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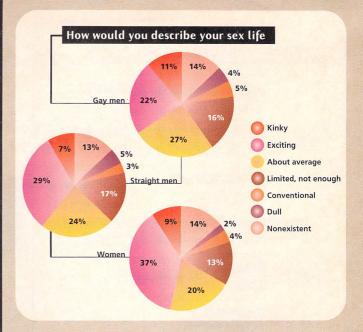
IN THE SPIRIT OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY, I SAT ON MY BED IN A PINK teddy surrounded by 2,571 surveys. By the tenth one, I realized that love and sex are two things that people can't get enough of. I was also reminded that while women crave relationships and more intimacy, men want sex and more sex. They're always sniffing.

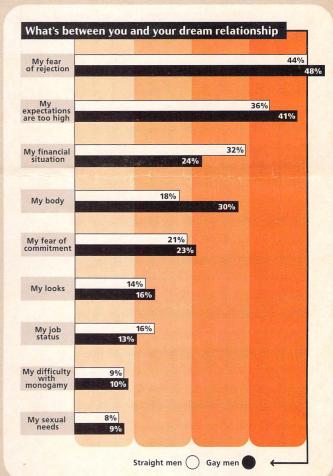
Of the respondents between eighteen and thirty-four years old, 80 percent were male (gay and straight) and 20 percent female, with only 2 percent lesbians, which made their data inconclusive. (Maybe next year we'll have a She-tails section.) Eighty-six percent of the surveyees were single, and a startling 21 percent described themselves as celibate, not necessarily by choice. When one respondent was asked to identify himself as either "sexually active" or "celibate" he circled the second and penciled in "big time—I masturbate a lot." (Now there's one for the "Duh" file.)

Since most of our readers are single, dating is a major preoccupation. First dates, however, get mixed reviews: About 21 percent find first dates "exhilarating"; 43 percent agree they are "something to look forward to," and another 26 percent call them "nerve-wracking." Considering my last two dates, I have to agree with the 1 percent who call them "humiliating." As for what happens on those dates, most go out to dinner, phone unexpectedly, or occasionally cook a meal. One accommodating female added "do his laundry." Other comments included "check out the roommates"; "tie them up"; and from one true romantic guy, "stalk them."

Of course, a date that goes well usually increases the chances of impending action. Most men and women (84 percent) say they can tell when their dates want sex: They look for "body language" (71 percent), listen to "things they say" (69 percent), and gauge "eye contact" (62 percent). Some people, however, aren't too adept at reading the subtler signs and need more obvious clues. One bisexual woman said "drippy poon." And an observant twenty-four-year-old male answered "when they grab your meat."

Gay and straight men differ slightly on the number of dates they'll have before they make a move. Gay men average 2.9, while heteros move a little more slowly: 4.1. A quarter of the gay guys say they "usually" have sex on the first date, compared to 5 percent of straights. Their methods of seduction vary as well. Forty-one percent

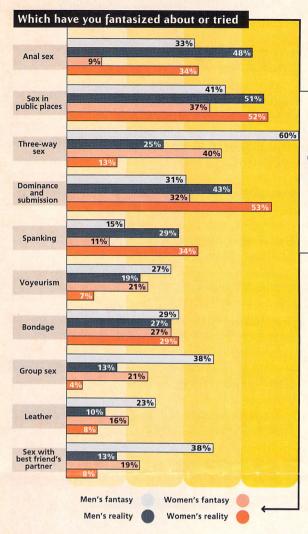


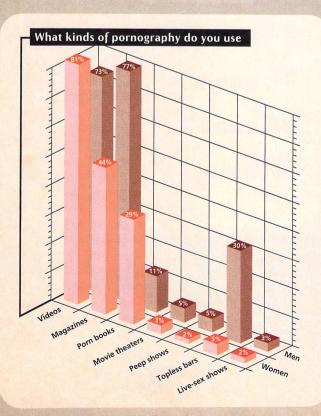


## THE SCOREBOARD Political correctness and sex today

	Straight Men	Gay Men	Women
I believe it's acceptable to coerce someone into	<b>一种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种种</b>	The specification	
sex by any means possible	73%	71%	56%
I have coerced someone into having sex	34%	28%	18%
I believe it's acceptable to seduce by getting			
someone drunk or high	15%	12%	8%
I believe it's acceptable to seduce by grabbing	9%	10%	9%
I believe you should explicitly ask			
before having intercourse	74%	79%	84%
My sexual behavior has been influenced by media			
coverage of sexual correctness	37%	38%	31%
I believe that sexual correctness is the death of romance	26%	16%	14%

A note about our survey: An 89-question poll was mailed to 10,000 Details subscribers. All respondents were between the ages of 18 and 34.







of gay men say they'll try "getting someone drunk or high," while the majority of straights rely on "lying, pleading, begging, and arguing." If these are the techniques they're using, no wonder they're not getting laid.

Mae West once said: "Give a man a free hand and he'll run it all over you." So it's no surprise that when it comes to being sexually "correct," most women appreciate being asked before their clothing is torn

off, while only half the men think they should bother popping the question before popping a boner. While half the singles agree that "sexual correctness is necessary at the beginning of a relationship," others question the meaning of the term or indicate that the mere sound of it turns them off. The same holds true with the word "feminism," which for some guys conjures images of hairy-legged man-haters. This might explain why only 47 percent say they're "sympathetic" to the cause. Meanwhile, the majority are running in the other direction to the closest titty bar.

Although most responses seemed honest, one question—"Which characteristics are most important in a partner?"—elicited answers from men that sound plausible in theory but not in practice. The top response (61 percent) was "someone you can talk to" followed by "honesty" (49 percent) and "sense of humor" (38 percent). "Intelligent" and "sensitive" followed, while "sexy," "good in bed," and "has money" scraped the bottom of the list. I'm sure most people do want the top three qualities, but I guarantee that if you put five supermodels in front of most guys, the "someone you can talk to" concept will go right out the window.

Love, on the other hand, is a more complicated subject, and most people (65 percent) say they are either confused or cynical about it. When asked which movie offers the truest picture of amour, the most popular choices were When Harry Met Sally and Ghost. Considering these statistics, Dazed and Confused should have been added to the list. (A survey of my own life revealed my last big love affair to be a tie between A Nightmare on Elm Street and Frankenweenie.)

## MALE ORDER

Gay vs. straight

Percentage of gays who worry about being able to love: 44. Percentage of straights: 33.

Percentage of gays who worry about finding someone to love: 67. Percentage of straights: 53.

Percentage of gays who have sex on the first date: 26. Percentage of straights: 5.

Percentage of gays who cite their body as standing between them and their dream relationship: 30. Percentage of straights: 18.

Percentage of gays who think that having a great sex life is a priority: 65. Percentage of straights: 76.

Percentage of gays who say they are happy in their relationship: 70. Percentage of straights: 78.

