

**TABLE 3. Percentage distribution of respondents, by beliefs about condoms and the pill, according to sex, race, religion and political orientation**

Belief	Sex		Race		Religion			Political orientation			
	Female	Male	White	Nonwhite	Protestant	Catholic	Other/ none	Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Middle of the road	Somewhat/ very liberal
<b>CONDOMS</b>											
<b>Use for STD prevention</b>											
Very effective	46	50	47	46	47	48	45	27	42	49	60
Somewhat effective	48	46	48	44	47	49	46	53	50	49	37
Not effective	7	4	5	10	7	4	8	21	7	2	3
$\chi^2$ (df)	3.55 (2)		4.80 (2)		4.88 (4)			68.96 (6)***			
<b>Use for pregnancy prevention</b>											
Very effective	37	47	40	36	39	40	45	30	34	44	46
Somewhat effective	58	49	55	53	58	53	49	58	59	52	51
Not effective	6	4	5	11	3	8	6	12	6	4	3
$\chi^2$ (df)	10.27 (2)**		8.15 (2)*		9.70 (4)*			21.98 (6)**			
<b>Capable of correct use</b>											
Most teenagers	23	33	26	25	27	24	28	22	22	30	28
Some teenagers	72	62	69	64	69	71	64	68	72	67	68
No teenagers	5	6	4	11	4	5	8	10	5	3	4
$\chi^2$ (df)	10.49 (2)**		10.35 (2)**		5.00 (4)			12.62 (6)*			
<b>PILL</b>											
<b>Prevents pregnancy</b>											
Almost all the time	55	44	54	33	54	52	43	47	48	54	57
Most of the time	40	49	42	52	42	42	47	44	46	42	39
Some of the time	4	7	4	14	4	6	9	10	6	4	4
$\chi^2$ (df)	12.44 (2)**		30.25 (2)***		8.98 (4)			8.62 (6)			
<b>Safety</b>											
Very safe	42	32	40	30	42	39	29	35	36	40	44
Somewhat safe	51	62	54	57	53	55	60	51	57	56	50
Not safe	7	6	6	13	6	6	11	14	7	5	6
$\chi^2$ (df)	11.51 (2)**		9.60 (2)**		9.71 (4)*			14.22 (6)*			
<b>Capable of correct use</b>											
Most teenagers	38	42	40	29	43	37	30	38	35	43	38
Some teenagers	60	55	58	63	55	60	65	55	61	55	61
No teenagers	3	3	2	8	2	3	5	7	4	2	1
$\chi^2$ (df)	2.11 (2)		15.02 (2)***		10.66 (4)*			13.69 (6)*			
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

\*p≤.05. \*\*p≤.01. \*\*\*p≤.001. Note: Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.