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History of Sexuality in the U.S.

Workshop #15 (10 points)

Primary Source Analysis: Sex and Sexuality in the Early Twentieth Century

Objectives: —Identify the difference between sex and sexuality
—Interpret the perspective/intention of the author
—Analyze the ways that sex/sexuality was discussed in the early 20th c.

Directions: Students will get into their groups and carefully read the primary source(s) they are given (three options). Students will then answer the questions below, providing evidence from the source(s) for their answers, and giving consideration to the content of the lecture on Sex and Sexuality in the Early Twentieth Century. After twenty minutes, the class will then discuss the primary sources and each group's answers to the questions.

Questions:

1. Who is the author?

Answer:	Evidence:

2. What is the source's purpose?

Answer:	Evidence:

3. Who/What is the source's subject?

Answer:	Evidence:

4. What does the source say about sex?

Answer:	Evidence:
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5. What does the source imply about sex?

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6. What does the source say about sexuality?

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7. What does the source imply about sexuality?

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8. What is the author's perspective?

Answer:	Evidence:
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The genital odour is stronger in women than in men. When the whole organism is stimulated and ready for coitus this odour is increased by the lubricating secretions of the accessory glands of the vulva; and in many women there is apparently an increase of the odorous exhalations of skin and breath as well. This phenomenon may then serve as a special means of excitement and allurements for the male lover.

Another important specific genital odour is that of the seminal secretions in the man.

This also has variations. There is, first of all, a good deal of difference between *races*. The seminal odour of Orientals is stronger and more acrid than that of the "Caucasian" West. The semen of the healthy youths of Western European races has a fresh, exhilarating smell; in the mature man it is more penetrating. In type and degree this very characteristic seminal odour is remarkably like that of the flowers of the Spanish chestnut (*Marrons*), which also vary according to the condition of the trees and the atmosphere, and are sometimes quite freshly floral, and then, again, extremely pungent and quite disagreeable.

Again, the same individual man may vary greatly in his seminal odour, as has been corroborated by trustworthy and independent testimony. After mental and emotional excitement the smell of the semen is more acrid, after muscular exertion more aromatic, and after several repeated acts of coitus in rapid succession it becomes fainter, but "stale" and unpleasant. I have heard its variations described as parallel and concomitant with those of perspiration of the whole epidermis, and the descriptions of its various phases showed remarkable unanimity, though given independently by several women, and referring to different individual men.

It is therefore obvious that the seminal odour must cause distinctly different olfactory sensations in sexual intercourse. But the medical man who has often occasion to investigate spermatic secretions in the laboratory finds, curiously enough, that the various specimens only differ very slightly, and then almost entirely in degree of intensity. Of course this may be because he endeavours so far as pos

sible to ignore or inhibit the sense of smell, in the course of this kind of research, as it is apt to cause disgust and even nausea. On the other hand, the specific seminal odour is affected by exposure to the air and by being discharged from the male organ (for so long as it is contained within the glands semen has no smell, or hardly any), and this atmospheric action increases the intensity of its smell and obliterates all individual shades of difference.

But women who are adepts do not hesitate for a moment in confirming the existence and significance of these individual shades of difference. I know of one highly talented and delicately sensitive woman who abruptly terminated a *liaison* on finding, at the first act of sexual intercourse, that the special seminal odour of the man was intolerably unpleasant to her.

It may be said *in general* that the odour of semen is exciting and stimulating to women, and unpleasant, even nauseating, to men. But the *mental associations* are here so powerful that they may completely displace or negate the primary sensory impression, so that most men feel *no* repulsion at the odour of their own semen, but pronounced nausea at that of other men's.

For a woman (in coitus) the odour of the beloved man's semen is delightful and excites her anew; but that of an unloved mate fills her with loathing.

The larger portion of semen once deposited in the vagina soon ebbs or drips away again. What remains inside soon loses its distinctive smell. But the resultant blend of male and female secretions inside the vagina, after coitus, exhales a fainter but quite distinctive odour, which can easily be recognised by experts, and is perceptible to persons of the "olfactory type" on underlinen and clothing.

It excites both sexes when perceived, but here, too, the mental associations to which it gives rise—especially the subconscious speculation as to its origin—are no doubt influential in enhancing the primary impression.

The final specifically sexual odour which I must mention, can perhaps rarely be consciously observed, but appears to

The following case will illustrate a homosexual homicide. This subject brutally killed his victim at the culmination of a wild sexual orgy. The victim had befriended the subject.

Case H. R.

Case Study 109. H.R., age twenty, white male; he has completed the ninth grade of school; occupation: rancher and farm hand.

Family History: His mother died when he was two years old. Cause of death is unknown. His father was killed in an automobile accident ten years ago. He has one brother, twenty-seven years of age, whom he has not seen for some time. There is a negative history of insanity, epilepsy, and all constitutional diseases.

Past History: He has had the usual childhood diseases. He states his health has always been good. H.R. was raised by various relatives, and he left home at an early age and worked on farms. He states he started to masturbate about the age of nine. About this time, an older man committed the act of pederasty on him. Since that time he has had homosexual affairs, most of which were in the nature of passive pederasty. He also occasionally indulged in acts of fellatio. H.R. states he had his first act of sexual intercourse with a girl when he was sixteen. He has had four hetero love affairs.

At seventeen he had a serious love affair with a man forty, and when he was twenty, he had another love affair with a man about his own age. He states that he enjoys sexual acts with men more than he does with women, and that acts of sodomy give him the greatest pleasure. He still indulges in the act of masturbation. He states that he has noticed in the past few years that he has difficulty in reaching the acme of sexual satisfaction. Sometimes it takes him forty-five minutes to one hour. He states that he only likes girls now as friends. He prefers men as his sexual companions. He states, "I like muscular, virile type of men with well-developed sex organs." During his life on the farm he indulged in acts with other men and boys and he admits acts of bestiality with horses and cows.

