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**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** *Condom Attitude Scale (CAS)*

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Sacco, W. P., Levine, B., Reed, D. L., Thompson, K. (1991). Attitudes About Condom Use as an AIDS-Relevant Behavior: Their Factor Structure and Relation to Condom Use. *Psychological Assessment*, 3(2), 265-272.

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** 0-6, strongly disagree to strongly agree

### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

1. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would feel grateful.
2. I'd only use a condom if one was available.
3. People who use condoms are "wimps".
4. Condoms reduce the spontaneity of sex.
5. Using a condom takes the "wonder" out of sex.
6. I am concerned about catching AIDS or some other sexually transmitted disease.
7. A condom should be used when one's partner is a woman who has had sex with a bisexual male.
8. A condom is not necessary when you and your partner are monogamous.
9. A condom should be used when you don't know your partner too well.
10. Condoms are messy.
11. I dislike condoms because they decrease sensitivity during intercourse.
12. If a condom is not handy, I'll have sexual intercourse anyway.
13. A condom should be used when you have anal sex.
14. I'm concerned about catching AIDS (or other sexually transmitted diseases), so I'd be careful and play it safe even in the heat of the moment.
15. A condom is not necessary when you know enough about the person to trust his/her word about his/her past.
16. I'd be embarrassed to buy condoms.
17. A condom is not necessary when you plan to marry the person.
18. Using condoms would show my partner I cared about his/her welfare.
19. Condoms are a hassle to use.

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20. A condom is not necessary when you're pretty sure the other person doesn't have a sexually transmitted disease.
21. If I'm not careful, I could catch a sexually transmitted disease.
22. People who use condoms are understanding.
23. I wouldn't use a condom if my partner insisted against using one.
24. I probably wouldn't use a condom if I was drunk or "high."
25. People who carry condoms would have sex with anyone.
26. Condoms create a sense of security.
27. I wouldn't mind if my partner brought up the topic of using a condom.
28. I'm concerned about catching AIDS (or other sexually transmitted diseases), but there might be some situations when I wouldn't be as careful as I ought to be.
29. I'm too old-fashioned to buy or carry a condom.
30. People who use condoms sleep around a lot.
31. If I'm not careful, I could definitely catch AIDS.
32. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would appreciate his/her concern.
33. A condom should be used when the other person is promiscuous.
34. Condoms are disgusting.
35. Condoms take away the pleasure of sex.
36. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would respect him or her.
37. I'm concerned about catching AIDS, but in the heat of the moment it probably wouldn't stop me from having intercourse without a condom.
38. I think people worry too much about catching AIDS.
39. Condoms are clean.
40. Other people should respect my desire to use a condom.
41. I am not inhibited about buying condoms.
42. People who use condoms are considerate.
43. I'm concerned about catching a sexually transmitted disease, but in the heat of the moment it probably wouldn't stop me from having intercourse without a condom. R
44. If I engage in sexual intercourse without the use of a condom, I could definitely catch AIDS.
45. I worry that I could catch a sexually transmitted disease.
46. Using condoms interrupts the pleasure of sex.
47. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would feel relieved.

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Wiener, L. S., Battles, H. B., & Wood, L. V. (2007). A longitudinal study of adolescents with perinatally or transfusion acquired HIV infection: Sexual knowledge, risk reduction self-efficacy and sexual behavior. *AIDS and Behavior*, 11(3), 471-478.

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48. I wouldn't keep condoms at home because someone (e.g., my parents, roommate, friends) might find out I was having sex.
49. People who carry condoms are just looking for sex.
50. A condom is not necessary when you are with the same person for a long time.
51. I wouldn't use a condom if I had a strong sexual craving for the person, even if I knew little about their sexual history.
52. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would feel good towards him or her.
53. If my partner suggested using a condom, I would think he/she was only being cautious.
54. Using condoms takes time out of foreplay.
55. Condoms protect against sexually transmitted diseases.
56. People who insist on using a condom are moral.
57. If I engage in sexual activity without the use of a condom, I could definitely catch a sexually transmitted disease.

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