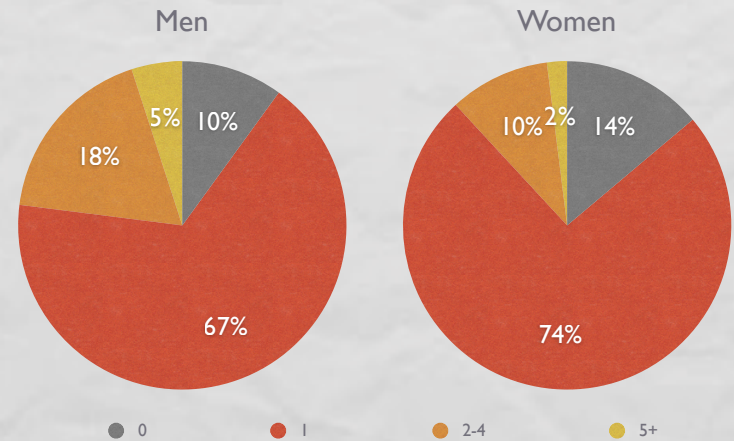


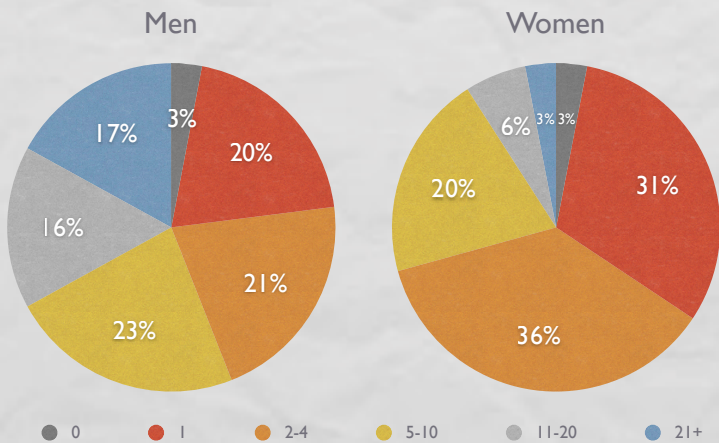
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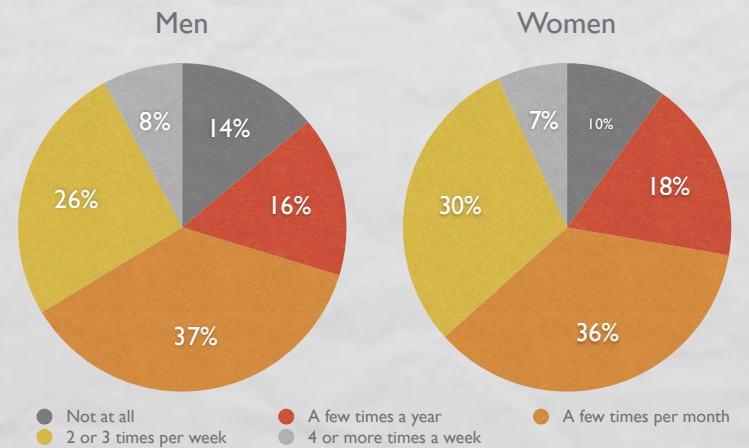
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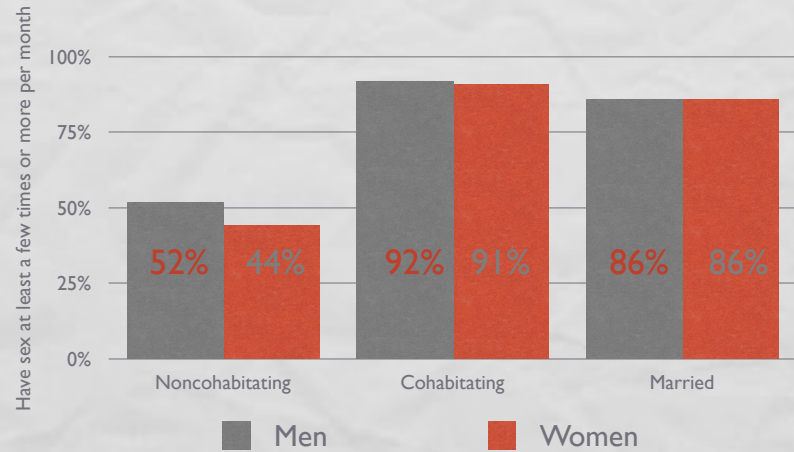
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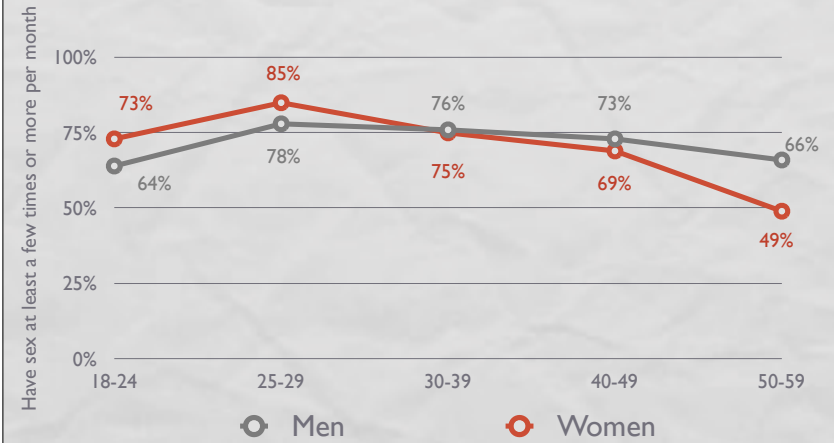
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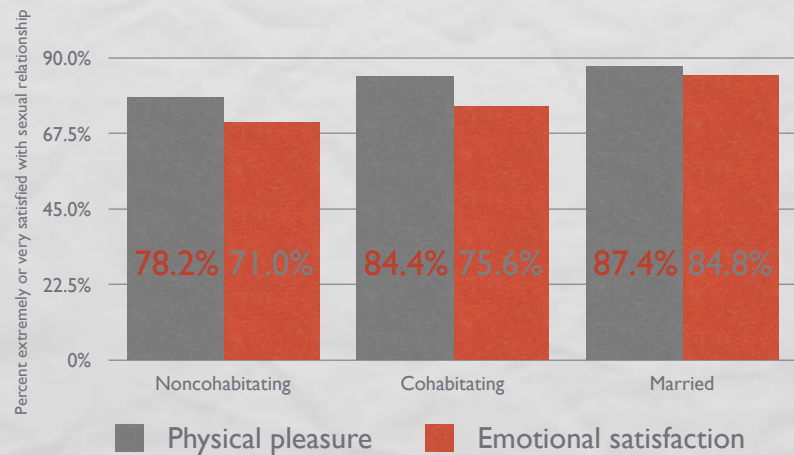
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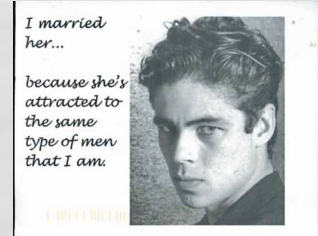


