

**TABLE 4. Predicted probability that dating couples engaged in specific STD protective behaviors in the past four weeks, as estimated from multinomial logit regression analyses including sources of relationship power, by selected characteristics**

Characteristic	STD protective behavior		
	Did nothing	Used condoms	Less risky sex practices
<b>ALL COUPLES</b>	0.617	0.299	0.084
<b>Relationship duration</b>			
1 month (low)	0.571	0.332	0.096
48 months (high)	0.639	0.284	0.078
<b>FEMALES</b>			
<b>Age</b>			
20 (low)	0.596	0.319	0.085
35 (high)	0.644	0.275	0.082
<b>Lifetime no. of sex partners*</b>			
1 (low)	0.642	0.300	0.058
10 (high)	0.629	0.302	0.070
<b>Gender role ideology x race/ethnicity*</b>			
Less traditional x black	0.521	0.336	0.143
Less traditional x Hispanic	0.856	0.046	0.098
Less traditional x other	0.859	0.085	0.057
More traditional x black	0.544	0.262	0.193
More traditional x Hispanic	0.652	0.283	0.065
More traditional x other	0.550	0.421	0.029
<b>Education x perceived severity of AIDS*</b>			
12 yrs. x low severity	0.623	0.298	0.079
12 yrs. x high severity	0.613	0.313	0.074
16 yrs. x low severity	0.696	0.231	0.074
16 yrs. x high severity	0.553	0.273	0.174
<b>MALES</b>			
<b>Education*</b>			
12 years (low)	0.604	0.306	0.090
16 years (high)	0.681	0.275	0.044
<b>Income*</b>			
Low	0.622	0.302	0.076
High	0.643	0.298	0.059
<b>Commitment to making relationship last x prior STD infection*</b>			
Respondent more committed x no prior STD	0.626	0.243	0.131
Respondent more committed x prior STD	0.718	0.264	0.018
Partner more committed x no prior STD	0.615	0.351	0.034
Partner more committed x prior STD	0.404	0.239	0.356
<b>Partner's use of compliance-gaining strategies x had known someone with AIDS†</b>			
Partner low use of strategies x had not known someone	0.679	0.263	0.058
Partner low use of strategies x had known someone	0.556	0.314	0.130
Partner high use of strategies x had not known someone	0.655	0.250	0.094
Partner high use of strategies x had known someone	0.592	0.343	0.065

\*p<.05. †p<.10. Notes: Probabilities are predicted using the estimated multinomial logit regression model for the specific evaluation points shown in the table to illustrate the net effects of the variables in the model. Significance indicates improvement in overall model fit when a given characteristic or interaction is included. For continuous measures, low and high values represent roughly one standard deviation below and above the mean value of the measure.