

Criminal Justice Advocacy Program

Navigating the Changing Landscape of Social and Sexual Behaviors



Beverly Frantz, PhD
Institute on Disabilities, Temple University
December 20, 2018

Disability

The definition of disability often varies based on the context in which it is being referred. In some contexts, disability is viewed in terms of medical conditions that need treatment or therapy, while in others disability is viewed as the result of interplay between impairment and environmental conditions.

The way disability is measured can also vary. The variation in disability measurement may be based on the overall context of the surveys, the definition of disability used to construct the measures, and the method of measurement.

It's About Us



It's about biases, hidden assumptions, social norms, regulations, and more...

Sexual Health

- ▶ Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, **free of coercion, discrimination and violence.** *(WHO, 2006a)*

Sexual Health

“... is a central aspect of being human throughout life and encompasses sex, gender identities and roles, sexual orientation, eroticism, pleasure, intimacy and reproduction.

Sexuality is experienced and expressed in thoughts, fantasies, desires, beliefs, attitudes, values, behaviours, practices, roles and relationships. While sexuality can include all of these dimensions, not all of them are always experienced or expressed. WHO, 2006a

Sexuality is...

- ▶ A continuous, life long experience
- ▶ An integrated experience
- ▶ Shaped by our family, culture, religion, education, personal experience, biases, stereotypes and the media.

Silent Assumptions: It's a Conundrum

- Stereotypes
- Biases
- Opinions
- Agency policies
- Culture
- Socially accepted norms



Generational Perspective and Impact

Gen Z	1996 – TBD
Millennials/Gen Y	1977 – 1995
Generation X	1965 – 1976
Baby Boomers	1946 – 1964
Silent Generation/Traditonalist	1945-

Concrete vs. Abstract Thinking



Case Study

Power vs. Desire vs. Bias

24 year old male with significant physical/medical issues, an intellectual disability, and a significant speech disability

He requires 24 hour supervision: RNs -16 hours daily, including over night

His nursing team agrees he has the right to masturbate and explore his sexuality as any other young man his age

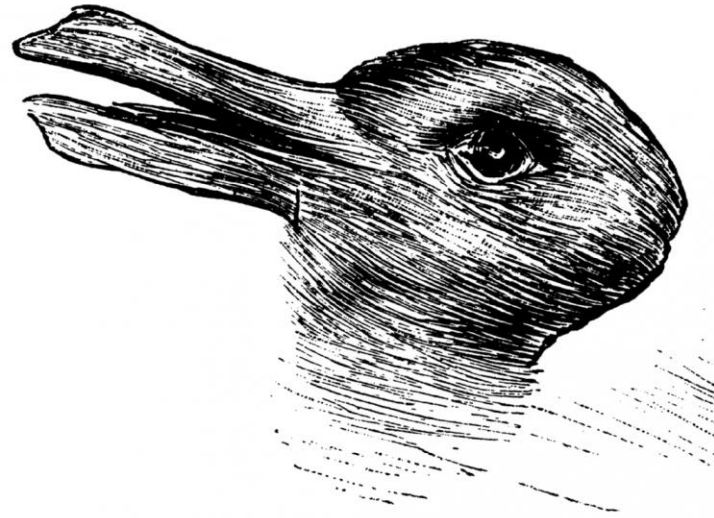
Nurses express concern about being “a part” of it, and agree he should have private time to be alone

Due to his physical/medical issues he is only allowed 5 minutes of alone time

ARIEL: Fancy or Bias?



What Do You See? What Do Other See?



