

### Single and Pregnant Survey #1

This survey is for women who have become accidentally pregnant through consensual relations, and do not plan to arrange an adoption. It is not for women who have become pregnant through rape or incest.

If you take this survey, please answer every question, or the survey will not be submitted.  
Also, for the sake of integrity of our research, please only take this survey once.

#### Age

- Under 18
- 18 to 21
- 21 to 26
- 26 to 35
- 35 to 40
- over 40

#### What part of the country are you from?

- Alaska or Hawaii
- Northern Tier
- Northwest/ West
- Southwest
- Midwest
- Northeast/ East
- Southeast
- South

#### Gross Annual Income

- Less than \$24,000
- \$24,000 to \$35,000
- \$35,000 to \$60,000
- \$60,000 to \$100,000
- Over \$100,000

#### Education

- No high school diploma or equivalent yet
- High school diploma or Equivalent
- Vocational Training
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctorate

Do you own or rent your home?

- I rent
- I live rent-free with family
- I rent from family members
- I own the home I live in
- I own a home, but moved back in with family & rent out the home I won
- I own several properties

Political Affiliation

- Republican
- Democrat
- Non Partisan
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Political Views on Reproductive Rights

- I'm Pro-Choice
- I'm Pro-Life
- Can't strongly adhere to either end of this argument right now

Has single pregnancy affected your views on reproductive rights?

- Yes, it has made me more Pro-Life
- Yes, it has made me more Pro-Choice
- No

Has single pregnancy affected other aspects of your political views?

- Yes, I have become more conservative
- Yes, I have become more liberal
- No

What are your personal reasons for choosing to continue with your pregnancy?  
Try to limit your answer to no more than three reasons, and rate them 1, 2, and 3 based on importance, 1 being the most important reason. Read them all before you answer.

- My religious belief that life starts at conception
- My personal feelings that my unborn is a human being and deserves life
- My awareness that I will not always be capable of reproduction (biological clock)
- I felt that this was the right time in my life, even if circumstances are not considered “ideal”
- It was a completely instinctive decision—not much thought went into my options
- I have always wanted my own children, even if they were unplanned
- I wanted to give my parents grandchildren
- I wanted to carry on the family name
- I am afraid to have an abortion
- I didn't feel I had a legitimate reason to abort
- My priorities in life are changing as I grow older
- I know that right now I have a great network of friends and family for support
- I don't want to be damned, just in case it is true that abortion will send me to Hell
- I wanted to be raising my children while my other friends/ family members were doing the same thing
- Other reason \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have health insurance?

- Yes, and it covers prenatal and postnatal care
- Yes, but it doesn't cover prenatal or postnatal care
- No

If yes, does it cover birth control?

- Yes
- No

Does it cover Viagra?

- Yes
- No

Who is your insurance provider?

If you don't have insurance, does your child's father have insurance?

- Yes

- No
- Don't know

If you make less than \$24,000 annually, has anyone (doctors, friends, counselors) discussed the possibility of Medicaid with you?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

How certain are you of your child's paternity

- 100% certain
- There might be more than one possibility, but I'm pretty sure the baby is his, so I've told him it's his
- There is more than one possibility, but he's the best one, so I'm hoping it's his
- There is more than one possibility, so I'm trying not to make anyone responsible until I know for sure
- I don't know and I don't care—this is *my* project

Has your child's father denied or questioned paternity?

- Yes
- No

Do you plan to confirm paternity with a DNA test? (check as many as apply)

- Yes, because my child's father insists on it
- Yes, because I want him to know I wasn't dishonest with him
- Yes, because I want / need legal proof in case anything happens down the road
- Yes, because I want to know for myself
- Maybe—If the baby looks like him, I hope this will be proof enough
- No. Thankfully, he trusts me on this issue
- No. It doesn't really matter to me

Do you plan to give your child your own last name, or will your child take the last name of its father?

- My last name
- Father's last name
- We plan to hyphenate both our last names

Are you going to have your child's father sign the Birth Certificate, or leave it blank?

- I'll have him sign it
- I'll leave it blank
- I'll give him the option of signing it, but if he's not around, I'll leave it blank

Did your child's father ask to marry you?

- Yes
- No

If so, why didn't you marry him? Please choose only one answer.

