

Donor Sibling Registry Research

2018 Study of 485 Adult Donor-Conceived People

Methods



The questionnaire included both qualitative and quantitative questions. It was made available to Donor Sibling Registry members **for a three week period from 12/17-1/18.**

Context/Objective

The purpose of the study was to better understand donor-conceived adults and their individual differences with regards to viewing their own donor conception, their desire to search for the donor, search methodologies used, and if the donor was found, how they defined that relationship.

Participants



19 | 3.9% of respondents were conceived with an egg donor.

466 | 96% with the help of a sperm donor.



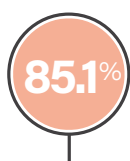
76.5% Female,
20.3% Male
the balance preferred to not disclose gender.

The **Age Range** was from 18-74 with 28.76 being the mean age of participants.

LGBT parents raised 27% of the participants the balance were raised by **Heterosexual parents.**

Results

The great majority of participants, **85.1%**, were told that they were donor-conceived by their parents. **3.3%** said that someone else told them, and **11%** reported that they found out "on their own."



Their Parents



Someone Else



On Their Own



Searching for their donor.

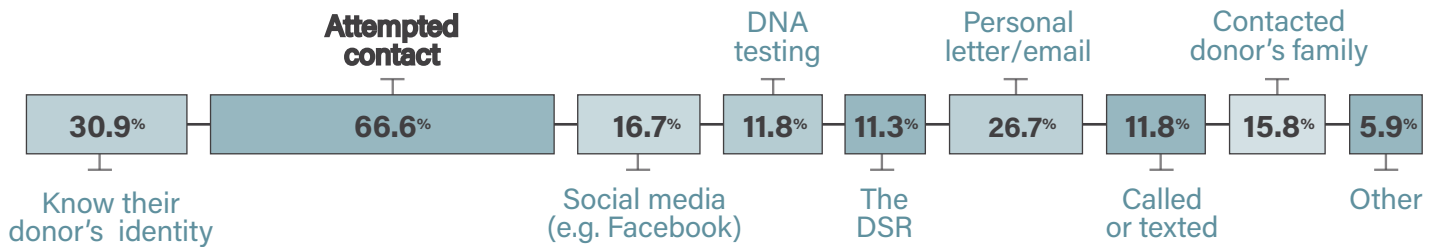
- 70.3% Tried to locate/find their donor
- 29.6% did not try to locate/find their donor

The methods used for locating/finding donors.

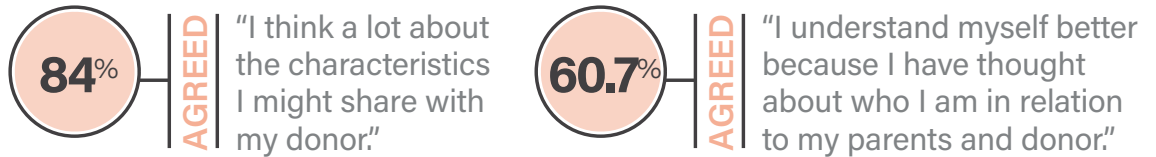
(participants could select all that applied)

- 17.6% used a record search
- 24.1% utilized DNA testing
- 21.2% contacted the fertility clinic/doctor/sperm bank
- 31.6% used the DSR
- 0.6% hired a genealogist
- 4.9% used other means of searching

