely
25	Very unlikely
4	Don't know
2	Refused
378	N

Q18 If you wanted to learn more about emergency contraception, where would you go to find out accurate information?

Multiple response; Accepted as many as applied

<u>Total</u>	
58	Doctor's office
4	Pharmacy
16	Clinic
3	Library
1	Friends
2	Family
*	Spouse/Partner
22	Internet
1	Television
*	Magazines
*	Newspapers
1	Teachers / Counselor at school
1	School nurse
*	Radio
6	Other
8	Don't know
1	Refused

Q19 As you may or may not know, some pharmacies in California can dispense emergency contraception to a woman *without* requiring her to contact or visit her doctor first. (If you were not trying to get pregnant would | Would) the option of buying emergency contraception directly from a pharmacist make you more likely or less likely to take emergency contraceptive pills?

Based on females who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
53	More likely to take emergency contraception pills
29	Less likely to take emergency contraception pills
14	Just as likely / unlikely to take emergency contraception pills (Volunteered)
3	Don't know
*	Refused
472	N

Q20 And what if you had a pack of emergency contraceptive pills at home on hand in case you needed them (and you were not trying to get pregnant); would you be more likely or less likely to take them after unprotected sex?

Based on females who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
65	Would you be more likely
19	Less likely
10	Just as likely / unlikely to take them (Volunteered)
5	Don't know
1	Refused
472	N

Q21 And what if your doctor told (you | your partner) about emergency contraception as an option in the case that you had unprotected sex and wanted to prevent pregnancy. Would that make you more likely or less likely to (take them | encourage a partner to take them)?

Based on those who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
65	More likely
17	Less likely
13	Just as likely / unlikely to take them (Volunteered)
5	Don't know
1	Refused
850	N

Q22 And what if you knew that emergency contraceptive pills could cause side effects such as nausea, dizziness and headaches in some women, would you be more likely or less likely to (take them | encourage a partner to take them)?

Based on those who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
29	More likely
46	Less likely
20	Just as likely / unlikely to take them (Volunteered)
4	Don't know
*	Refused
850	N

Q23 Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements about emergency contraception (First | Next), (Insert).

Based on those who said they were 'somewhat unlikely' or 'very unlikely' to get ECs for failed birth control. List items were rotated

a It is too difficult to obtain emergency contraception within the time it takes to be effective

<u>Total</u>	
24	Agree
48	Disagree
27	Don't know
*	Refused
329	N

b Emergency contraception is too expensive

<u>Total</u>	
18	Agree
26	Disagree
56	Don't know
0	Refused
329	N

c It is morally wrong to use emergency contraception

<u>Total</u>	
39	Agree
53	Disagree
7	Don't know
1	Refused
329	N

d The risk of pregnancy is low enough that it is not worth it to obtain emergency contraception

<u>Total</u>	
31	Agree
55	Disagree
12	Don't know
1	Refused
329	N

Q24 (Have you ever | Have any of your partners ever) taken emergency contraceptive pills¹?

Based on those who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

<u>Total</u>	
9	Yes
90	No
1	Don't know
*	Refused
830	N

¹ Twenty males ages 15 to 17 were not asked this question. Percentages are based on total answering.

Q25 Do you know anyone (else) who has ever used emergency contraceptive pills?

<u>Total</u>	
17	Yes
81	No
2	Don't know
*	Refused

Q26 Would you be likely to recommend emergency contraception to others?

Based on female EC users

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q27 When (you | a partner) used emergency contraceptives where did (you | she) obtain emergency contraception²?

Based on those who have used or had a partner who used emergency contraception

Responses were read aloud

<u>Total</u>	
13	From a physician through a call in prescription
7	From a walk in visit to a physician
6	From a scheduled doctor's visit in advance of needing it
5	From a pharmacy without contacting a doctor first
52	From a clinic, like Planned Parenthood
3	From some other place
14	Don't know
0	Refused
73	N

² Twenty males ages 15 to 17 were not asked Q24, which served as a base for this question. Percentages are based on total answering.

Q28 In the past year, did you go to the pharmacy to get emergency contraceptive pills without calling or visiting a doctor first?

Based on female EC users

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q29 How did you find out that you could get emergency contraception from a pharmacy?

Based on those who have obtained EC from a pharmacy without a doctor's prescription

Pre-coded open-end

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q30 Would you describe the process of getting emergency contraception from a pharmacy as:

Based on those who have obtained EC from a pharmacy without a doctor's prescription

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q31 When (you | a partner) used emergency contraceptives, did (you | she) experience any difficulty obtaining emergency contraception²?

Based on those who have used or had a partner who used emergency contraception and answered that they obtained EC from somewhere besides a pharmacy

Data insufficient to draw conclusions.

Q32 How did you or your partner pay for emergency contraception²?

