IN THE DIGITAL AGE IN THE U.S.

ADULTERY

A nationally-representative study of Americans’ views and behavior on relationships and cheating, including an oversample of Mormon Americans.

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METHODOLOGY

n = 1000 U.S. interviews via the YouGov nationally representative panel with a questionnaire designed by Y^2 Analytics in consultation with the Deseret News.

An additional n = 250 interviews for Mormon respondents to allow for comparisons between Mormons and the rest of the US population.

Complete question wording and responses can be found in the topline report.

The general population margin of error is an estimated ± 3.1 percentage points, while the margin of error of the oversamples is ± 5.9 percentage points. Subgroup margins of error are larger.
FINDINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Large majorities of Americans believe that behaviors involving physical sexual contact with someone else, such as one-night stands or romantic kissing, always count as cheating. However, there is more disagreement as to what is acceptable for many behaviors involving the internet, including following an ex on social media.

2. Religious Americans are more likely to consider actions such as going to a strip club or viewing pornography without your partner to be cheating.

3. Mormons consistently take a stricter view than any other religious group as to what constitutes cheating.

4. Over the past year, Republicans have become much more accepting of affairs among presidential candidates, and Democrats much less so. This is likely due to partisan associations with Republican President Donald Trump.

5. Younger couples are the most likely to have sex on a regular basis, but a majority of couples of all ages consistently do small acts of kindness for one another.
DIGITAL CHEATING
Three-quarters of Americans believe that having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner is always cheating. Following an ex on social media is considered always cheating by only 16% of Americans.

### NATIONAL ATTITUDES ON ADULTERY

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ATTITUDES AMONG MORMONS

For all of the behaviors asked about, Mormons are more likely to claim that they would be cheating. Their views differ the most from the overall population when it comes to visiting strip clubs and watching pornography.

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Contrary to popular belief, Millennials are not universally more permissive than prior generations. They are generally more accepting of maintaining online dating profiles, but they have stricter views than Generation X on going out to dinner with someone you are attracted to, going to strip clubs, and following exes on social media.

**ATTITUDES BY GENERATION**

*How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?*

- Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 80%
  - Baby Boomers: 80%
  - Generation X: 74%
  - Millennials: 71%

- Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 79%
  - Baby Boomers: 77%
  - Generation X: 68%
  - Millennials: 69%

- Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 77%
  - Baby Boomers: 70%
  - Generation X: 69%
  - Millennials: 66%

- Actively maintaining an online dating profile:
  - Silent Generation: 75%
  - Baby Boomers: 67%
  - Generation X: 60%
  - Millennials: 55%

- Romantically kissing someone other than your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 73%
  - Baby Boomers: 74%
  - Generation X: 70%
  - Millennials: 68%

- Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 69%
  - Baby Boomers: 55%
  - Generation X: 50%
  - Millennials: 54%

- Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 66%
  - Baby Boomers: 51%
  - Generation X: 49%
  - Millennials: 48%

- Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to:
  - Silent Generation: 53%
  - Baby Boomers: 43%
  - Generation X: 28%
  - Millennials: 33%

- Watching pornography without your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 38%
  - Baby Boomers: 21%
  - Generation X: 14%
  - Millennials: 16%

- Going to a strip club without your partner:
  - Silent Generation: 32%
  - Baby Boomers: 23%
  - Generation X: 18%
  - Millennials: 25%

- Following an ex on social media:
  - Silent Generation: 24%
  - Baby Boomers: 19%
  - Generation X: 10%
  - Millennials: 16%
Mormon Millennials differ significantly from older generations on certain issues. They are the most conservative generation when it comes to one-night stands, going to strip clubs, and watching pornography. However they are vastly less likely to take issue with following an ex on social media.

**ATTITUDES BY GENERATION – MORMONS**

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities *would be cheating on a spouse or partner*?

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For all of the behaviors asked about, women were more likely than men to say that they always constitute cheating. The largest gap between the sexes exists for sending flirtatious texts, actively maintaining an online dating profile, and being emotionally involved with someone else.

