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Kinsey Report Shows Women FarLessFrigidThanin1920s

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. In - Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's scientific look at women's sex lives finds many popular ideas are wrong.

He also finds that women don't grow old in sex activity like men. and that the only basic difference between mer. and women in sex is mental - in how they react to sights, sounds, thoughts, and other psychological stimuli toward sex.

These two things are the cause of much maladjustment and trouble in marriages.

Dr. Kinsey authorized advance 20 Different Reactions publication Thursday of findings in the new. 842-page book, "Sexual ferent bodily reactions or changes. Many Disturbed. Behavior in the Human Female," to appear Sept. 14. It's based not only upon interviews with nearly nine of them. and epilepsy eight of 6,000 females, but many other ex- them. perts' studies of different phases of sex.

Many Ideas Wrong

are wrong are:

That women are slower to re- ing husbands and wives sometimes spond sexually; that they have are making love a short while more sexually stimulating or ero- later.

girls develop sexually earlier than the new book are probably typical boys: that there are any basic dif- of many American women, but me. are less likely to have preferences in the nature of the sex does not claim it mirrors the ac- marital relations, the statistics climax in men and women; that tions of all women, and certainly show. the sex response is more emotionpacked for a wife than a husband.

Another important point, he adds, is that the sex lives of humans are like fingerprints - no two exactly alike. No person yet fits all the averages which Dr. Kinsey and associates have found in their work at the institute for Sex Research. Inc., at Indiana University.

Women show greater extremes

in sex benavior than men. **1920s Brought Changes**

The post-war 1920's witnessed a women. its and there's been little change since then. More women began engaging in pre-marital affairs and petting and frigidity in marriage facts about human sex. Only with wives born before 1900.

Half of women have sex relations before they marry, with twothirds of them experiencing sexual climaxes through it.

About 26 per cent of wives at some time during marriage have affairs with one or more other men. Not infrequently, their husbands encourage them to seek such extra-marital affairs.

About 10 per cent of wives go through life frigid, never knowing what a sexual climax is. And about 28 per cent of older single women;

Another is that while many wo- lems, and to design realistic sex men are frigid part or all the time, laws which will protect society and 14 per cent regularly have multiple its members.

Dr. Kinsey finds sex causes trouclimaxes during a single sex act. The studies, some of them quite ble in two-thirds of marriages it some time or other, and that sex new, finc there is no physical reasor why it may take women long- problems were among causes of er than men to reach a sexual cli- 75 per cent of divorces reported max. Women, it says, need steady by interviewed men and women. "Sexual adjustment represents physical stimulation.

only one aspect and not necessar-They are not slower if they are ily the most important aspect of physically stimulated enough, if efmarriage. No balanced program fective techniques are used, and for American youth can be conif they are not inhibited. Also, wofined to preparing them (only) for mer. are usually more easily disthe sexual relationship in marritracted by interruptions or noises. age.

Law make no provision for the

legally or socially disapproved."

About 40 per cent of girls have

"are seriously disturbed

20 Different Reactions The sex response brings 20 dif-importance of the family." Anger or rage involves 14 of these same changes, while fear contains 40 per cent of Americans who are sexually mature but single, and many youths and older unmarried

The fact so many of the same women changes are involved could explain because the only sources of sexual why frustrated sexual response outlet available to them are either Traditional ideas which he says so readily turns into ange: or rage." Dr. Kinsey says, and why quarrel-

ing research.

petted by the age of 15, and almost all of the younger generation pets before marriage, some to the point genous areas on their bodies; that Dr. Kinsey says the findings in of sexual satisfaction. Devoutly religious girls and wo-

not women of other countries.

Fewer women than men are ho-As with the book on .nen, mosexuals. profits from the new book, selling

Veneral disease may not be as for \$8 and published by W. B. Saunbig a problem as some persons ders Co., Philadelphia, will go to believe. Of 1,753 women who had the institute to finance continu- had pre-marital affairs and were questioned on this point, only 44 had contracted V.D. Other Volumes Planned

Other volumes are planned on The report finds that the number sex laws, sex education, marriage of illegitimate children born each problems, and other subjects. Drs. year may actually be several times Wardell B. Pomeroy, Clyde E. Mar- higher than the official estimate of tin and Paul H. Gebhard are prin- 130,000 annually. This is based on sharp change in women's sex hab- cipal co-authors of the report on statistics that 476 out of 2.094 wo-

men having pre-marital affairs had The purpose of the research, become pregnant. started 15 years ago, is to learn

The United States has 95 movie has declined by one-third to one- that knowledge, says Dr. Kinsey, seats for every 1,000 people comhalf of what it had been among can more intelligent approaches pared with 138 in Australia and be made to solve marital sex prob- 83 in England.

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iso never experience climax through any method of activity. Differ From Men

About 'a third of women have never experienced a climax, by any method by the time they marry. But almost all men have done

The female report, authored by all 14 members of the institute; points up two findings that bear on many marriages - the effects of aging, and psychology.

Most women, it finds, do not reach a peak of sex activity until about 27 or 28, though the peak may come earlier or later.

But once they reach this individual peak, women maintain that degree of activity to the age of 50 or 60 with no sharp decline as they grow older. One woman of 90 still has regular sex experience.

Men, though, usually reach a peak at about 16 to 18. Then their activity steadily declines with the years. The male peak is usually so much higher than women's that most men do keep having more sexual outlet throughout life than most women.

Aging Brings Difficulties Difficulties often arise because men show this aging effect while women don't. Wives often are becoming more interested and less inhibited about sex when their husbands are going down hill in capacity.

The husbands' interest may be dropping, especially with a wife who had objected earlier in marriage to the frequency of his requests then.

Most women are not stimulated as men are or as often as men, by psychological stimuli-nude pictures, thoughts of sex, or anticipation of it. Husbands often fail to understand that their wives aren't as aroused and ready as they themselves are.

Many wives fail to understand that, it's-easy for a man to be aroused, and that this accounts for his wanting frequent union. Extremes Illustrated

Out of 33 kinds of stimuli studied, only three aroused as many or more women than men - seeing romantic movies, reading romantic literature, and being bitten. A third of women were not aroused at all by any psycholsexual stimuli. But 2 to 3 per cent reacted more than any men. This is one illustration of the greater extremes of behavior among women.



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