

Re: Election outcome

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I have no idea if the statistics you quote are valid or not, but I'll assume so and with no great surprise. There has always been controversy about sexual surveys and their accuracy, but none of us can control that or know how pervasive untrue answers are.

The fact still remains that there a significant number of people for whom gay will never be accepted or understood for the reasons I cited in my former post, and I'm curious as to how readers here would react to those people. I think we need to be compassionate because surely many of these people have loved ones who are gay, and the whole issue must be very difficult for them.

Anne/OH

On Sat, 6 Nov 2004 21:21:51 -0500, "14tonks"

<mail.2.14tonks@recursor.net> wrote:

>Well, any sexual act without the permission of the woman constitutes rape,
>agreed.

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>However, Janice is correct that the one under discussion is not that
>uncommon, and has often been practiced in many times and places as a)
>means of birth control or b) as a means of having premarital sex while
>maintaining the woman's technical virginity. Of course, it is also practiced
>more often for purely erotic reasons.

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>Even in the U.S., where there is a strong cultural taboo, studies have
>estimated that it has been engaged in at some time by 20% to 35% of the
>heterosexual population and up to 80% of the male homosexual population.
>(Yeah, that's right, probably only about 80% of American male homosexuals
>have ever done it that way, and it is estimated that only about 2 out of 3
>gay couples engage in it regularly.) There are differences in sexual
>practices between those with different sexual orientations but, as usual,
>not as great as some people would think. And, again as usual, the United
>States scores towards the prudish end of the scale when compared to the
>world at large, where heterosexual frequencies are closer to 40% to 50%.