

Teen Survey

Do you have enough freedom?

Please answer the following questions according to the way that you feel. Mark your responses on the SCANTRON sheet. Do not include your name. Your answers to these questions are anonymous and will only be reported as part of a group. Thank you for participating in my research study.

1. Today's teens have:
 - A. Too much freedom
 - B. Not enough freedom
 - C. The right amount

2. Do you think adults are trying to limit teens' freedom too much?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

3. ***If you answered yes to number 2***, who is *most* responsible for the restrictions? (Mark one.)
 - A. Answered "No" to number 2
 - B. Parents
 - C. School officials
 - D. Law enforcement officials
 - E. Politicians

4. Do you have the freedom to listen to whatever music you want?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

5. Do you have the freedom to pick your own friends?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

6. Do you have the freedom to decide how to spend your own money?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

7. Some communities are imposing curfews on teenagers at night to try and lower the crime rate. Is that:
- A. Fair
 - B. Unfair
8. If you have children, you will be:
- A. Stricter than your parents or guardian
 - B. Not as strict
 - C. About the same

AT SCHOOL

9. Do you think public school officials should have the right to tell students what to wear at school?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

Here's a list of some things banned by school dress codes. Which do you think should or should not be banned?

10. Hats
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
11. Baggy clothes
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
12. Short skirts
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
13. Cutoff pants
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned

14. Exposed midriffs (stomachs)
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
15. Earrings on boys
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
16. Nose, lip, tongue or eye rings
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
17. Clothes with gang symbols
- A. Should be banned
 - B. Should not be banned
18. I think uniforms in public schools are:
- A. A good idea
 - B. A bad idea
19. If the National anthem was played at one of your school sporting events at your school, students should:
- A. Be required to stand
 - B. Have the right not to stand
20. Should public schools be allowed to lead students in prayer?
- A. Yes
 - B. No

Which of the following should school officials be allowed to enforce to protect students?

21. Restrict foul (bad) language in writing assignments.
- A. Yes
 - B. No

22. Censor what students write in the school newspaper.
- A. Yes
 - B. No
23. Ban books, newspapers, and magazines considered offensive.
- A. Yes
 - B. No
24. Search a student's locker for drugs or weapons without permission.
- A. Yes
 - B. No

AT HOME

25. Do you think your parents trust you:
- A. Enough
 - B. Not enough
26. The respect you get from your parents or guardian should be:
- A. Earned
 - B. Automatic, unless I abuse it

Parents should have the right to ...

27. Install a V-chip in the TV to block violent or offensive shows.
- A. Yes
 - B. No
28. Install a special device in the car allowing them to monitor teens' driving speed.
- A. Yes
 - B. No
29. Install a computer program limiting what teens can access.
- A. Yes
 - B. No

30. Should there be restrictions on teens' use of the Internet?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
31. ***If you answered yes to question 30***, should there be limits on how much time teens can spend on the Internet?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I answered no to # 31
32. ***If you answered yes to question 30***, should there be limits on where teens can go on the Internet?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I answered no to #31
33. How well do you know the lyrics to the music you listen to?
- A. Very well
 - B. Somewhat well
 - C. Not very well
 - D. Not at all
34. How well do your parents or guardian know the lyrics to the music you listen to?
- A. Very well
 - B. Somewhat well
 - C. Not very well
 - D. Not at all
35. Does a warning label on a CD:
- A. Discourage you from buying it
 - B. Encourage you to buy it
 - C. Have no effect on you

At what age do you think someone should be allowed to do each of the following:

36. Be at a mall without a parent

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

37. Drink alcohol

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

38. Smoke cigarettes

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

39. Be sexually active

- A. 16 years or below
- B. 17 - 18 years
- C. 19 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Only if you are married

40. Get a tattoo

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

41. Body-pierce, other than ears

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

42. Use hair dye

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

43. Attend a concert without an adult

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

44. Stay at home unsupervised at night

- A. 12 years or below
- B. 13 - 16 years
- C. 17 - 20 years
- D. 21 and above
- E. Never

45. TV networks soon will have to air three hours a week of educational programs for kids. Do you think this:

- A. Is a smart idea
- B. Is a dumb idea
- C. Will have no effect

ABOUT YOURSELF

46. I am:

- A. Male
- B. Female

47. I live with:

- A. Both parents
- B. Mother
- C. Father
- D. Mother and stepfather or Father and stepmother
- E. Other

48. My grade in school is:

- A. 6th
- B. 7th
- C. 8th

49. I consider myself:

- A. White
- B. Black
- C. Hispanic
- D. Asian
- E. Other

This is a modified version of a 20-question survey about teen freedoms published in USA Weekend (October 25-27, 1996). As part of my Science Fair Project, I would like to find out whether the attitudes of male and female students about teen freedoms such as curfews, uniforms, V-chips, and parental trust are similar. I would also like to know if attitudes change as students get older and have more school experience. No names or other identifying information will be collected for any subject participating in this study, so it will not be possible to match your name with these responses after you have completed this survey and turned it in. This consent form will be cut off the bottom of this survey and kept in a separate folder. Thank you for participating in my study.

I agree to participate in the Teen Attitudes Research Study:

_____ (signed) _____ (Date)