

Table 1. Percentage distribution of sexuality education teachers, by specific topic cited as the most important message they wanted to convey to students, and the percentage who said a topic was one of their three most important messages, both according to year

Topic	1988	1999
Most important		
Abstinence	24.8	41.4***
Responsibility	38.0	20.9***
Reproductive facts	9.2	13.2***
STDs/AIDS	11.6	10.0
Self-esteem	4.0	3.6
Change is normal	2.0	2.7
Contraception	4.8	1.5***
Puberty	u	1.4
Other	5.6	5.3
Total	100.0	100.0
Among three most important		
Abstinence	36.8	56.2***
Responsibility	68.3	51.9***
Reproductive facts	19.8	28.2***
STDs/AIDS	35.3	44.5***
Self-esteem	9.4	11.9*
Change is normal	4.9	5.7
Contraception	21.9	15.0***
Puberty	u	4.4

*Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .05$. **Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .01$. ***Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .001$.

Note: u=unavailable; question not asked.