**ATTITUDES BY GENDER**

*How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?*

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ATTITUDES BY RELIGION

Views on the acceptability of different behaviors vary significantly by religious tradition.

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?

- Following an ex on social media
- Watching pornography without your partner
- Going to a strip club without your partner
- Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to
- Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner
- Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner
- Actively maintaining an online dating profile
- Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner
- Romantically kissing someone other than your partner
- Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner
- Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner
ATTITUDES BY RELIGION – CATHOLICS

Catholics are slightly more permissive than the national average on most issues, especially in regards to regular sexual relations outside of marriage and going out to dinner with someone you are attracted to.

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities **would be cheating on a spouse or partner**?
Evangelicals are more conservative than the national average on all of the behaviors asked about. They are the group most likely to consider going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to as cheating.

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?

- Following an ex on social media
- Watching pornography without your partner
- Going to a strip club without your partner
- Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to
- Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner
- Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner
- Actively maintaining an online dating profile
- Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner
- Romantically kissing someone other than your partner
- Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner
- Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner

Percentage Saying Behavior is Always Cheating

- Catholic
- Mainline Protestant
- Mormon
- Unaffiliated
- Evangelical Protestant
- US Average
Mainline Protestants are unique in that they are fairly permissive towards certain behaviors, but quite conservative on others. They are generally opposed to sexual relations outside of a relationship and maintaining online dating profiles. But they are more accepting than average of going to strip clubs and following exes on social media.

**ATTITUDES BY RELIGION — MAINLINE PROTESTANTS**

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities **would be cheating on a spouse or partner**?

- Following an ex on social media: 10% Catholic, 16% Mainline Protestant, 17% Evangelical Protestant, 32% Mormon, 54% Unaffiliated, 58% US Average
- Watching pornography without your partner: 22% Catholic, 23% Mainline Protestant, 22% Evangelical Protestant, 37% Mormon, 58% Unaffiliated, 58% US Average
- Going to a strip club without your partner: 10% Catholic, 15% Mainline Protestant, 17% Evangelical Protestant, 23% Mormon, 37% Unaffiliated, 41% US Average
- Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to: 17% Catholic, 18% Mainline Protestant, 17% Evangelical Protestant, 23% Mormon, 41% Unaffiliated, 45% US Average
- Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner: 32% Catholic, 37% Mainline Protestant, 32% Evangelical Protestant, 41% Mormon, 69% Unaffiliated, 69% US Average
- Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner: 41% Catholic, 46% Mainline Protestant, 41% Evangelical Protestant, 54% Mormon, 84% Unaffiliated, 84% US Average
- Actively maintaining an online dating profile: 58% Catholic, 63% Mainline Protestant, 58% Evangelical Protestant, 79% Mormon, 96% Unaffiliated, 96% US Average
- Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner: 79% Catholic, 79% Mainline Protestant, 79% Evangelical Protestant, 84% Mormon, 100% Unaffiliated, 100% US Average
- Romantically kissing someone other than your partner: 79% Catholic, 79% Mainline Protestant, 79% Evangelical Protestant, 84% Mormon, 100% Unaffiliated, 100% US Average
- Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner: 73% Catholic, 76% Mainline Protestant, 73% Evangelical Protestant, 84% Mormon, 100% Unaffiliated, 100% US Average
- Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner: 88% Catholic, 88% Mainline Protestant, 88% Evangelical Protestant, 96% Mormon, 100% Unaffiliated, 100% US Average

Percentage Saying Behavior is Always Cheating
Mormons are the most conservative religion on a majority of behaviors, including following an ex on social media, watching pornography, going to a strip club, sending flirtatious messages, romantic kissing, and one-night stands.