Knowing and contacting donors



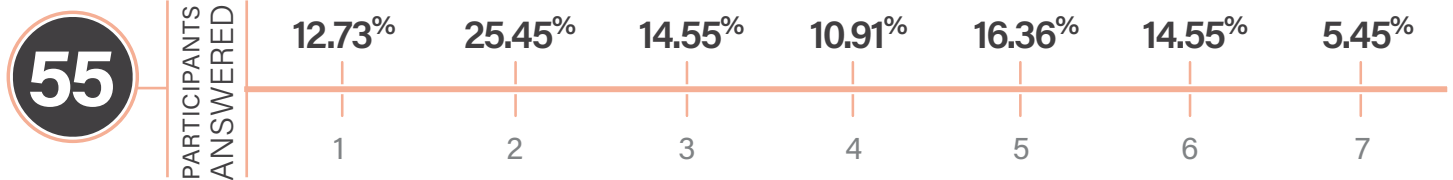
Relationship with donor



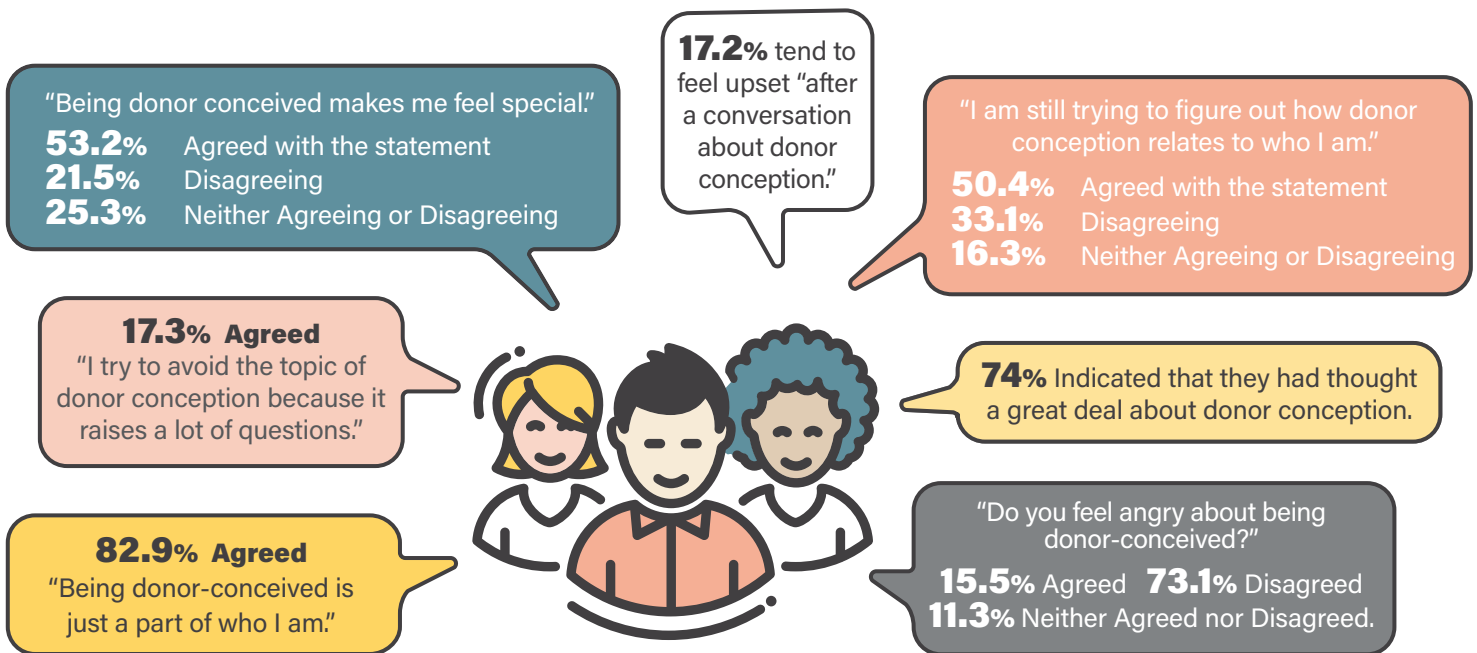
More than a third (37.3%) had established a relationship with their donor and described the closeness of the relationship in this way:

How close are you to your donor?

Using a scale of 1-7, with 1 being "Not Very Close" and 7 being "Extremely Close"



Feelings about being donor-conceived



10.4% felt embarrassed about being donor-conceived. **7.5%** felt ashamed, and **15.3%** like to keep it a secret. **69%** are happy to tell anyone about their donor conception.