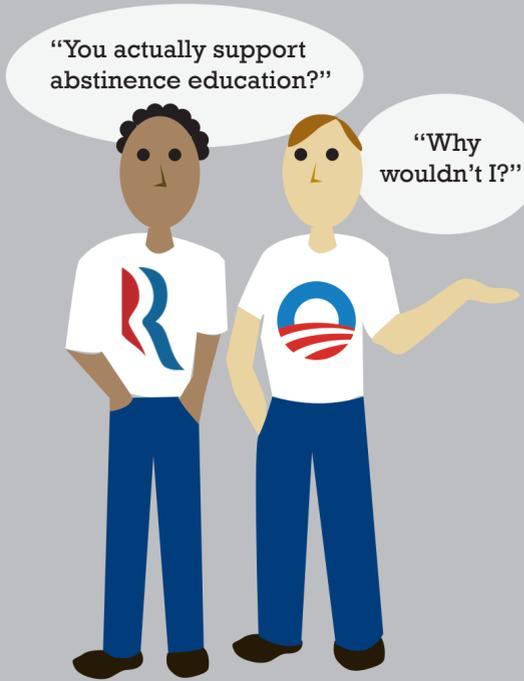


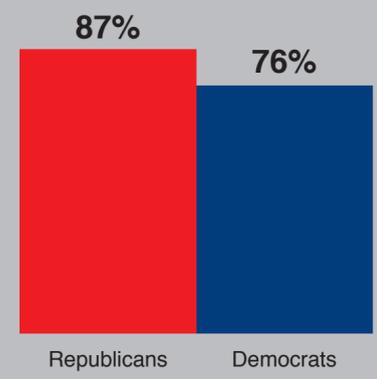
5 Abstinence Education Myths

Sex education in our public schools continues to be a contentious topic but a new survey shows strong parental agreement on one increasingly neglected component of it -- abstinence.

The survey explodes several myths and highlights some surprising realities, including:

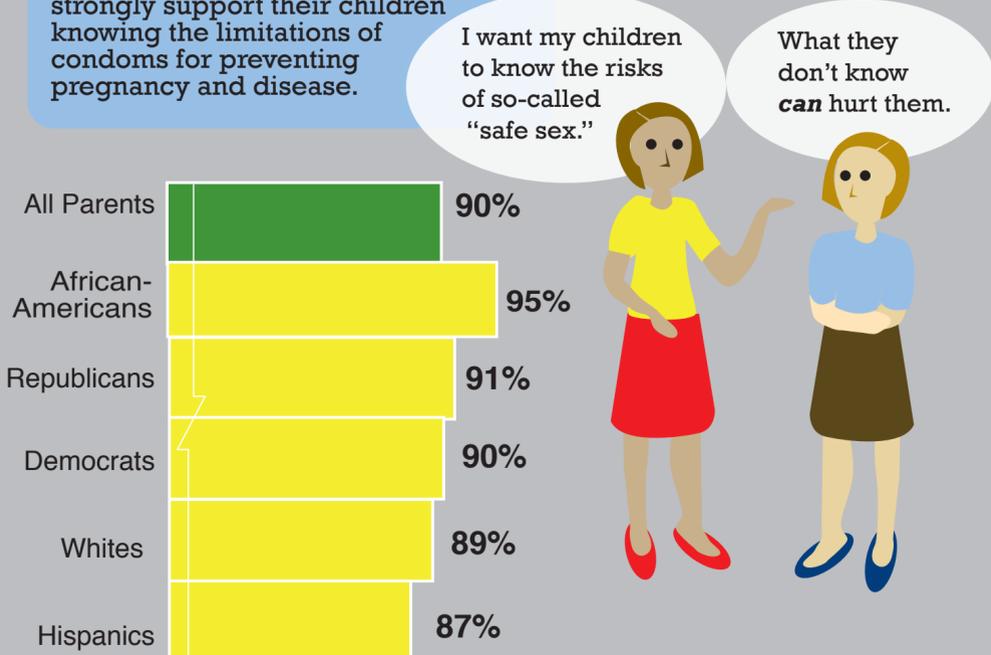


Myth #1: Republicans support abstinence education but Democrats don't.
Reality: Almost 8 out of 10 Democratic parents support abstinence education.