**ATTITUDES BY RELIGION – MORMONS**

*How often, if ever, would you say the following activities *would be cheating* on a spouse or partner?*

- Following an ex on social media: 16% Catholic, 24% Mormon, 19% Evangelical Protestant
- Watching pornography without your partner: 23% Catholic, 62% Mormon
- Going to a strip club without your partner: 51% Catholic, 67% Mormon
- Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to: 37% Catholic, 50% Mormon
- Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner: 50% Catholic, 62% Mormon
- Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner: 55% Catholic, 64% Mormon
- Actively maintaining an online dating profile: 63% Catholic, 78% Mormon
- Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner: 69% Catholic, 78% Mormon
- Romantically kissing someone other than your partner: 71% Catholic, 80% Mormon
- Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner: 73% Catholic, 76% Mormon
- Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner: 76% Catholic, 84% Mormon
- US Average: 100%
Unaffiliated Americans are the most permissive group for many behaviors. However, they are more conservative than average when it comes to regular sexual relations outside of marriage.

**How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?**
For many of the acts most commonly considered cheating, such as regular sexual relations outside of marriage and one-night stands, there is no meaningful difference due to religiosity. But highly religious individuals are more conservative on issues like viewing pornography, going to strip clubs, and following exes on social media.

**ATTITUDES BY RELIGIOSITY**

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?

Religiosity determined through a combination of Pew Research Center questions on frequency of church attendance, frequency of prayer, and importance of religion.
ATTITUDES BY RACE

White respondents take the most conservative view towards most sexual acts and maintaining an online dating profile while in a relationship. Black respondents generally indicate a stricter view of going to strip clubs and following exes on social media. Hispanics tend to take a more permissive view of all of these behaviors overall.

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?
Highly educated respondents are the most likely to be consistently critical of behaviors like sustained sexual affairs outside of marriage, one-night stands, and romantically kissing someone other than your partner.

**ATTITUDES BY EDUCATION**

How often, if ever, would you say the following activities would be cheating on a spouse or partner?

- **Having regular sexual relations with someone other than your partner**
  - High School or Less: 72%
  - Some college: 74%
  - College Graduate: 81%
  - Post-Graduate: 95%

- **Having a one-night stand with someone other than your partner**
  - High School or Less: 70%
  - Some college: 70%
  - College Graduate: 74%
  - Post-Graduate: 90%

- **Romantically kissing someone other than your partner**
  - High School or Less: 70%
  - Some college: 68%
  - College Graduate: 72%
  - Post-Graduate: 82%

- **Sending sexually explicit messages to someone other than your partner**
  - High School or Less: 67%
  - Some college: 65%
  - College Graduate: 76%
  - Post-Graduate: 79%

- **Actively maintaining an online dating profile**
  - High School or Less: 62%
  - Some college: 58%
  - College Graduate: 66%
  - Post-Graduate: 76%

- **Sending flirtatious messages to someone other than your partner**
  - High School or Less: 52%
  - Some college: 49%
  - College Graduate: 49%
  - Post-Graduate: 55%

- **Being emotionally involved with someone besides your partner**
  - High School or Less: 55%
  - Some college: 55%
  - College Graduate: 56%
  - Post-Graduate: 53%

- **Going out to dinner with someone that you are attracted to**
  - High School or Less: 40%
  - Some college: 32%
  - College Graduate: 37%
  - Post-Graduate: 38%

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  - Post-Graduate: 13%
PUBLIC FIGURES
A majority of respondents nationwide say that finding out a presidential candidate had an extramarital affair would not change their likelihood of voting for them.

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?
However among Mormons, over 60% said knowledge of an affair would make them less supportive of a candidate.

**ATTITUDES AMONG MORMONS**

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?

- **62%** Less likely
- **33%** Wouldn’t matter
- **5%** More likely
Compared to all other religious groups, Mormons view affairs among public figures most negatively. Unaffiliated Americans are the least likely to say that an affair would negatively impact their vote.

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?

- Mormon: 62%
- Mainline Protestant: 50%
- Evangelical Protestant: 43%
- Catholic: 38%
- Unaffiliated: 32%
Extramarital affairs among politicians matter the least to members of Generation X.

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?
Women are more likely than men to say that an extramarital affair would negatively impact their vote.

