

HUMAN SEXUALITY

with special reference to

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

including ..

- Male Homosexuality
 - Behaviour, Role & Risk
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“ARE YOU STRAIGHT, BISEXUAL, OR HOMOSEXUAL?”

... or none of these
(*please specify*)

Sexual orientation ...

- ≠ Sexual behaviour
- ≠ Sexual identity
- ?= Sexual preference

but it is ...

- dispositional (not a constant given)
- changing (not fixed, static)
- historically / culturally variant
- multidimensional (not single continuum)

consists of (\geq) 3 aspects

(A) **SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR**

- is fairly homogeneous culturally
- is described by terms which largely refer to the same behaviours **BUT** \rightarrow $>$
- what counts as “sex” differs (Sex vs play, India)
- what counts as ...“non-straight” sexual behaviour ... differs markedly:
- **Penetrative vs Non-penetrative**
is a far more prevalent distinction in most cultures
- **Gender of sexual partner**

(Western, recent)

SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR... (2)

- tends to be fairly independent of other dimensions of orientation
- can be situational (prisons ...)
- can be specific ...
 - age-set (see Herdt – compulsory homosexual initiation; puberty in New Guinea)
 - partner- (independent of orientation)
 - role- (classical Greece)
- can be a “career”, or a life-stage, or simply discontinuous or intermittent...

(B) SEXUAL ATTRACTION

... DESIRE/FEELING

- is affective /emotion (and not necessary associated with arousal)
- probably the dimension which is most independent of behaviour
- often not investigated because of delicacy & sensitivity
- fantasy element is often strong and at odds with behaviour or

social identity.

(C) SEXUAL IDENTITY

- depends on culture/history & stock of concepts available
- in many cultures/times there IS no “sexual identity”
- ... or language for describing it, or (primary) role, or
- terms do NOT map 1:1 (passive partner, femininity, cross-dressing, trans/inter sexual (Hijra, Berdache); penetrative vs gender;
... hence often need to *import* Western

“gay”

OK ...

HANDS UP

THOSE WHO ARE

NOT 100%

HETEROSEXUAL

None?! Why?

- **Selection (systematic)?**
 - **Sampling (biased)?**
 - **Social pressure?**

GM: Sexual Behaviour

DIARY

INTERVIEW

DATA-SET/SITE: GT86 SIGMA/L SIGMA/C GP93 PSINT/m[†]

BEHAVIOUR: _____ ACTS / month

% of Gay men's

% of Gay Men

Who did x
last/month

W(anking)	61.7	58.1	44.0	58.3	90
S(ucking)	21.7	15.5	16.7	16.7	68
F(ucking)	9.2	3.8	9.7	5.6	41
Total Common:	92.6	77.4	70.4	80.6	[97]
BR (Body-Rubbing)	*	5.4	6.1	4.4	52
DK (Deep Kissing)	*	4.8	10.8	3.7	67
FG (Fingering)	1.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	42
MA (Massage)	2.6	1.5	1.1	2.6	41
RI (Rimming)	2.6	2.8	1.5	2.3	31
TF (Thigh-Fucking)	0.2	1.4	1.5	1.3	30
Total Medium:	6.6	18.8	23.8	17.2	
V (Vaginal Fucking)	*	§	§	0.4	*

§: Less than 1% of sexual acts *: Not coded

† Project SIGMA interview data: Percentage doing so in the last month. (Davies et al (1993) Table 9.1, p106)

GAY MEN'S SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

("Volume" = acts & Incidence = indivs.)

	BEHAVIOUR	FEELINGS
K3 Equally Ho & He	1.7%	3.3%
K4 Mainly Ho, subst. He	3.0%	3.4%
K5 Mainly Ho, small He	15.1%	31.0%
K6 Exclusive Ho	80.2%	62.3%

- **68% are congruent (same level of Behaviour & Attraction)**
- **5% of Predominantly and Exclusively Homosexual (K5 and K6) in FEELINGS have sex with women.**

SIGMA sample: Sexual preference & Identity

	BOTH	ACTIVE	PASSIVE	NEITHER	Total
MASTURBATION	68	3	4	25	100%
ANAL INTERCOURSE	17	13	12	58	100%
FELLATIO	54	9	6	31	100%
ANILINGUS	10	10	5	75	100%

Role-separation by Sexual Behaviour

(=Percentage of men engaging in given modality of 4 sexual behaviours).