Sexuality in Popular Print Media



AXE DEODERANT



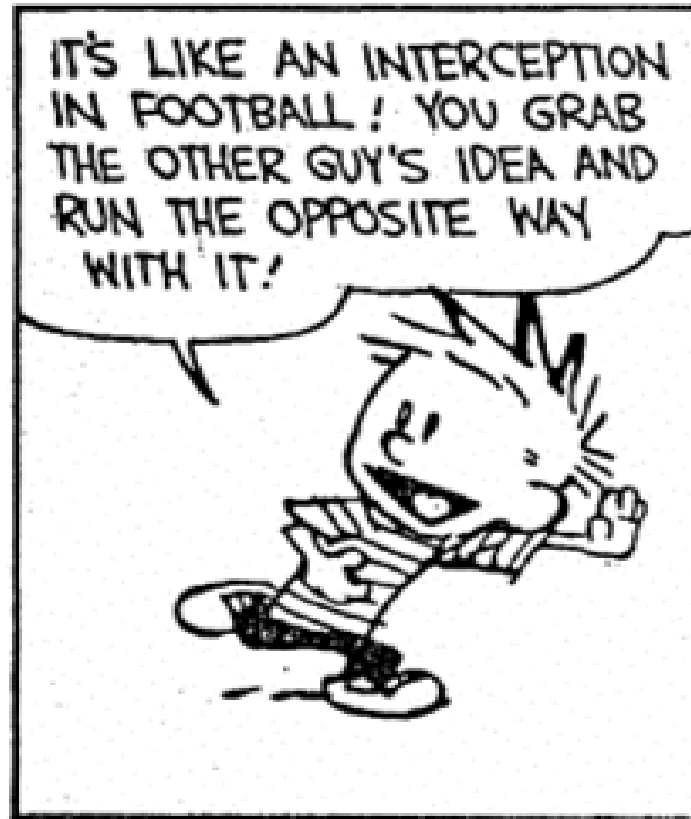
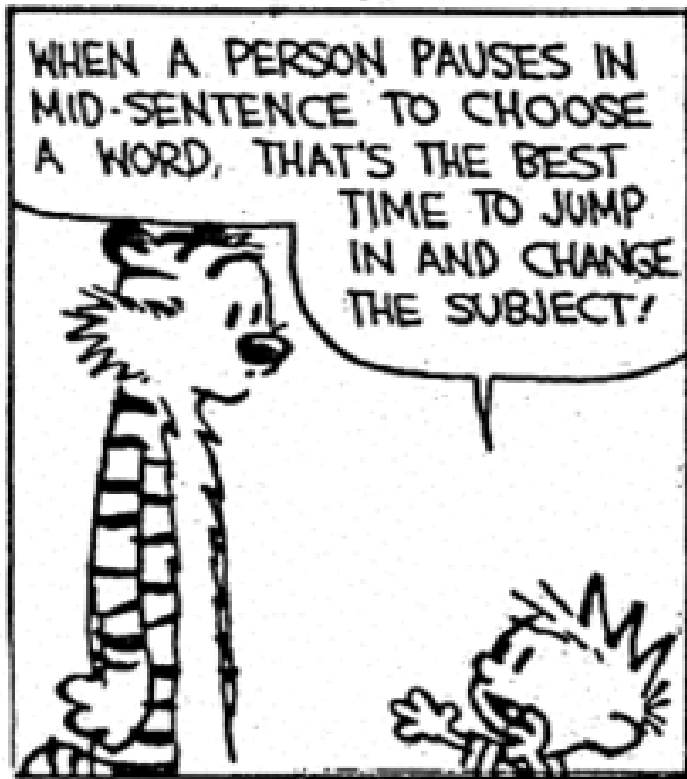
 Institute on Disabilities
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY®
College of Education

The AXE Effect

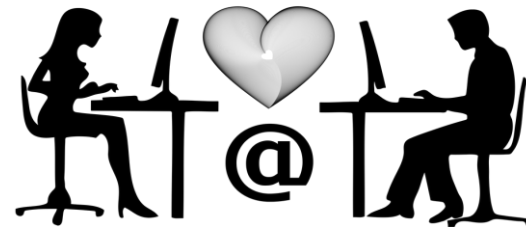
Post-It



CALVIN AND HOBBS *B*



Evolution of Dating



Evolution of Dating

- ▶ National newspapers/magazines reported on the sexual escapades of high school and college students.
- ▶ *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic* and *The New Republic* wrote about “Mothers Complain that Modern Girls ‘Vamp’ Their Sons at Petting Parties.”
- ▶ Scott Fitzgerald warned that “none of the Victorian mothers... had any idea how casually their daughters were accustomed to be kissed.”

Evolution of Dating

- In the 40's "Petting" was defined by Alfred Kinsey as "deliberately touching body parts above and below the waist."
- *Distinguishing it from "necking" or general body part contact sustained while making out.*
- 2013 A *The New York Times* article, "The Courtship?" they announced "hookups," and "hangouts "had replaced the ritual of dating.

Social Media “Texting” Vocabulary

- FBO** Acronym for making a relationship “Facebook Official”
- Ghosting** When all communication from the person you are dating suddenly ceases, with no explanation.
- IRL** Meaning “In Real Life.” When you actually meet someone you have been flirting with online.
- Jelly** Slang for jealous
- Q** New slang for “cool.”

Vocabulary

We change our vocabulary depending upon who we are talking to.

Parents/guardians often give names to their child's genitals.

Can be confusing because of the many different names/meaning given to one word.

