

ZULF EXAMINES MY OWN BELIEFS ABOUT SEXUAL MORES AND VALUES

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I have extraordinarily seemingly conservative views about my own private and personal life. And the same time I hold strongly liberal *political* views about sexuality.

I want to spend time examining the tensions and their resolutions, and this will allow me to adjust my own views, and defend my positions in public arena.

I have held for a long time politically sexually liberal views. I have the opportunity to find a precursor of the sort of position that I have held from 1990s. I believe that the natural right of Liberty allows people to engage in whatever sexual escapade that they find of interest. In Raja Halwani's *Virtuous Liaisons* for the first time I discover an articulate view of the type from Charles Fried from 1970 [1]. "Charles Fried's view is that as long as justice and rights are not violated, as long as one's practices do not harm others, one is *morally* free to do what one wants." (p. 169) This is my *political view* and not my personal view about my own private and romantic life where I demand constraints.

First, let me tell you why I am so sexually liberal politically and extraordinarily conservative in my personal life. The key issue is that in political arena, it is often the state and laws that will be harnessed by those who would like to *coerce* populations to sexual norms, and I am strongly of the view that the state and laws do not have any business in anyone's private bedroom unless justice and natural rights and harm is evident by parties involved. So I am fearful of the tyranny of lawmakers in America in introducing powers that intrude in people's personal and love life in ways that are intolerable. The danger to me is so great that I would rather separate my own ideas about what is good and bad in love and sexuality in my own private life from what political position I will support in public. There is a very great danger that people, including myself, who have strongly conservative sexual views in our private life, will use state power to enforce sexual morality on a vast population and squelch liberty of people to pursue their happiness in their way.

Now turning to my own private views of sexuality, I for example have a very strong commitment never to have any sexual intercourse at all with any woman that I do not love. This is strongly valued by myself and I have adhered to this all my life. I think that sexuality has a sacredness that is defiled and desecrated otherwise. I would appeal to people to consider this for themselves but I would strongly resist state powers and laws to get in this business.

In particular, there is no contradiction whatsoever in a wide discrepancy between my political views and my personal private views about love and sexuality.

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- [1] Charles Fried, *Anatomy of Values*, Harvard, 1970