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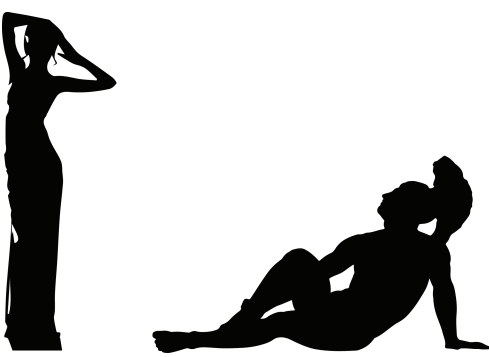


Chapter 11:Human Sexuality in the World

Human sexuality has changed many times over the centuries, from praising sex as being it’s own god or creating the universe, to shunning it in the hopes it would disappear. Humanity has changed its stance on sex many times, always jumping back and forth on how they wish to view it.

Ancient Greeks

In Ancient Greece mythology the universe was created by sex and sexual activities. Sexuality and love were deeply connected to the creation of the Earth, the Heavens, and the Underworld. Greeks Myths consist of incest, murder, polygamy, intermarriage, and almost always required some sort of eroticism and / or fertility. From the beginning Greeks demonstrated woman's essential reproductive role in securing the cosmos, extending the human race, and ensuring the fertility of nature. Masturbation to the Ancient Greeks was a normal and healthy substitute for other sexual pleasures. It was in fact a handy way to relieve sexual frustration which they deemed sexual frustration as destructive towards man.



Ancient Romans

In Ancient Rome not only was sex gratifying but it was also a duty. The men would delight in displaying the vitality, manhood, and sexual prowess, while the woman understood sex to be a great duty for replenishing the population with male soldiers and citizens. The female babies however contributed little to society while growing, but were still high cost as a large dowry would be required for any male who wished to marry her when the time was right.