Reciprocity Index (%Both ÷ [% Either Active or Passive])

Masturbation: 9.7 (Hi reciprocity)

Fellatio: 3.6

Anilingus: 0.67

Anal Intercourse: 0.68 (Hi separation/gendering)

Out of the 2107 (=100%) acts of anal intercourse (*Potential Risk*)

30% did not result in ejaculation of semen [N], and

70% involve ejaculation of semen. (*Potential High Risk*)

Of these ejaculations,

17% of ejaculations are into a condom [C] (*HRProtected*)

but 53% are unprotected. (*HR Unprotected*)

Of these unprotected ejaculations,

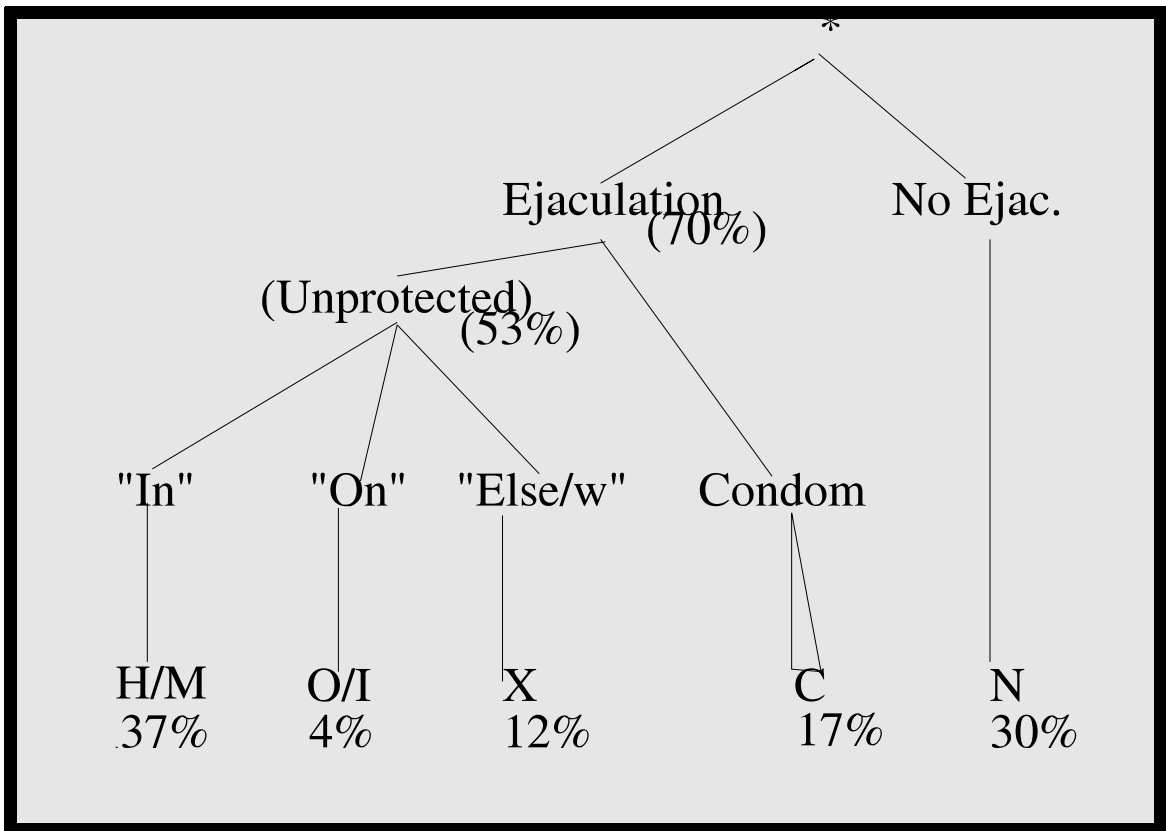
12% go "elsewhere" [E]

4% go on the partner's body [O/I]

37% go into the partner's anus [H/M] (*Highest*

***Risk*)**

RISK HIERARCHY



RISKTREE