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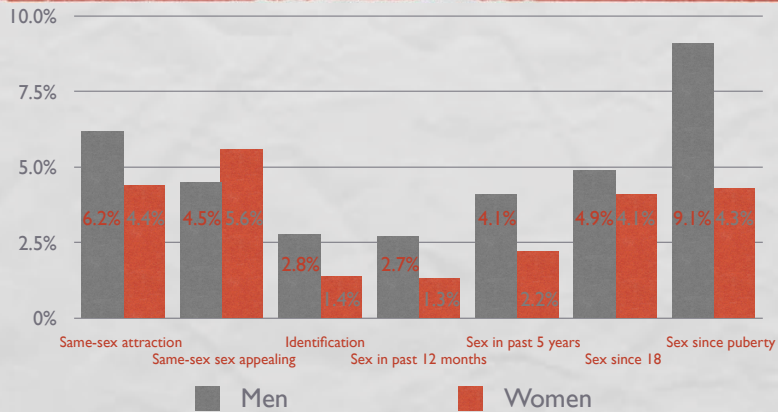


## MEASURING HOMOSEXUALITY

- Kinsey emphasized continuum of sexuality
  - Lifetime male-male sexual contact (37%)
  - 10% had only homosexual experience during any three-year period between 16-55
  - 4% reported sex only with men since adolescence
- NHLS studied three aspects of homosexuality
  - Desire: same-sex sexual attraction
  - Behavior: having same-sex sex
  - Identification



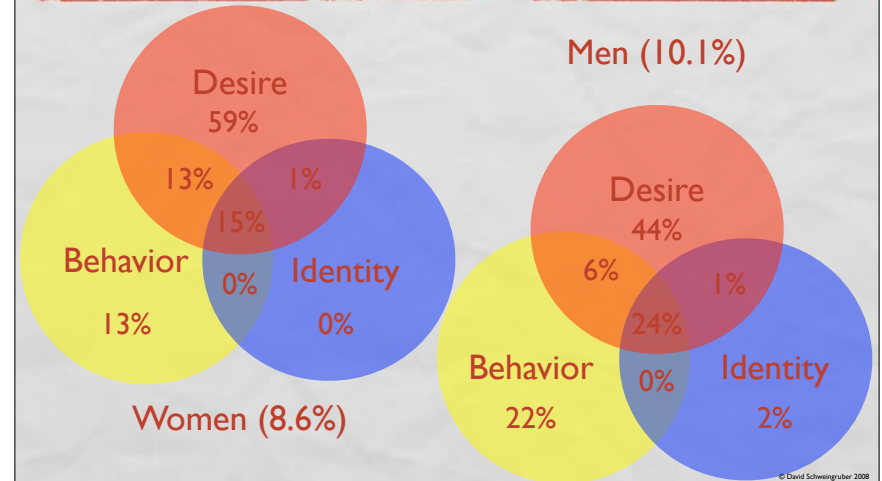
## DIFFERENT MEASURES OF HOMOSEXUALITY



The 2002 National Study of Family Growth found higher rates of identification: 3 times for women and 1.5 times for men.

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## INTERRELATIONS OF COMPONENTS OF HOMOSEXUALITY



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## IS THE AMERICAN FAMILY DECLINING?

- Evidence of decline: divorce, single-parent families, unsupervised children
- However, there has been no golden age of the American family. Each generation has believed the family was declining.
  - Children in the 19th Century were more likely to live in single-parent families than today
  - In 1900, 20% of children lived in orphanages
  - In 1900, rates of alcohol & drug abuse, school dropouts and domestic violence were higher than today
  - Extended family rates have never risen above 20%



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## WHAT ABOUT THE 1950S?

- 1950s weren't as we remember them
  - < 60% of children lived in "traditional" family
  - Many women were unhappy with non-work role
  - Blacks faced worse discrimination than later decades
- 1950s family was "experimental," not "traditional"
  - Dad-works, mom-stays-home model began in 19th century
  - Women began entering office jobs in 1920s
  - After WWII many women left factories for home
  - But female labor market participation began rising again in 1950s

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