Based on those who have used or had a partner who used emergency contraception

Responses were read aloud

Total

13	You made a partial payment and the insurance company paid for the rest
25	You paid the full amount
26	You got EC from a clinic which charged very little or nothing
13	Medi-Cal or FamilyPACT paid for it
23	Don't know
0	Refused
73	N

Q33 Turning to another subject. Many Americans do not have health insurance. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, including any private insurance plan or a government program such as Medi-Cal or Medicare, or don't you have health insurance at this time?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

76	Yes
23	No
*	Don't know
*	Refused
901	N

Q34 Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

Based on those who are currently insured

Responses were read aloud

Ages 18-44

78	Private insurance
13	Medi-Cal
6	Some other government medical program such as CHAMPUS or the VA
3	Don't know
*	Refused
710	N

Q35 Are you enrolled in FamilyPact the state health program for family planning?

Total

9	Yes
84	No
7	Don't know
*	Refused

Q36 Given what you know about emergency contraception, how much would you be willing to spend on emergency contraception if your birth control failed or if you had unprotected sex, and you wanted to prevent pregnancy? Would you:

Based on those who are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

Responses were read aloud; Responses were rotated

Total

20	Be unwilling to pay for it
11	Pay \$10
13	Pay \$20
6	Pay \$30
7	Pay \$40
34	Pay \$50 or higher
7	Don't know
1	Refused
850	N

Q37 If you needed emergency contraception would you be most likely to go to the doctor, the pharmacy, to the clinic, or to some other place to get it? | If your partner needed emergency contraception would you be most likely to go to the doctor, the pharmacy, to the clinic, or to some other place to get it²?

Based on those who have never used emergency contraception and are sexually active or anticipate being sexually active

Pre-coded open-end

<u>Total</u>	
54	Doctor
20	Pharmacy
1	Hospital
15	Clinic
*	Friend
6	Would not consider using (Volunteered)
1	Other
2	Don't know
1	Refused
758	N

Q38 Now, not thinking about yourself in particular, do you approve or disapprove of the use of emergency contraception to prevent pregnancy (Insert)?

a if a woman's regular form of birth control fails

<u>Total</u>	
74	Approve
19	Disapprove
6	Don't know
1	Refused

b if a woman has unprotected sex

<u>Total</u>	
59	Approve
34	Disapprove
6	Don't know
1	Refused

c in cases of rape or incest

<u>Total</u>	
85	Approve
10	Disapprove
4	Don't know
1	Refused

Q39 In the last 12 months, have you seen a doctor or health care provider for a gynecological exam?

Based on females

Total

67	Yes, have had an exam
32	No have not
*	Don't know
1	Refused
638	N

D2 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under age 18 now living in your household?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

49	Yes
50	No
0	Don't know
*	Refused
901	N

D3 Please tell me, including yourself, how many people, counting adults and children, are living in this home?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

8	1
23	2
21	3
26	4
12	5
10	6 or more
0	Don't know
*	Refused
901	

D4 Are you married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

48	Married
10	Living with a partner
*	Widowed
5	Divorced
2	Separated
34	Never been married
0	Don't know
*	Refused
901	N

D5 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, are you a student, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

53	Full-time
10	Part-time
14	Student
*	Retired
22	Not employed for pay
1	Don't know
*	Refused
901	N

D6 What is the last grade or class you completed in school?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Responses were not read aloud

Ages 18-44

6	None, or grade 1-8
9	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
25	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
3	Business, technical or vocational school after high school
30	Some college, no four-year degree
16	College graduate (BS, BA or other four-year degree)
9	Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or PhD, law or medical school)
*	Don't know
*	Refused
901	N

D7 Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

Total

36	Yes
63	No
*	Don't know
*	Refused

D8 What is your race? (If Latino ask:) Are you white Latino, black Latino or some other race? (Else:) Are you white, African American or black, Asian or some other race?

Total

63	White/White Latino
9	African American/Black/Black Latino
8	Asian
18	Other
1	Don't know
1	Refused

D9 Last year, that is in 2002, what was your total household income from all sources before taxes? Was it over or under \$25,000?

Based on those 18 to 44 years old

Ages 18-44

26	Under \$25,000
65	Over \$25,000
6	Don't know
3	Refused
901	N

D10 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

Based on those whose income is less than \$25,000

Responses were read aloud

Ages 18-44

24	Less than \$10,000
29	\$10,000 to under \$15,000
29	\$15,000 to under \$20,000
13	\$20,000 to under \$25,000
4	Don't know
2	Refused
210	N

D11 Now just stop me when I get to the right category. Was your income ...

Based on those whose income is \$25,000 or more

Responses were read aloud

Ages 18-44

9	\$25,000 to under \$30,000
8	\$30,000 to under \$35,000
9	\$35,000 to under \$40,000
13	\$40,000 to under \$50,000
21	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
17	\$75,000 to under \$100,000
18	\$100,000 or more
2	Don't know
3	Refused
613	N



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