



# 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