

Male myth false, says book

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NEW YORK—Most American men prefer marriage to promiscuity, are bored by female nudity, and sexually passive women turn them off, not on.

That's hardly a portrait of the ruthless "male chauvenist pig," but it's the one that emerges in the most detailed sexuality survey since the Kinsey Report of 1948.

The new survey, compiled in a nationwide study of 4,066 men, is contained in "Beyond the Male Myth," to be published Dec. 3. In it, authors Anthony Pietropinto and Jacqueline Simenauer pop the macho mystique like a soap bubble.

Modern man has been depicted in a variety of ways, most of them unflattering, all of them sketchy and simplistic, they write. "The TV situation comedies portray him as an unscrupulous, uninspired bungler, while the adventure shows cast him

as a cold-blooded, violent hunter of men and cynical predator of women.

"The feminists accuse him of being exploitive, egotistical and obsessed with indiscriminate sexual gratification. Writers of popular psychology books describe him as uncommunicative, insensitive and driven by machismo."

In the survey, the man emerges as nothing of the sort, turning out to be at least as sympathetic and sensitive a human being as his female counterpart.

Pietropinto, a psychiatrist, and Simenauer, a science writer, learned that contrary to the prevailing myth, the sexually aggressive woman holds no fear for the average man. On the contrary, they say, "The sexually passive woman may be a major cause of impotency for almost half the nation's men."

Men, they say, are more interested in sex than ever before—

most would like it on an average of four times a week—and kissing and caressing was cited as the most enjoyable foreplay.

Yet for all the increased interest, only one man in five considers sex the most important pleasure in life and—in a blow to publishers of the girly magazine centerfolds—nudity got few votes as a turn-on. Oral sex emerged as the most favored new intimacy.

Three-fourths of the men cited marriage as the "ideal sex life—only one in 10 preferred the arrangement of simply living together.

The survey also indicated men have more sensitivity and pay more attention to their lovemaking than did their Kinsey counterparts of 30 years ago.

"Men are more successful than ever before in bringing women to orgasm—and are devastated when they do not," say the authors.

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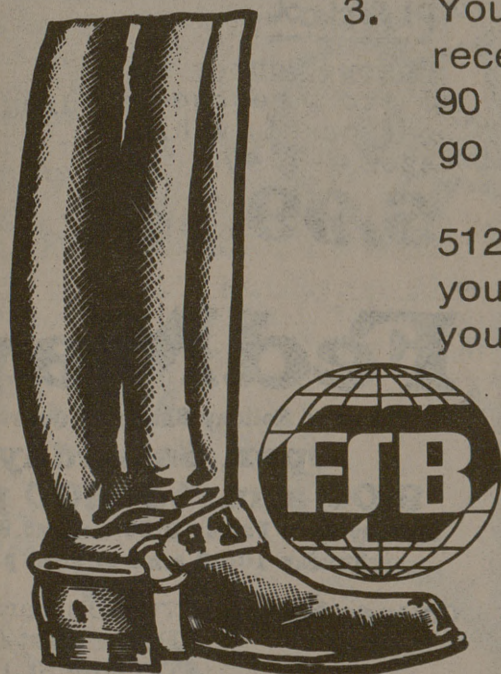
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