



National Poll on Children's Health

Youth Sexting

This set of questions is about youth cell phone use and "sexting".

Sexting is often defined as sending sexually explicit or nude photos or videos by cell phone. Such messages are often called "sex messages".

[PARENT WITH A CHILD AGE 13-17]

Q1. Does your [x-year old] have a cell phone?

- Yes
- No

[IF Q1=YES]

Q2. Can your [x-year old] receive photos on [his/her] cell phone?

- Yes
- No

[IF Q2=YES]

Q3. Has your [x-year old] ever received a sext message on [his/her] cell phone?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

[IF Q2=YES]

Q4. Has your [x-year old] ever sent a sext message from [his/her] cell phone?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

[ALL RESPONDENTS]

Q5. Would you support a law requiring schools to give information to students and parents about the dangers of sexting?

- Yes
- No

Q6. What role should the following groups have to address youth sexting?

	Major role	Minor role	No role
Social media sites			
Cell phone providers			
Parents			
Schools			
Law enforcement			
Teens			

Q7. How serious of an issue do you think sexting is among teenagers?

- Very serious
- Somewhat serious
- Not serious

Q8. Please indicate whether you would support state laws with any of the following penalties for minors who send a sext message of themselves or other minors.

Please check one box in each row

	Support	Do not support
fine less than \$500		
fine more than \$500		
perform 24 hours of community service		
treat as a sex crime – register as a sex offender		
prosecute for sexual abuse		
attend an educational program or counseling		

Participants were also asked demographic questions on gender, race/ethnicity, annual household income, education and insurance status.

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