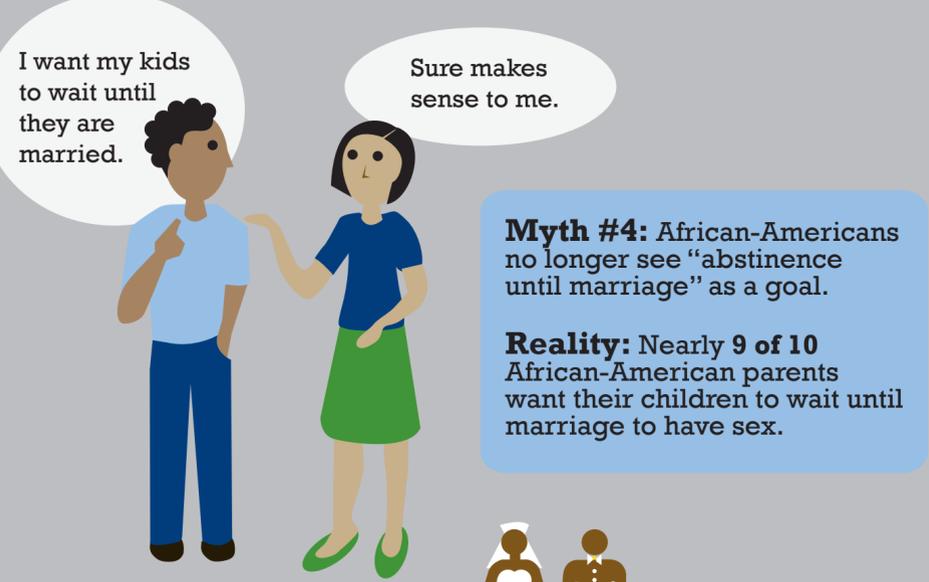
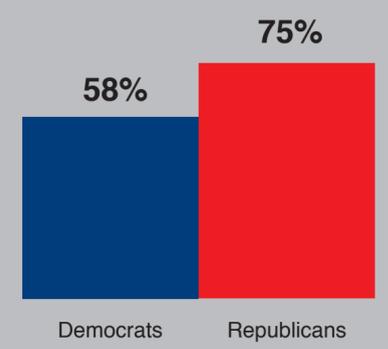


Myth #2: Parents want condoms to be presented as a "safe sex" solution.

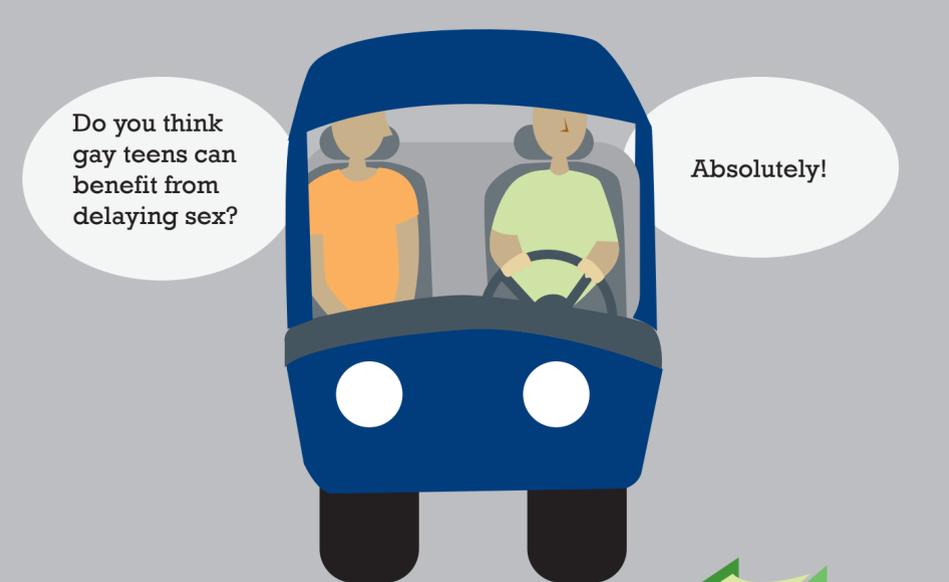
Reality: Nearly 9 in 10 parents strongly support their children knowing the limitations of condoms for preventing pregnancy and disease.



Myth #3: Democrats support President Obama's efforts to eliminate all funding for abstinence education.
Reality: Almost 60% of Democrats and more than 70% of Republicans **oppose** the president's efforts to eliminate all funding for abstinence education.



Myth #4: African-Americans no longer see "abstinence until marriage" as a goal.
Reality: Nearly 9 of 10 African-American parents want their children to wait until marriage to have sex.



Myth #5: Abstinence education only has relevance for heterosexual teens.
Reality: 85% of parents believe that all youth, including homosexual youth, benefit from skills that help them delay sex.

