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INSTRUMENT TITLE: *The Attitude Toward Condoms Scale (ATC)*

SOURCE ARTICLE: Brown, I. S. (1984). Development of a scale to measure attitude toward the condom as a method of birth control. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 20(3), 255-263.

RESPONSE OPTIONS: Strongly disagree, Disagree, Undecided, Agree, Strongly agree

SURVEY ITEMS:

1. In my opinion, condoms are too much trouble.
2. Condoms are unreliable.
3. Condoms are pleasant to use.
4. The neatness of condoms, for example, no wet spot on the bed, makes them attractive.
5. I see the use of a condom as adding to the excitement of foreplay if the female partner helps the male put it in place.
6. I would be willing to try a condom, even if I have never used one before.
7. There is no reason why a woman should be embarrassed to suggest a condom.
8. Women think men who use condoms show concern and caring.
9. I intend to try condoms.
10. I think proper use of a condom can enhance sexual pleasures.
11. Many people make use of the condom as an erotic part of foreplay.
12. All things considered, condoms seem safer to me than any other form of contraception except abstinence.
13. I just don't like the idea of using condoms.
14. I think condoms look ridiculous.
15. Condoms are inconvenient.
16. I see no reason to be embarrassed by the use of condoms.
17. Putting a condom on an erect penis can be a real sexual turn-on.
18. Condoms are uncomfortable.
19. Using a condom makes sex unenjoyable.
20. I would avoid using condoms if at all possible.
21. I would be comfortable suggesting that my partner and I use a condom.

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22. Condoms ruin the sex act.
23. Condoms are uncomfortable for both partners.
24. Women think men who use condoms are jerks.
25. The idea of using a condom doesn't appeal to me.
26. Use of the condom is an interruption of foreplay.
27. What to do with a condom after use is a real problem.
28. The thought of using a condom is disgusting.
29. Having to stop to put on a condom takes all the romance out of sex.
30. Most women don't like for their partners to use condoms.
31. I don't think condoms interfere with the enjoyment of sex.
32. There is no way that using a condom can be pleasant.
33. Using a condom requires taking time out of foreplay, which interrupts the pleasure of sex.
34. I think condoms are an excellent means of contraception.
35. Condoms seem unreliable.
36. There is no reason why a man should be embarrassed to suggest using a condom.
37. To most women, a man who uses a condom is sexier than one who leaves protection up to the woman.
38. The condom is a highly satisfactory form of contraception.
39. I would have no objection if my partner suggested that we use a condom.
40. The skillful woman can make placing a condom a highly erotic experience.

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