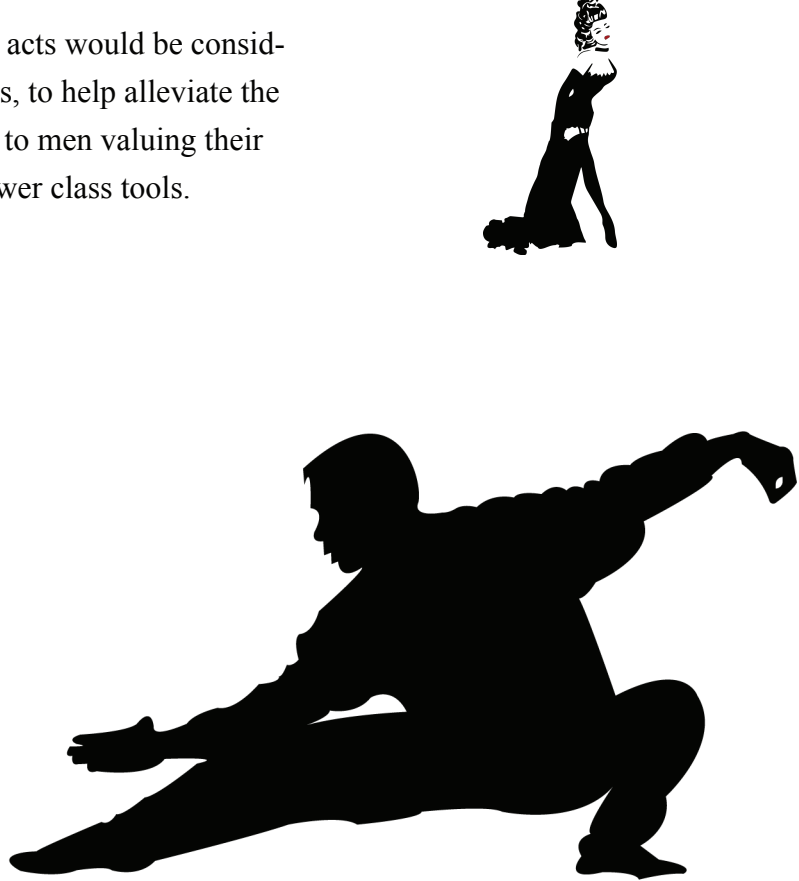
Victorian Era

In the 1800s, or more specifically between 1837-1901, the strict gender roles for males and females returned. Women were to be covered up in cloth at all times unless having sex for reproductive reasons. Some women took it so far as to still wear clothing during the act of sex. Males were supposed to maintain high morals. Expressions of love were looked down upon. The women during this time were believed to not know much of sex and that they held no desire to have sex or sexual activities. To men the women were supposed to not be a sexual being, but merely a tool for reproduction. These strict views on gender and sex became what we now think of as the Victorian stereotype



Prostitution

Prostitutes were quite common, the women engaged in these acts would be considered lower class. Men of this time flocked towards prostitutes, to help alleviate the sexual frustrations that built up inside of them. This was due to men valuing their wives as high quality non sexual beings and prostitutes as lower class tools.



China - Past & Present

Currently China is in what experts call a sexual revolution, according to many this started just over 20 years ago. China’s first female sexologist Li Tinhe, is carefully observing and recording the current sexual revolution in China. In 1996 the owner of a bathhouse was sentenced to death for organising prostitution. According to Li in China’s current mindset the owner today would suffer a far less punishment, the most severe being closure of the business. Up to 1980 publishers of pornographic content could also be sentenced to death, the same punishment as those that organized sex parties. Currently pornography is becoming more common, and in 2017 China released its first commercial film featuring gay sexualities. Swinger parties are still illegal but very common due to the lack of reports from the common people.



Li believes that one of the main driving forces for changing the attitudes towards sex, is the Communist Party’s one-child policy which was enforced from 1979 to 2015. *"The one-child policy allows people to have one or two kids only: So unless you give up sex afterwards you are changing your purpose of having sex. Having sex for pleasure gets justified too."* -Li Tinhe

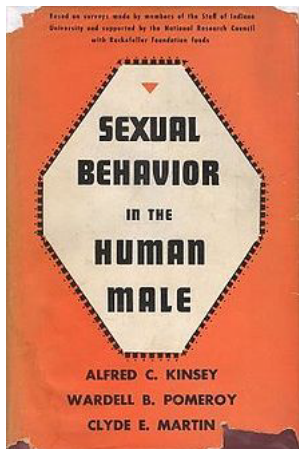
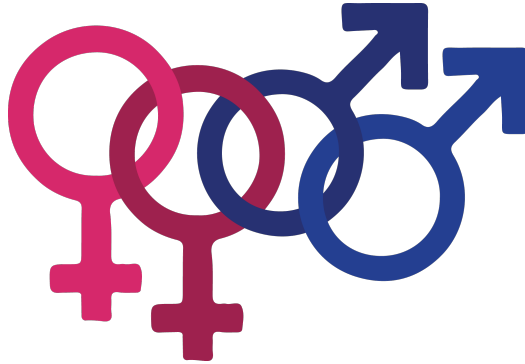


United States

According to many experts the US’s thoughts about sexuality comes from the “repressive hypothesis” which claims that the history of sexuality over the past 300 years has been a history of repression. Sex for anything other than reproduction is a large taboo. Many experts say that the only way to liberate the US from this repression, is to be more open about discussing sex, embracing sexuality, and enjoying it in general.

US’s Sexual Revolution

While the repressive hypothesis still holds a lot of ground with experts, there have been many changes in the US’s culture that shows a change in how sex and sexuality is being viewed. The US’s culture is distinct, because it is currently treating sex as a scientific sexualis (an object of distanced, scientific investigation). Scientific studies mixed with the form of confession have begun to shape the US’s communication about sex and are expanding the knowledge base for their culture. Many experts argue the the US’s and some parts of Europe sexual revolution began between 1960 to 1980, others state that is started as early as 1940s around the Great Depression.

