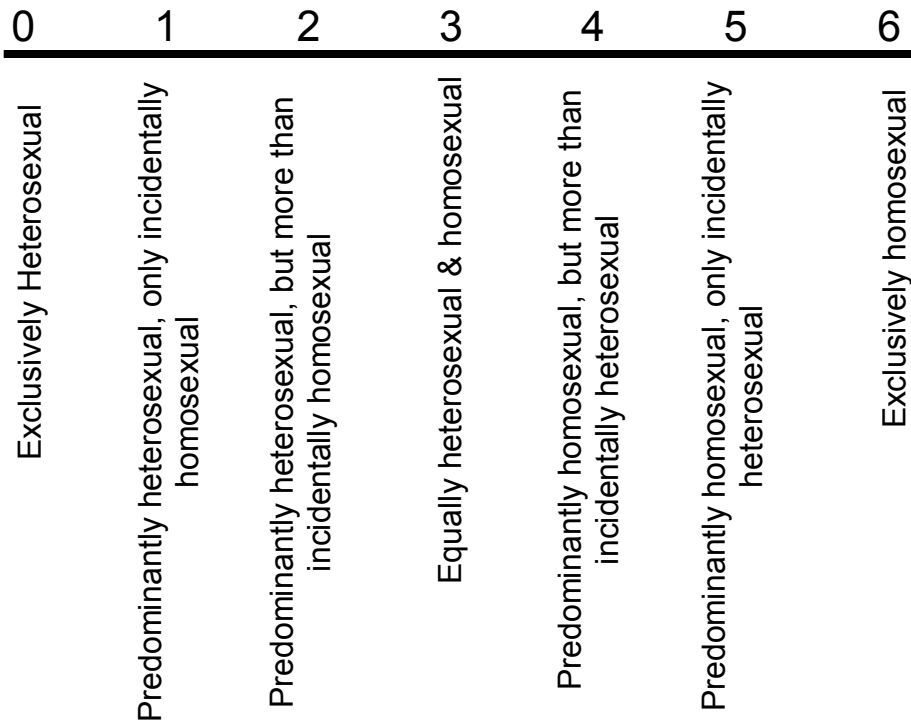


Models of Sexual Orientation

The Kinsey Scale



Scale was first published in 1948 in his book:

Sexual Behavior in the Human Male

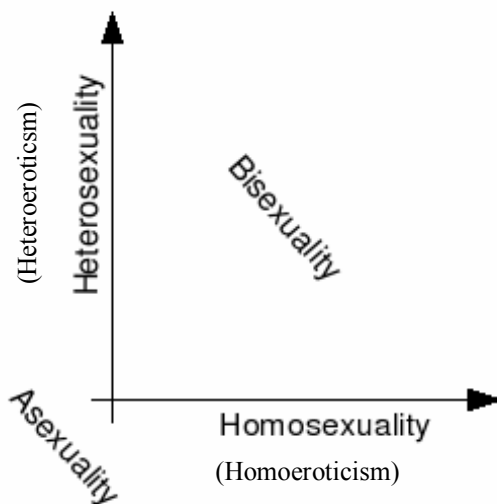
Contributions:

- Pioneered the field of the study of sexuality
- Gave voice to sexuality beyond an either or mentality of hetero or homo
- 1947 founded the Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction
- Origin of 10% statistic
- Looked at behaviors to give subjects a number on the scale; even if they wouldn't necessarily identify that way

Limitations:

- Assumes two sexes
- What is a 5.5?
- Uses labels to give labels

The Storms Scale



Michael Storms proposed this new scale using an X and Y axis in 1980.

Contributions:

- Includes an Asexual Identity
- Simultaneously expresses Homo- and Heteroeroticism
- Portrays sexuality as less linear
- Not just variation on the hetero homo dichotomy.

Limitations:

- Attempts to make boundaries to the Identities
- Forces an Identity based on eroticism (does not allow for self identification)
- Depicts Asexuality as a 'negative' identity/eroticism

Klein Sexual Orientation Grid

| Variable | Past | Present | Ideal |
|----------------------|------|---------|-------|
| Sexual Attraction | | | |
| Sexual Behavior | | | |
| Sexual Fantasies | | | |
| Emotional Preference | | | |
| Social Preference | | | |
| Het/Homo lifestyle | | | |
| Self-Identification | | | |

Klein Sexual Orientation Grid
 People Rate themselves on a 7-point scale as follows:

1. Other Sex (S) Only
2. Other Sex (S) Mostly
3. Other Sex Somewhat More
4. Both Sexes Equally
5. Same Sex Somewhat More
6. Same Sex (G/L) Mostly
7. Same Sex (G/L) Only

Contributions:

- Acknowledges the flexibility of sexuality over time
- “Ideal” category allows room for growth
 - Identifies there are social constraints on sexuality
- Expansion of the Kinsey Scale to a multidimensional depiction of sexuality
- Include different types of behaviors and expression

Limitations:

- Still uses a likert scale
- Unclear subjective categories of time (past, present, ideal)
- What does this mean?
- Still linguistically limiting

NOTES: