

DEFINITIONS

“I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky.”

William Jefferson Clinton

Human Sexual Behavior

What one person means by sexual behavior can be very different from what another person means.

“...Sexuality encompasses more than sexual behavior....they many aspects of sexuality include not only the physical, but the mental and spiritual as well, and ...sexuality is a core component of personality. Sexuality is a fundamental part of human life.” (Satcher, 2001)

We will use Harvey, Wenzel and Sprecher (2004) expanded definition of sexuality that not only recognizes that “Sexual behavior is only one aspect, that other aspects include cognition (knowledge, thoughts, identity), emotion and sociocultural factors. Such a definition would directly implicate relationship processes in the study of sexuality.” Harvey, Wenzel & Sprecher (2004) p 8

Relationship

The connection between two people defined by the mode in which the persons are connected.

Love

“The [act of] will to extend one’s self for the purpose of nurturing one’s own or another’s spiritual growth.”

M. Scott Peck

“*In love* relationships versus *love* relationships”

Lust

“Sexual craving, especially excessive or unrestrained. . .overwhelming desire ” (American Heritage Dictionary)

Attraction

Affiliation and Friendship

The Tending Instinct

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