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Sommario/riassunto	As is evident from contemporary debates about sex education, Americans remain deeply ambivalent about teenage sexuality. While many presume that such reticence is rooted in religion, how exactly religion contributes to the formation of teenagers' sexual values and behaviors has been poorly understood before now. Does religion really motivate the sexual choices of a significant segment of adolescent society? Are abstinence pledges effective? Is there evidence for a ""technical virginity"" phenomenon among religious teenagers? What does it mean to be ""emotionally ready"" for sex? Who expresses

