

# Lecture on The Body and Sex in Uncommitted Relationships

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## 1. The Body

- Ambivalence to one's own body
- Psychological Prioritization of one's sexuality
- Historical variation
  - Height
  - Shape/Proportion
  - Size
  - Example: codpiece
- Risk Populations
  - Teenage girls

- 33 % growth in plastic surgery
- rate of growth highest for women < 25 years old

2. Sexuality in the context of relationships

- Sex in Uncommitted Relationships
  - What are uncommitted relationships
  - What special issues do they present
  - How do emotions like love and affection matter
  - Ambiguous sexual consent
  - interpretation problems
  - findings on consent

|               |     | Actually Said |    |
|---------------|-----|---------------|----|
|               |     | Yes           | No |
| Actually Felt | Yes | +             | +  |
|               | No  | +             | +  |

Figure 1: Crosstabulation of “what people said”, and “what people felt”

Positive counts for each cell, for both sexes.

- “Price of Dinner” phenomenon

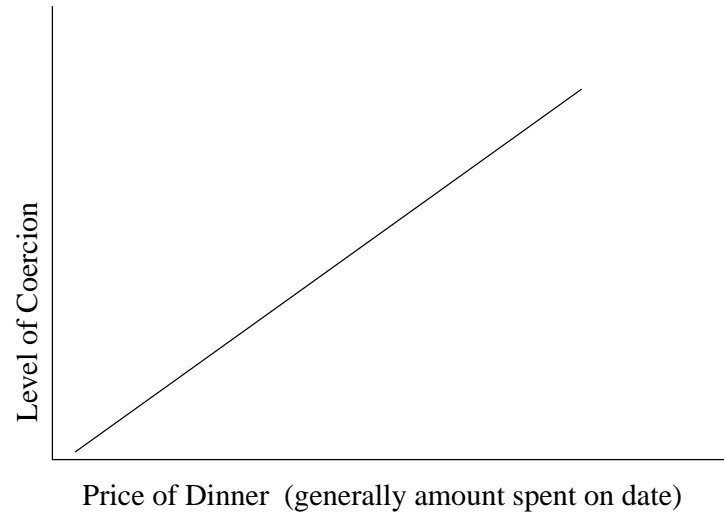


Figure 2: Price of Dinner Effect