


N. IMPERSONAL SEX

Often dismissed as "promiscuity," impersonal sex contacts have long been significant for gay men, for whom they can be documented as early as the 12th century in Europe. In 20th-century North America, impersonal or anonymous sex encounters have undergone significant modifications through the universalization of the car culture—a nexus aptly conveyed by the term "pick up." Uncommon among lesbians, impersonal sex patterns among homosexual men are generally associated with high numbers of partners.


3140. GOODE, ERICH, and RICHARD R. TROJNEN. "Correlates and Accompaniments of Anonymous Sex among Male Homosexuals," Psychiatry, 43 (1980), 51–59. From interviews with individuals from the New York City and Minneapolis areas, an attempt is made to differentiate them according to degree of promiscuity and dangers incurred (e.g. assault, venereal disease, arrest).

3141. HUMPHREYS, LAUD. Teasome Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places. Chicago: Aldine, 1970. 180 pp. Field study of anonymous sex acts in public restrooms (near St. Louis, IL), showing the modus operandi of the participants, cautions observed, and their background. Owing to its controversial methodology, this monograph has gained a certain notoriety. In the expanded 1975 edition (New York: Hawthorne), Humphreys prints some critics' comments with his reply.


3143. PONTE, MEREDITH R. "Life in a Parking Lot: An
Definitions of incest vary not only cross-culturally but also over the course of Western civilization, an element of variability that has been obscured by the current sensationalizing of the problem. While serving to foster unreasoning dread and even hysteria in the popular mind, the current association of sexual relations within the family with child abuse and rape has had the by-product of focusing attention on neglected aspects, including homosexual incest.
Legal sanctions against "pedophile-homosexual incest" in the German Federal Republic.

Classified list of 410 items with descriptive annotations arranged by categories. Author and subject indexes.

Claiming that "fear of incest is the most important of the factors involved in the overdevelopment of the homosexual tendency," Hamilton suggests that overt homosexuality in both males and females is a defensive "flight from incest," though female homosexuality has a more complex determination.

In this semipopular work, see pp. 74, 89, 128, 196-97, 291.

Profiles a case of father-son incest through investigations of both parents, the son and the family group as a unit.

Describes a set of adult male monozygotic twins (aged 27 years) who were living together in a "highly ambivalent incestual relationship." Therapy induced separation.

Presents 419 items (about fifteen directly relevant). Periodical, author, and subject indexes.

Retrospectively examines the incidence, frequency rates, and effects of both homosexual and heterosexual incestuous experiences within lesbian and male homosexual populations (29 women and 54 men). Essentially the same article appears in Child Psychiatry Quarterly, 17 (1984), 21-40.