Accentuate the Negative

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In 2012, the World Health Organization estimated that globally as many as half of all HIV-positive people in long-term relationships have HIV-negative partners. POZ asked readers to tell us about your relationships with the HIV-negative community. Here are your responses:

Have you ever dated someone who is HIV negative?
78% Yes
22% No

How comfortable are you talking to HIV-negative people about HIV?
39% Moderately comfortable
35% Very comfortable
26% Not comfortable

57% of readers say they are most comfortable talking about HIV with close friends.

When you socialize with HIV-negative family and friends, how often does your HIV status come up?
5% Very often
46% Sometimes
49% Never

Do you think disclosing your status has influenced anyone to practice safer sex?
38% Yes
16% No
46% I don’t know

Do you think disclosing your status has influenced anyone to be more open to people living with HIV?
52% Yes
13% No
35% I don’t know

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