

Class 12-02
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SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL SCRIPTS

I. THE EVOLUTION OF THE PEDESTAL GUTTER SYNDROME

II. WHERE ARE WE NOW, AFTER THE "SEXUAL REVOLUTION" ?

A. MYTHS ABOUT MALE SEXUALITY
(Zilbergeld)

B. BILL COSBY'S STORY

C. MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
Eder: "WE ARE NOT SLUTS"

D. DYADS: HOW DID YOU OR OTHERS YOU KNOW LEARN ABOUT SEX? WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR OWN "SCHOOL TALK"?

III. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LIBERATED WOMAN/GOOD GIRL MEETS THE 21st CENTURY "REAL MAN/BEAST"?

IV. DISCUSSION OF READINGS

A. JACKSON: A CONVENTIONAL AFFAIR

B. STAPLES: STEREOTYPES OF BLACK MALE
SEXUALITY

V. "GOOD BYE, JOHN WAYNE."

Geof Morgan, song writer now living in Washington State

From Album: "It Comes With the Plumbing"

STRUCKMAN-JOHNSON, 1988

Methods:

- Survey of 623 University of South Dakota students in 1985. Women and sophomores overrepresented.
- Followup survey of 301 students asking more questions about nature of forced sex incidents.
- Interviews with 52.

Findings:

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Ever forced to have sex	22%	16%
On campus	13%	9%
Have forced someone to have sex	2%	10%
On campus	1%	3%

Tables 1 and 2 in article: Study tables to see how men's and women's forced sex experiences differed.

EVOLUTION OF THE PEDESTAL-GUTTER SYNDROME

MALE IDEAL

FEMALE IDEAL

1. The EPIC MALE

THE SUBORDINATE WIFE

Ancient Greeks and Romans: 800-1000 BC

2. SPIRITUAL ASCETIC MALE

THE LUSTY TEMPTRESS

St. Augustine and early Catholic church fathers: 400-1000 AD

3. CHIVALRIC MALE

THE PRINCESS vs. THE HEATHEN

Feudal period: 1100-1200 AD

From 1200-1840 women remain on pedestal if they are pure and chaste and in gutter if not. Norm is sex for procreation for both sexes, but gradually a double standard develops so that by 1840s in the US, we have:

4. MAN THE BEAST (Prof. Hood's term)

GOOD GIRLS DON'T

"The cult of true womanhood": 1840s through c. 1970s

5. TRANSITIONAL DOUBLE STANDARD

MYTHS ABOUT MALE SEXUALITY

(FROM BERNIE ZILBERGELD: Male Sexuality (1978))

1. MEN SHOULD NOT HAVE CERTAIN FEELINGS
2. IN SEX, AS ELSEWHERE, IT IS PERFORMANCE THAT COUNTS.
3. THE MAN MUST TAKE CHARGE OF AND ORCHESTRATE SEX.
4. THE MAN IS ALWAYS READY AND ALWAYS WANTS TO HAVE SEX.
5. ALL PHYSICAL CONTACT MUST LEAD TO SEX.
6. SEX EQUALS INTERCOURSE.
7. SEX REQUIRES AN ERECTION.
8. SEXUAL INTERCOURSE IS ALWAYS A LINEAR PROGRESSION ON INCREASING EXCITEMENT TERMINATED ONLY BY ORGASM.
9. SEX IS NATURAL AND SPONTANEOUS.
10. WE ARE NO LONGER INFLUENCED BY THE ABOVE MYTHS.

EROSION OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD?

From R&C: 170-172

1. By 1998, sexual experience gap had closed: Age at first sexual intercourse now 15 for both boys and girls.

2. % of Americans who think that premarital sex is always wrong decreased from 37% in 1972 to 19.7% in the 1990s.

3. More oral and less vaginal sex among teens.

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman!"

BUT

4. Girls have more guilt and less pleasure.

5. Boys and girls give different reasons for starting sexual activity:

Boys: Status, curiosity, was ready (51% vs. 24% girls)

Girls: Affection for partner and approval (48% vs. 25% boys)

Study Questions are included with Class 13 revised outline.