

ARGUMENTS/COUNTER-ARGUMENTS: HEALTHY SEXUALITY

ABSTINENCE (PREVENTION)

Argument	Counter-Argument
Everybody Else Is Doing It	
Why Should I Wait?	
I'm a Male/Guys Have to Do It...	
Male: She's Been Begging Me to Hit That	
Female: He Won't Be My Boyfriend If...	
I'm Not a Virgin Anymore	

CONDOM USE (PREVENTION AND RETENTION)

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They Break Anyway!	
They Are Too Tight!	
I Can't Get "the Feeling" or They're Uncomfortable	
I Have Only One Partner/ A Wifey	
I'm Allergic to Latex	
They Ruin the Mood	
They Cost Too Much!	
My Mate Won't Wear One	
We Only Engage in Oral Sex	

STD/HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT (RECOVERY)

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I Don't Want to Know If I Have Something/My Status	
There's No Cure [HIV, herpes]	
I'm Going to Die Anyway	
I Have No Money/No Insurance	
There's No Confidentiality	
Can't Happen to Me (Denial): I'm Straight/ A Good Person / Not a Slut or Playa	

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Everyone Else Is Doing It	Everyone is <i>Not</i> Doing It; Be Yourself; Make Choices That Work for <i>You</i>
Why Should I Wait?	It's the Only 100% Effective Way to Bypass STDs, HIV, Pregnancy; Get to Know the Person Before Intimacy; Sex Complicates a Relationship
I'm a Male/Guys Have to Do It...	Be a <u>Real</u> Man, Wait for A Real Woman
Male: She's Been Begging Me to Hit That	She'll Respect Youth If You Both Wait
Female: He Won't Be My Boyfriend If....	You're Worth Waiting For; You Love Someone Without Having Sex; If He Loves You, He'll Wait Until You're Ready
I'm Not a Virgin Anymore	So What? — You Can Still Stop/Wait, Even If You've Had Sex Before

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They Break Anyway!	Learn How to Use and Store Them; Discuss Adolescent's Sexual Experience (Lack of Foreplay)
They Are Too Tight!	Add Lubrication to the Inside
I Can't Get the Feeling or They're Uncomfortable	You Could Be Uncomfortable for Life if you <i>Don't</i> Wear One; Less Sensation Makes You Last Longer—Women Like That
I'm Married/I Have One Partner/A Wifey	Do You Know His/Her Complete Sexual History?; Doesn't Your Wifey Deserve Protection, Too?
I'm Allergic to Latex	There are Non-Latex /New Types of Condoms
They Ruin the Mood	Incorporate Condoms into Foreplay; Engage in Creative Foreplay for Fun; Practice; Sex is Better When You're Not Worried About Pregnancy or Disease
They Cost Too Much!	The Cost of Raising Kids (for the Next 18 Years) and STDs/HIV are More Expensive
My Mate (Male) Won't Wear One	Consider Female Condoms
We Only Engage in Oral Sex	Use Dental Dams

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I Don't Want to Know If I Have Something	Ignoring STDs/HIV Has Serious Consequences; With Early Treatment, You Can Live Longer
There's No Cure	There Are Other Diseases That Aren't Curable, But People Live Long and Productive Lives Anyway; There Are Meds That Can Help You Live Longer with HIV
I'm Going to Die Anyway	Everyone Is – But It's About What You Do With Your Life; You Can Get Help With Managing Your Disease
I Have No Money/No Insurance	There Are Various Social/Health Service Programs
There's No Confidentiality	Testing Can Be Done Anonymously
Can't Happen to Me (Denial): I'm Straight/ A Good Person, Not a Slut or Playa	Has Nothing to Do With Being Gay or Straight; Anybody Who Has Unprotected Sex Can Get Infected