Impact of Compliance

Personal Safety vs Personal Risk

Following the Rules

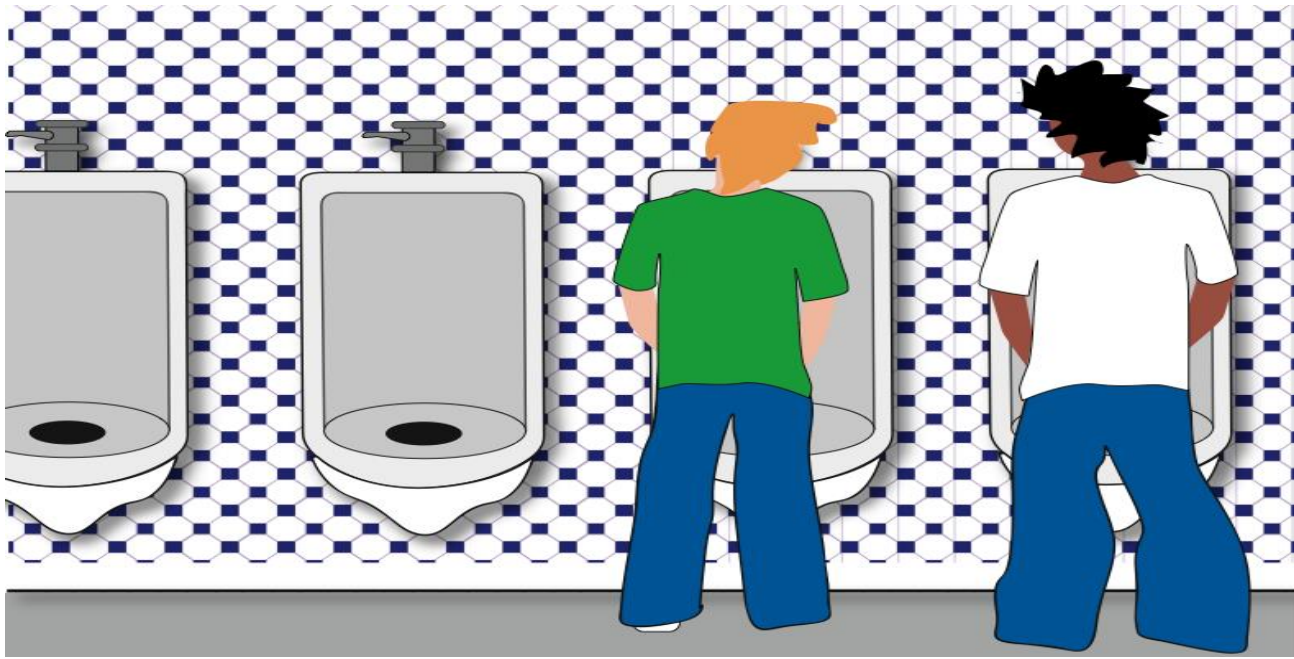
Social Sexual Nuances



Social Nuance = Risk

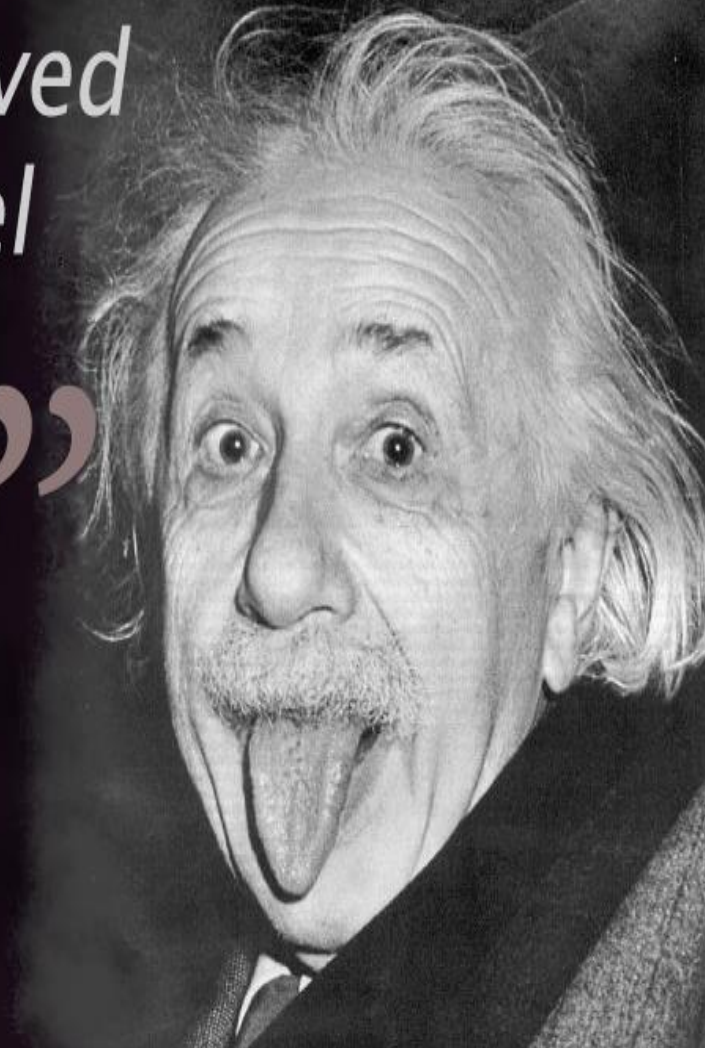


Compliance/Following Directions = Risk



*“A problem
can never be solved
on the same level
of thinking
that identified it.”*

Albert E.





THANK YOU

Institute on Disabilities at Temple University
1755 N 13th Street
Student Center, Room 411S
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Tel: 215-204-1356 Fax: 215-204-6336
Email: IOD@temple.edu
Web: www.disabilities.temple.edu

Beverly L Frantz, PhD
Tel: 215-204-5078
Email: bfrantz@temple.edu