- I just don't love him
- He has drug/alcohol problems
- He's flaky or irresponsible
- I think he's dangerous

Is your child's father involved in your pregnancy?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

Had you and your child's father discussed your views on reproductive rights before you became pregnant?

- Yes
- No

If so, were you in agreement at the time?

- Yes
- No

Did your child's father request, insist upon, or suggest abortion?

- He mentioned it
- He suggested it
- He insisted upon it
- He requested it
- None of the above

Do you plan to get child support from your child's father?

- Yes
- No

If so, how are you going about it?

- I'm going to get an attorney and take him to court

- I plan to go through CSED
- We plan to work it out between ourselves

If not, then why not?

- I don't want to force involvement. I'm afraid it will damage my child's sense of self-worth
- I don't want to force involvement because I don't want him to have any right to disrupt our lives
- I want to keep the option open for a man in my future to be my child's father

Which phrase best describes the personality of your child's father?

- Decent, kind, monogamous, and responsible
- Basically okay, but sexually opportunistic
- Basically okay, but financially irresponsible
- Both sexually opportunistic and financially irresponsible
- Dangerous and violent, now that I know him better

Has your relationship with your child's father improved or declined since you found out you were pregnant?

- It has improved and I can see us getting back together in the future
- It has improved, but I don't see a future for us as a couple
- It has declined, but I'd take him back if he came crawling on his hands and knees
- It has declined and I wouldn't consider reconciling with him
- This doesn't apply. He's nowhere to be found

Were you surprised by your child's father's reaction to your pregnancy?

- Yes, his reaction was more favorable than I thought it would be
- Yes, his reaction was more negative than I thought it would be
- No surprises, he reacted indifferently
- No surprises, he reacted negatively
- No surprises, he reacted positively

Do any of your friends have children?

- Yes, most of them
- Yes, some of them
- No, I'm the first of all my friends to have a child

Of those people you know who have children, are any of them single? Check all that apply

- Yes, from the very beginning
- Yes, because of the demise of a relationship
- No, they're all married
- They're not married, but are partnered with their children's fathers

Of your friends who are married or partnered, what percent of them would you say are in effective, happy, functional relationships?

- All of them—my friends have a talent for finding their soul mates
- Some of them have chosen well, others have made big compromises
- Many relationships seem to be one-sided
- Most of them have made big mistakes

Of the people you know (friends and acquaintances), what has been the most common reaction to your pregnancy?

- Congratulations and enthusiasm
- Insensitivity
- Condemnation
- Indifference

Since becoming single and pregnant, have you found that society is more supportive or less supportive than you thought it would be?

- More supportive
- Less supportive
- About the same

Has your status as a single pregnant woman changed the way you respond to jokes, movies, music, books, or advertisements?

- Yes
- No

What would you say is the best way to describe the circumstances that led to your conception?

Some women have a hard time answering this question honestly because our society has long associated a woman's sexual desire with shame, whereas men are excused for their inability to say no to sexual gratification. Be assured that this is only because men have traditionally been in power both politically and socially, and have been encouraged to regard women as commodities that should be controlled. Whatever your answer to this question, keep in mind that the survival of the species has depended on the urge the reproduce being undeniable in some cases, and that the information you provide is not for

the sake of judging you or any other woman, but is instead for the sake of empowerment of the female gender in our society.

- I was on birth control, but it failed
- He used a condom, but it failed
- It was the result of the pull-out method
- I thought it was a safe time in my cycle
- It was a risky time for me, but I had never been pregnant before, so I didn't think it was likely and I took a chance
- I was caught up in the moment and didn't really pay attention
- I urged him to use a condom, but he didn't have any and we were "caught up"
- I knew it was risky, but I didn't think accidental pregnancy was such a bad option
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

What was your partner's reaction to your discussions about the possibility of pregnancy before you became pregnant?

- He seemed almost enthusiastic about it, to the point that I thought my pregnancy was partially (if not completely) intentional
- We never talked about it
- He was very fearful and did not want to talk about it
- He was very fearful and warned me that he didn't know what he would do
- He was nonchalant about it
- He joked about it
- He told me that he would support me in any choice I made
- Other

Have you knowingly taken any other survey regarding single pregnancy?

- Yes
- No

Please Identify Yourself!

You can use your e-mail address (we promise not to sell your e-mail or contact you without invitation), or if you prefer, you can enter your first name and the state you're from.

