Ideas for Social Researches − Chapter 4 − Dating and Sexual Practices

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Particularities of gay dating in provincial Turkey

In spite of highly developed Internet infrastructure even in provincial regions of Turkey, gay dating through inscription of phone numbers on toilet walls is still popular there. Why?

Dates: 2014 − 2017. Locations: Antalia and towns around Marmar sea, Turkey.

Premarital female sexual practices in countries of Islamic or partially Islamic cultures

In countries of Islamic or partially Islamic cultures where abortions may be illegal or hardly accessible, premarital sexual life may be illegal or not publicly acceptable. As a result of this situation, different premarital heterosexual sexual practices may be widespread within females

living in these regions, for example: noticeable prevalence of oral and anal sex over vaginal sex; non-selective sexual life in touristic enclaves in combination with strict traditional lifestyle outside of them; using the network of illegal apartments for dating; distorted vision of Western sexuality standards based on popular mass media. These phenomena may need to be researched more deeply. (Something similar probably may be observed in strictly Catholic countries of Latin America; but my travel experience in such countries is very limited; so, I cannot provide even any guess on these topics.)

Dates: 2018 − 2019. Locations: Turkey, Morocco.

Prostitution on dating websites and in dating mobile apps

The significant part of females on dating websites and in dating mobile apps are professional or semi-professional prostitutes. But what are the real numbers?

Dates: 2004 − 2019.

Usage of chat bots by dating websites and mobile dating apps

Some dating websites and mobile dating apps use chat bots to attract more customers. It is seen easily by any person with deep online communication experience. The details of this business should be explored more.

Dates: 2019.

Prevalence of sexual relationships between older females and younger males

In informal communication with older females through dating websites and mobile dating apps, it has been found that many of them have regular sexual relationships with younger males; but these relationships are not public. At the same time, I have been an object of regular open sexual interest from older females since my youth; although such relationships never were permanent in my case (I limited myself with one-night stands only in all such cases). Also, it is widely known that such relationships are not publicly accepted in the most part of societies. So, it would be interesting to understand real statistics of such relationships: percentage of people practicing them; intensity and length of relationships etc.

Dates: 2004 − 2019.

Differentiation in sexuality standards in former colonies of different European countries in Africa

It is well known that sexuality standards and sexual behavior differ in European countries. It is supposed that this difference may influence African ethnic groups living on territories previously colonized by different European countries and then artificially separated by the state borders. There is a space for natural experiment.

Effect of public spaces on dating practices

How introduction of large public spaces for leisure may change Indian practice of arranged marriages? For example, by now, in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi cities (the largest cities of the most developed Indian state Kerala) such public spaces are almost absent or not very comfortable.

Dates: 2018. Locations: Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi, India.

Females self-identifying as introverts may practice non-selective sex with random partners

In informal online communication with females from different countries, it was discovered that some females who self-identify as introverts may practice non-selective sex with random partners periodically.

Dates: 2017.

Heterosexual males playing female roles in fantasies based on heterosexual porno

In informal online communication on dating website, it was discovered that some males, who self-identify as heterosexuals, may play female roles in their fantasies after watching a lot of porno; in these fantasies the image of male partner is not detailed (as in porno movies, where camera concentrates at female actress mainly); so, such fantasies do not change their sexual self-identification.

Dates: 2010's.

Sex and domination in sex as "connection to nature"

In city environment without easy access to nature (like at winter in inland plain parts of Russia), sex (including domination in sexual relationships) may be unconsciously considered as a way of "being connected to nature". To test this idea and its consequences it may be useful to perform cross-nation studies in Russia, Kazakhstan, Central Canada, and Midwestern US.

Sex with foreigners: only for money

It is supposed that in some countries and/or cultures, sexual relationships with foreigner may be considered only as a way to earn money, but no more.

Choosing mating partner by climate

I'm of mixed ethnocultural origin: from Western Europe to East Asia, and from Northern Europe to Middle East. Generally, I prefer females from Southern border of this geographic range. But in the process of living in Northern part of this geographic range my sexual preferences may be slightly "shifted to the North". The same effect has been observed upon long-term period of living in Eastern part of the range. Self-analysis did not help me to understand the reason of these changes in preferences. Obviously, there could be two reasons:

- absence of Southern women in conjunction with psychological pressure from the cold climate and depressive moods of local population;

- instinctive desire to make potential offspring more adapted to Northern/Eastern geographical and cultural environment.

And obviously, the second reason may be much more interesting from the scientific point of view, if it is really true; just because it could be "biologically hard-coded" somewhere deeply in brains. I suppose, real research with multiple respondents may be desired to detect the reasons of the described phenomenon.

"Pulling vagina" practice in countries of tropical Africa

Females in some countries of tropical Africa perform practice of *"pulling vagina"* starting from teenage years and during adult years. The practice consists of artificial stretching of external parts of female genitals with a purpose to give more pleasure to male partners with covering full surface of their penises. "Pulling" is performed by females themselves, although probably some assistance from girlfriends in initial stages may be given. It would be interesting to research origins, development, and efficacy of this practice in different regions. It is supposed that such practice may affect transmission of HIV and other STDs.