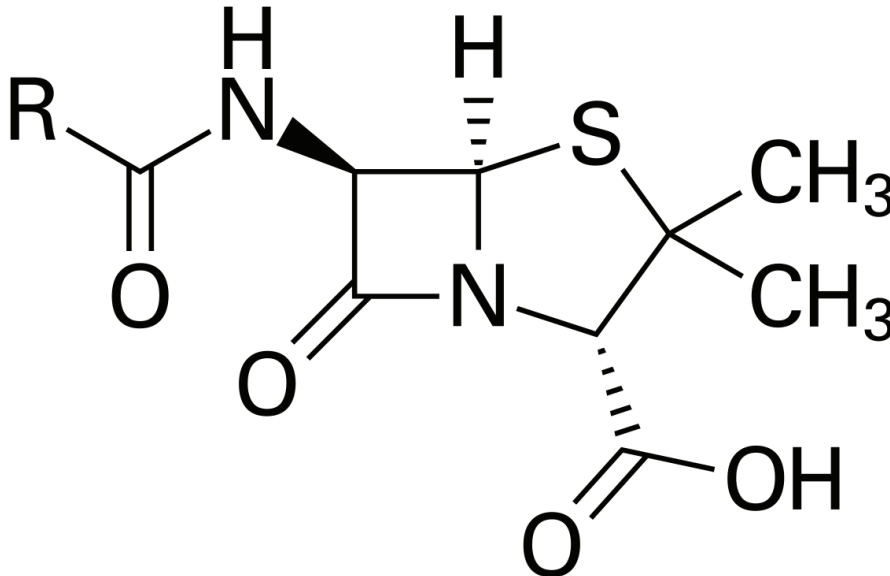
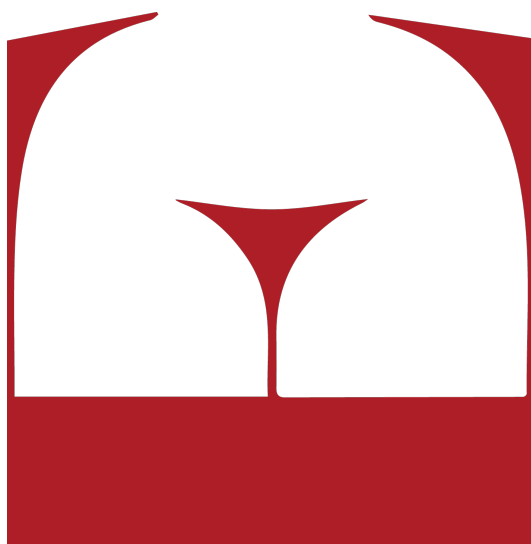


Alfred Kinsey

One of the more revolutionary items in the US’s sexual revolution were studies done by Alfred Kinsey. Kinsey started one of the earliest statistical recordings of sexuality, going across the US’s and having meetings with the general populace he gathered and recorded their sexual data, and later released it. These studies are now famously known as the Kinsey Reports, some years after the initial release of his studies a movie was based off of Alfred Kinsey and all the work he did. Kinsey’s work was so popular that sexual data is still being recorded and published through the Kinsey Institute.

Masters and Johnson

A second major factor of the US’s sexual revolution was the Masters and Johnson’s studies, from 1957 until 1965, they recorded some of the first laboratory data on the anatomy and physiology of human sexual response based on direct observation of 382 women and 312 men. Their study estimated to have around 10,000 complete cycles of sex response. Their findings, on the nature of female sexual arousal and orgasm, showed that female lubricant did not originate from the cervix, that orgasm had similar physiological responses regardless of stimulation through clitoral or vaginal, and proved that some were women were multiorgasmic. Masters and Johnson’s studies held a smaller demographic than the Kinsey reports, having their focus more based on white college students, but the statistical data became so popular that a TV series was released about them in 2013 titled “The Masters of Sex”.



Other Revolutionary Items

A few other US sexual revolutionary items were the invention of penicillin (which allowed for cures of certain STIs/STDs), Feminism during the early 60’s, Freudians school (where they focused on sex as the ultimate drive for humans), and books like “Mead’s Coming of Age in Samoa” which discusses important psychological changes in human biology, and erotic novels becoming more and more popular.