
Reviews current literature on gay male and lesbian couples, which is presented as moving in accord with the trend in sociology away from the deviance perspective to one studying "alternate lifestyles."

Investigates the functioning of dyadic relationships of gay men in West Germany.

Separated respondents to a self-report battery scored lower on cooperation than members of ongoing relationships and were more likely to be androgynous. See also Reece: "Coping with Couplehood," in: Martin P. Levine (ed.), Gay Men (New York: Harper and Row, 1979), 211-21.

Applied the Extended Personal Attributes Questionnaire (modified) to 20 gay male, 20 lesbian, and 40 heterosexual couples.

Providing extended profiles of individual gay couples, explores their problems and satisfactions.

An associate of the Kinsey Institute offers a typology of gay-male relationships based on field work in a Southwest city.

3021. STARN, JACK. "Homosexual Couple: Jack Baker and


3024. TULLER, NEIL R. "Couples: The Hidden Segment of the Gay World." JH, 3 (1978), 331-43. Of 15 couples interviewed, found that the partners met in social as contrasted to sexual settings, that relationships were more common for females than for males, that females required sexual fidelity more than males, that males desired children more than females, and that butch-femme role playing was absent.

3025. UHRIG, LARRY. The Two of Us. Boston: Alyson, 1984. 140 pp. Commonsense guide for couples concerning "affirming, celebrating and symbolizing gay and lesbian relationships" in what are sometimes termed holy unions. Author is pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, Washington, DC.

I. DEVIANCE

Sociologists and criminologists have taken deviance to refer to behavior that is prohibited, censured, stigmatized, or penalized. The boundaries of the concept, and its appropriateness for homosexuality, have not been settled; it originated in the wish for a neutral term that would not imply approval or disapproval of the activity, whatever the attitude of the environing society might be. Critics of the approach assert that it offers little more than a jumble of "nuts, sluts, and perverts." For the study of homosexuality, however, its value may lie in the fact that it does make one think of analogies and differences between homosexuals and other groups. Compare the discussion of the minority concept, XIV.S.

3026. BEST, JOEL, and DAVID F. LUCKENBILL. "The Social
Distinguishes three forms: individual deviance, deviant exchange, and deviant exploitation.

Reprints 21 papers, generally of current interest in spheres of popular culture and street life. Two are of direct interest, by Alan J. Davis (on jailhouse rape) and Kenneth N. Ginsburg (on hustling).

In this updated edition of a popularly used textbook, homosexuality is presented as a form of social deviance.

Arguing that value systems are potentially the most profitable variable to study in the etiology of deviance, examines four groups: prisoners, delinquents, drug users, and homosexuals.

Discussion of the Chicago school of sociology approach to taxi-dance halls, including Saul Alinsky's observations on a homosexual one.


In this anthology prepared by two academic sociologists with a special interest in the theme, see "Coming Out among Lesbians" by Deniaé M. Cronin (pp. 268-77); "Femininity in the Lesbian Community" by William Simon and John H. Gagnon (pp. 256-67); "The Homosexual" by Barry M. Dank (pp. 174-210); "Lesbianism" by Goode and Troiden (pp. 229-
37); "Lesbianism and Bisexuality" by Philip W. Blumstein and Pepper Schwartz (pp. 278-95); and "Male Homosexuality" by Goode and Troiden (pp. 149-60).

A series of readings on deviant behaviors—prostitution, drug addiction, homosexuality, etc.—and the way in which they are handled by courts and other bureaucratic agencies.

Reprints articles by Robert Emerson, Charles McLaughlin and James Skipper, Jay Corzine and Richard Kirby, and Albert Reiss (pp. 334-44, 478-88, 574-628).

An influential sociologist deals with such topics as control through commitment, the role of the state and the power elite, stigma contests, stereotypes and propaganda, and deviant protest movements. Homosexuality is discussed throughout (see esp. pp. 212-27). With its broad range and many references, this volume is useful for orientation.

A study of stereotyping of homosexuals and other social deviants on the part of students. The study was replicated on the East Coast by Russell Ward, "Typification of Homosexuals," Sociological Quarterly, 20 (1979), 411-23.

Intended as an introduction to psychological and sociological theories of deviance, presents thirteen types of deviant behavior (including homosexuality) through transcripts of interviews and discussions with individuals involved.

J. DISABILITY

Study of the problems of the handicapped as persons is quite recent. Handicapped homosexuals face two special problems: double discrimination; and difficulties in achieving sexual contact. With regard to nonhandicapped