Dates: 2019. Locations: Kampala, Uganda.

Young adult females dating for sex on the streets of big cities

In my trips through different cities, it has been observed that after 1-6 hours of browsing the streets, there are great chances (up to 10%−50%, or so) to date young adult female for immediate sex (at the same evening) after meeting her exactly on the street and talking with her for 0.5-4 hrs (no restaurants, bars etc are needed to be visited, no "official" date should be "performed", just street dating and talking/walking is completely enough, and in many cases, the acquaintance may be initiated by female). These females are not professional prostitutes (as I understand), they belong to different social circles, they have different educational background, they have different attitudes to sex/marriage topics, and they have different visual types. I practiced such relationships extremely rarely, and that's why I have not deep knowledge of this topic. But, as I suppose, it may be interesting topic for research; some unexpected particularities of social life may be discovered in the process.

Dates: 2004 − 2019.

Phenomenon of "ATM dating"

In some developing countries, you may meet young ladies hunting for males near ATMs in banks and malls (in 3-5 meters from ATMs). Motives for searching males in such places may be different: professional prostitution with one-time paid sex only, amateur prostitution involving long-term relationships with financial support, official marriage (including making kids) with financial support. It is just minor observation; I'm not sure how it may be used for deeper research.

Dates: 2019. Locations: Morocco, Uganda.

Non-verbal methods used by females in different countries to attract attention of males

It is just a summary review of non-verbal female behavior used to attract my attention in different countries for the period of 2004 − 2019 years. (Verbal acquaintance attempts are not included.) All observed females were from about 20 up to about 60 years old. I communicated verbally only with some of them; so, in several cases I could mistake. Maybe, all this could be interesting for anthropologists learning modern sexual behavior in different countries. Sorted from the most non-standard cases to completely standard.

- The most exotic case: female caught and pressed by fingers multiple times a large local insect (7-8 cm in size) that made loud buzz on each pressure movement. Location: Madagascar.
- Indian immigrant lady licking her lips with her tongue and looking at me. Location: Cyprus.
- Female (probably single mother) taught her toddler to run to me and scream, while I sat in the park with semi-closed eyes and looked like sleeping, although carefully tracked all surroundings. Location: Russia.
- Females touching my legs with their legs in public transport (intercity taxis, buses, airplanes). Locations: Argentina (traveller from Chile), Morocco (traveller from Scandinavia), Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Turkey, India (in this last case her boyfriend was present and it was attempt to invite me to bisexual relationships).
- Female touching my hand with her breast for 20 minutes (or so) in public transport and looking to another side, she had enough space to move back. Location: Turkey.
- Females walking near me and singing. Such behavior was practiced by overweight females, and also by one female with minor visual face defect. Locations: Argentina (traveller from Dominican Republic), Georgia, Russia (traveller from Mexico), Serbia.
- Female walking behind me in the crowded street/square and touching my hand. Locations: Serbia, Sri Lanka.
- Female slowly biking exactly before me on empty street and looking at me. Location: Argentina.
- Females coming very close to me for sitting/standing. Locations: Armenia, Argentina, Ukraine, Albania, Mexico, Montenegro, Turkey (traveller of Chinese origin).
- Females coming to me from aside in public places and slowly walking exactly before me with attractive movements of hips. Locations: Georgia, Morocco (traveller from France).
- Female taking off her jacket to demonstrate large breasts under stretching t-shirt and looking at me. Location: Montenegro.
- Female waving her hand after seeing me from long distance. Location: Kyrgyzstan (Israeli traveller on a popular mountain hiking route).

- Females actively looking at me. Locations: Russia, Ukraine, South Korea, Kazakhstan.

Dates: 2004 − 2019.

Statistics of countries where females initiated verbal acquaintance attempts and countries where females were completely indifferent

Here is short statistics of countries where females initiated verbal acquaintance attempts (professional street prostitutes and mentally ill women calling me are not included). These cases were extremely rare even in the regions of long-term residence (in comparison to the list with methods of non-verbal acquaitances); that's why no sorting is needed. Locations: Russia, Uganda, India, Tunisia, Armenia, Ukraine, Hungary, Tajikistan, Turkey (local females and traveller from Canada), Albania (traveller from Germany).

As a minor addition to the previous two lists, it is possible to include here some countries where females did not try to initiate acquaintance at all: Nepal, Mongolia, Croatia, Chile, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uzbekistan, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, UAE, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovakia (few of these countries were crossed by bus/train without any stop, in many others I have spent just several days, and just in the first 6 of these countries I have lived from ten days up to one month).

Dates: 2004 − 2019.

Acquaintance methods used by gays in different countries

In conjunction with the previous ideas about acquaintance methods used by females, it may be possible also to provide some observations of acquaintance methods used by gays in different countries, because I was approached by them multiple times in my regular life and my travels.

