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**A touchy subject**

**More dating, more petting**

By **DOUGLAS KIRK**  
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In assessing the permissibility of breast-petting, 200 subjects were asked to rate their status of dating situation.

This is a phrase coined by the author which has five parameters and is designed to organize a respondent's degree of dating relationship. The first parameter or dating status is casual, meaning a relationship which is new and fairly non-consequential. Steady dating is the second step and is characterized by increased seriousness, longer and more involved dates. The third step, expectant dating, is a transitional type of dating found between steady dating and engagement and involves discussion of future, love, and generally includes marriage proposal.

Engaged dating is next and is marked by engagement. The last step is married dating in which many forms of courtship are still present even though the couple is married.

Table I presents the status of dating situation for the respondent's present activity (column 1), the development of the relationship in which the first breast-petting experience occurred (column 2) and the development point at which males said they would attempt breast-petting and the females said they would permit breast-petting (column 3).

Table I: Status of dating situation and breast-petting (%).

Status	1 Present		2 First Petting Experience		3 Attempt Permit	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Casual	44	38	50	42	63	33
Steady	13	25	44	46	26	54
Expectant	28	29	4	10	5	8
Engaged	12	7	0	1	3	3
Married	1	1	0	0	3	2
No Response	2	0	2	1	3	0

female breast "more attractive".

Every male respondent said that breasts could be attractive as did 96 per cent of the females. Ninety-five per cent of the males and 78 per cent of the females said that some women are more attractive than others due to breasts. All the males and 98 per cent of the females felt clothing designs can enhance breast attractiveness. Breast size affects attractiveness to 86 per cent of the males and 72 per cent of the females. Likewise, breast shape affects attractiveness to 94 per cent of the males and 90 per cent of the females. Breast position and proportion to body affects attractiveness to nearly all the respondents. (Position: M—96%, F—96%; Proportion: M—96%, F—92%).

Attractiveness, or sex-symbol of breasts was accepted as a reason for breast-petting.

✓The curiosity of differing anatomy. Males and females differ in anatomy and anatomy differs from female to female. Curiosity about a woman's anatomy was a hypothesis supported by the study and is given as a reason for breast-petting activity. Sixty-four per cent of the males reported that differences in anatomy increased their interest in breast-petting.

✓Sign of sexual ability (Motherhood). It was hypothesized that breasts could represent sexual ability or capability

activity due to the male's ability to impart pleasure upon the female. Evidence shows this to be true. 94 per cent of the males said that they derived satisfaction through their ability to impart pleasure to their partner by breast-petting. 86 per cent of the females reported a similar feeling.

✓Warmth-security-compassion drama. The breast region is associated with warmth and security in mother-infant relations. It was hypothesized that warmth and security of childhood could be carried over into adulthood with respect to a woman's breasts. When asked if breast-petting represented warmth, security or companionship to males, 62 per cent said yes. 60 per cent of the females agreed.

Ninety-four per cent of the males said they had rested their head upon their partner's breasts and an equal number of females said that their partner had done this. 68 per cent of the men said they received psychological or mental fulfillment or a sense of security from this act. 84 per cent of the females perceived that their partners received psychological fulfillment and security. 81 per cent of the females reported feeling fulfilled and secure from the act of having a male rest his head on their chest.

This hypothesis was supported.

✓Sexual foreplay. It was hypothesized that breast-petting occurs simply for the reason of sexual foreplay. Men reported (80 per cent) that breast-petting increases their ability to achieve sexual satisfaction. 76 per cent of the girls reported likewise.

✓Nature-nutrition paradox. Breast-petting may be due to an unconscious wish to revert to childhood, a time when nourishment is derived from breasts. In term of personality theorist Sigmund Freud, an oral fixation may cause a person to engage in breast-petting.

of motherhood to the male. This idea was rejected with 76 per cent of the men stating that breast-petting represented no psychological assurance that a female was sexually mature.

✓Satisfaction of imparting pleasure. It was believed that breast-petting is a popular

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