He denies ever having syphilis or gonorrhea. He uses tobacco and alcohol, but denies the use of narcotics.

Somatic Examination: He is a well-developed and well-nourished white male, athletic

schizothymic physique; sandy brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. His face is of the steep egg-shaped variety, short chin; there is a lack of hair growth over the face. His skin is in good condition. He has a tattoo mark on his left forearm – heart and arrow. He had much dried blood coagulated over the right and left chest. His hands are large, long, and thick. There is a recent wound, about a quarter of an inch long – proximal joint of the right little finger. Heart and lungs are negative. The bony, muscular, and glandular systems are negative. There is a tendency towards a barrel chest. The right side of the chest is larger than his left. There is a lack of hair distributed over his body and under his arm pits. The genitalia are well-developed, the testicles are large. In the examination of the central nervous system, the pupils are equal and react to light and accommodation. The deep and superficial reflexes are present and within the norm. There are no disturbances of sensibility noted.

Psychic Examination: He is well orientated as to time, places, dates and persons. His reaction time is prompt. His general knowledge is fair; his wealth of knowledge is good for one of his education. He performs the backward and forward test and the test for the opposites correctly. There is no disassociation noted. He states he gets along well with people. He knows the difference between right and wrong and is able to define such. He is affectively cold and lacks outward feeling. There are no delusions, illusions, or hallucinations.

Statements Relative to His Present Offense: The following questions were asked of the subject and the following answers received:

Q. Are you sorry for what you have done?

A. I am very worried over what happened and I feel very badly. I realize it wasn't right to kill a man, but I was angry and I couldn't control myself, once I started I just kept going.

Q. What did you do with the weapon you used?

A. I threw the knife over the bridge.

Q. Were you able to eat and sleep all right after the murder?

A. I slept very well, and there's nothing wrong with my appetite.

Q. How long before you realized what you had done was wrong?

A. Right after I killed the fellow I realized what I had done was wrong.

Q. How did you come to kill this man – what caused you to get angry at him, as you put it?

A. I knew the fellow about two days. He gave me a lift in his automobile along the highway en route down here. We stopped and bought two quarts of wine. We then went to a hotel in a nearby town and arrived there about dusk. We got a room and got undressed and went to bed. We indulged in the act of mutual masturbation and an attempt of sodomy was made after fooling around for some time and drinking and quarreling. Then everything seemed to go blank on me. I can remember standing over him – he was bleeding. Somebody came to the door and got in, and said, "My God!" and they ran downstairs for help. I left for I thought I'd better get out. After I left the place I hitch-hiked. A fellow gave me a ride in his car, and I fell asleep in the car, and I guess he got suspicious of me and the way I looked, for while I was asleep he drove me to the jail. I guess it was about daylight.

Q. Can you tell me anything more about what happened?

A. We had been drinking about two quarts of wine, and the knife had been lying on the table. I do remember hitting him on the chest. Then I stabbed him and he hollered, "My God, you've stabbed me." Then he began yelling for help, and I kept beating him. Then I realized that I'd better get going when someone came to the door. I went out the window by the fire escape.

Q. Did you intend to kill him?

A. Not in the beginning, but when I got started, I couldn't stop.

Q. Do you feel sorry that you've killed him?

A. I feel sorry because I don't know what's going to happen, otherwise I don't worry.

Analysis and Conclusion: This subject is medically and legally sane. This subject is the product of a poor home and early seduction is the cause of his homosexual practices. He is temperamentally cold, perverted, and hyper-sexual. He brutally murdered his victim during a homosexual sex orgy, by beating him on the head with a wine bottle, and stabbing him with a knife.

He showed little remorse during questioning for what he had done, which is characteristic of the sadist, who pumps up affectivity for the purpose of murdering his victim, as a means of satisfaction for his pent-up sexual impulse.

(This man was tried, found guilty, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.)

The following illustrates a case of homosexual murder. This subject was undoubtedly the victim of his early environment. His parents were divorced when he was

Love-quiz... For Married Folks Only

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Primary Source #3.1



WHY DOES HE AVOID HER EMBRACE?

A. Because he is no longer happy in their marriage, constantly makes excuses to avoid the romantic intimacy of their honeymoon.

Q. What has she done? Is it really all her fault?

A. It is not so much what she has done as what she has neglected . . . and that is proper feminine hygiene.

Q. Can neglect of proper feminine hygiene really spoil a happy marriage?

A. Yes, and the pity of it is, every wife can hold her lovable charm by simply using "Lysol" disinfectant as an effective douche.

Q. Can this purpose be accomplished by homemade douching solutions?

A. No...salt, soda and similar makeshifts do not have the proved germicidal and antiseptic properties of "Lysol" which not only destroys odor but is effective in the presence of organic matter.

Q. Why does this husband not tell his wife why he avoids her?

A. Because he feels that a woman should know these important facts . . . and use every means in her power to remain glamorous, dainty and lovely to love. He resents her neglect of such fundamentals as correct feminine hygiene which is achieved so easily by regular douching with "Lysol" brand disinfectant.

She was a "Perfect Wife" ... except for ONE NEGLECT*

WS #15

Primary Source #3.2



She was lovely ... always took care to *look* smart and fresh.



... efficient. Her house was always neat, clean, well-run.



... economical. She knew how to make a budget behave.



... affectionate. She was warm hearted and tender.



.... cheerful. She never nagged, or moped, or wept.

BUT... She was careless (or ignorant) **about Feminine Hygiene** *And her husband would gladly have traded most of her virtues to correct this one fault.