Methods used in Russia:

- inviting to apartment for playing computer games;
- approaching with a talk on the street after gym;
- demonstrating naked body in dressing room in a gym;
- making jokes with sexual subtext after seeing me reading magazine with photos of movie stars;
- sitting close to me in a library and making noise with newspaper multiple times to attract my attention;
- notifying me with words "I will undress now" before undressing in public hostel room (then trying to talk with me all the evening);
- trying to pay for my order at cashier desk in cafe in a mall.

Methods used in other countries:

- demonstrating semi-naked body at night in the corridor of a hotel (Mongolia, person of Chinese origin);
- aforementioned attempt to invite me to threesome with his girlfriend through girlfriend touching my legs in public transport (India);
- knocking hotel door at night and flirting after I opened the door (Sri Lanka);
- sitting close to me and starting talking in waiting room at bus station (Poland);
- inviting me to drink with an offer to buy drink for me (Turkey);
- approaching me with a talk in airport waiting room (France, person of Chinese origin);
- approaching me in public toilet in a mall (Serbia).

Dates: 1995 − 2019.

Acceptance of unprotected sex by humans roaming on the edges of society and on the edges of mass stereotypes of sexual attractiveness

Basing on my small experience of interpersonal communication with females in different countries, it is supposed that females who can be considered as "low quality" partners in according to mass stereotypes (and considering themselves as "low quality" partners) may agree to unprotected sex very easily as in bed communication as in preliminary talk before having sex. (Moreover, in some cases such females may even insist on unprotected sex in the process of coitus.) Factors affecting such decision on female side may include the following:

- post-traumatic stress disorder;
- psychological problems;
- promise of marriage by male partner in case of future pregnancy (it was observed in a relatively traditional region);
- feeling of control over the situation when coitus is performed in property owned by female and male partner is of younger age;
- skewed attitude towards sex, as it may happen with people of life science professions as biologists, doctors, chemical engineers etc;
- being under influence of alcohol and drugs;
- higher social status, cuteness, and friendliness of male partner.

It is supposed, this topic may have high significance because such phenomenon of easy acceptance of unprotected sex may be widespread in developing countries (at least), and it definitely affects the rates of HIV and STDs transmission.

On my side, unprotected sex has been performed exclusively in situations of being completely stressed and overloaded upon long-term search of "high quality" female partner.

I have not any experience of relationships with so-called “high quality” female partners, but it is supposed that their attitudes towards unprotected sex will not differ much from the attitudes of female partners I dealt with, just the reasons for agreeing to unprotected sex will be different. Moreover, it is supposed that concept of “protected sex” may be illusory for people roaming on the edges of society and the edges of mass stereotypes of sexual attractiveness (as for people from the bottom, as for people from the top, as for people from the sides). In other words, all such people may practice unprotected sex much more often than people from central parts of the society and the stereotypes, even if they understand and agree in informal communication that having unprotected sex is not reasonable. This anthropological part of the idea probably may be even more interesting for research than the main medical part.

Dates: 2000’s, 2010’s.

Skewed sexual behavior in humans of different professions and in humans having different professional interests

This topic is partially highlighted in the previous ideas, but I would like to concentrate at it more. My grandmother was a doctor, my mother was chemical engineer by education, I’m amateur (or semi-professional?) anthropologist and biologist. Due to strange circumstances, I rarely dealt with other people of life science professions, but upon personal experience, family communication, and interpersonal communication with females from life science professions, it is supposed that people from life science professions may have somewhat skewed sexual behavior, although even self-analysis does not allow me to describe details of behavior that are are in deep relation to professional interests. The only I can say is that such relation may cause completely opposite effects depending on other circumstances. (Maybe, it is the reason why I did not intersect much with females of life science professions on my life paths.) Everything is too complex and should be researched by experienced researchers.

Geographical, economical, temporal, and cultural patterns in groping behavior in females

In Nizhniy Novgorod city in Russia (with population size of about one million), I was groped five times in public transport by females of different ages and was a witness of one case of groping performed by female towards another female. In neighbor cities, Moscow (with population size of about twelve millions) and Kazan (with population size of about one million), there was not any such case, although amount of time that I lived there is comparable to amount of time I lived in Nizhniy Novgorod.

In Moscow, I lived 10 years earlier than in Nizhniy Novgorod; that’s why the level of sexual culture should be comparable between both cities considering difference in population size. In Kazan, I lived for significantly larger period of time, but it is somewhat more traditional city than Nizhniy Novgorod, and it gives us opportunity to consider both cities as comparable too. Two cases of groping observed in Kazan were performed by male and female with visible psychic problems, that’s why they are not included in the calculations.

Basing on these observations, it is possible to make a preliminary assumption that groping behavior in females follows some strict geographical, economical, temporal, and cultural patterns that may need deeper research.

Dates: 2015 − 2018. Locations: Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia.