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Ghostly roommates ignite a spirited debate

SURVEY | 70 percent of renters would be OK sharing with living dead if given discount

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Have you ever endured a weird roommate -- one who's so strange it seems like he or she might be from . . . another world?

Eleven percent of apartment renters believe they have lived in a home inhabited by ghosts. And many others would be willing to do so -- in order to save money, according to a new survey.

Nearly 70 percent of renters would be willing to crash with Casper for the right price. Half would share with a ghost in exchange for free rent, and 27 percent would do so for half-price.

Three in 10 people said they'd bunk with the boogeyman if they received free utilities. Nearly one in four would do it in exchange for a free flat-screen TV with cable.

A greater percentage of males (74 percent) than females (64 percent) are willing to reside with ghosts for any given trade-off.

But overall, 31 percent of renters said nothing, "not even a million bucks," would convince them to put up with a roomie spirit.

Among earthly roommates, 35 percent said the worst quality in a roomie is leaving the living room or kitchen messy. One-third of renters consider someone using their things without permission is the worst qualities to have in a roommate.

One in eight believe the worst roommate is someone who blasts loud music. Ten percent complain if their roommate's significant other is always around.

Eighteen percent of renters have chosen to move from an apartment because of obnoxious neighbors.

Rent.com Rent commissioned Wakefield Research to do the online survey, which included 1,000 Americans ages 18 and up.

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