**Q** Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?
Over the past 20 years, there has been a slight decrease in the percentage of Americans who indicate that an extramarital affair by a presidential candidate would negatively impact their support.

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?

Source: Pew Research Center, January 2016 Political Survey, May 2011 Political Survey, and February 2007 Political Survey. Don’t Know/Refused set to missing to compare with online data. Partisan “leaners” coded as partisans. The Pew Research Center bears no responsibility for the analyses or interpretations of the data presented here.

Source: Gallup/CNN/USA Today Poll (June, 1994). Exact question wording is as follows: “As you may know, there is already talk about the next presidential election to be held in 1996. I’m going to read some things that either have happened or could happen to a presidential candidate. For each one, please tell me whether the event would make you more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate, or if it wouldn’t make a difference to you if it was discovered that the candidate had done one of those things... Was having an extramarital affair while he was running for office?” Partisan “leaners” coded as partisans. Gallup bears no responsibility for the analyses or interpretations of the data presented here.
However, Republicans and Democrats have significantly altered their views on the acceptability of affairs since the 2016 Election. Republicans today are 15 points more likely to say an affair wouldn’t matter as compared to 2007.

**Q** Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?

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Over the past year, attitudes within religious groups on this question have shifted considerably. Compared to 2016, White Evangelicals today are 11 points more likely to say that an affair wouldn’t matter to their decision to support a presidential candidate, and unaffiliated Americans are 10 points less likely to say that it wouldn’t matter.

**ATTITUDES OVER TIME — RELIGION**

Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who had an extramarital affair in the past, or wouldn’t this matter to you?

- Catholics
- Unaffiliated
- White Evangelicals
- White Mainline Protestants

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RELATIONSHIP BEHAVIORS
A majority of respondents affectionately kiss, hug, or touch each other daily. A third of couples have sex at least a few times a week, with another 22% doing so about once a week.

How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner?

- **Affectionately kiss, hug, or touch each other**: 61% daily, 18% a few times a week, 8% weekly, 8% less than weekly, 4% never.
- **Do nice things for each other**: 55% daily, 21% a few times a week, 11% weekly, 9% less than weekly, 3% never.
- **Talk about your relationship**: 17% daily, 22% a few times a week, 14% weekly, 34% less than weekly, 12% never.
- **Have sex with each other**: 4% daily, 29% a few times a week, 22% weekly, 29% less than weekly, 12% never.
Frequency of sex decreases steadily with age. Of all the generations, Millennials have the most sex by far, with over half doing so a few times a week or daily.

Q How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? Have sex with each other.

- **Silent Generation**:
  - Daily: 10%
  - A few times a week: 22%
  - Weekly: 45%
  - Less than weekly: 17%
  - Never: 0%

- **Baby Boomers**:
  - Daily: 2%
  - A few times a week: 20%
  - Weekly: 20%
  - Less than weekly: 35%
  - Never: 21%

- **Generation X**:
  - Daily: 4%
  - A few times a week: 28%
  - Weekly: 25%
  - Less than weekly: 34%
  - Never: 7%

- **Millennials**:
  - Daily: 8%
  - A few times a week: 45%
  - Weekly: 21%
  - Less than weekly: 16%
  - Never: 5%
However, couples of all generations still tend to do smaller nice things for each other on a regular basis. In fact, the oldest Americans are the most likely to make these kind gestures at least a few times a week.

**RELATIONSHIP BEHAVIORS — BY GENERATION**

How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner?

*Do nice things for each other, such as making coffee, putting gas in the car, etc.*

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Mormons are the most likely to engage in all of these actions at least weekly. They are the most different from the national average when it comes to talking about their relationship and having sex. Mainline Protestants are also significantly more likely than average to do nice things for each other and show physical affection.

**ATTITUDES BY RELIGION – MAINLINE PROTESTANTS**

**How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner?**

- **Talk about your relationship**
- **Have sex with each other**
- **Do nice things for each other**
- **Affectionately kiss, hug, or touch each other**

The graph shows the percentage of each group doing these actions at least weekly, with Mormons being the most likely and the US average being the least.