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Teens These Days Aren't Having Very Much Sex

Some breaking news! According to some fresh data released just today, it seems that teens these days (*shakes cane*) aren't nearly as interested in sex as they once were.

The data comes from an annual survey by the CDC of "Youth Risk Behaviors," which found that only 41 percent of the 16,000 high school students surveyed in 2015 said they'd had sex before, compared to 47 percent over the past decade. And to break it down further, about 43 percent of boys surveyed claimed to have had sex before, compared to 39 percent of girls.

According to the Associated Press, researchers are bamboozled by the "sharp decline" in sex among American high schoolers. Bill Albert, a spokesman for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy suggested it might be because teens are just more interested in texting than sexing. "It may be that parking at Lookout Point has given way to texting from your mom's living room couch," he told the Associated Press.

There's no real clear reason why teens are 6 percent less interested in having sex, but one suggestion is that it's a result of a culture where talking openly about sex and sexuality is becoming the norm. Which is a really good thing! We should be talking more openly about sex! I guess the unintended consequence is high school students are just generally less into rebelling via sex, now that it's so not a thing anymore. "Culturally we may have shifted away from sex being a taboo that adolescents would sort of reach out for," Beth Marshall, a Johns Hopkins University scientist focused on adolescent health, told the AP.

That's right. You heard it here first, folks. Sex just isn't cool anymore. On to whatever else is next.