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Culture of Rape and Exploitation

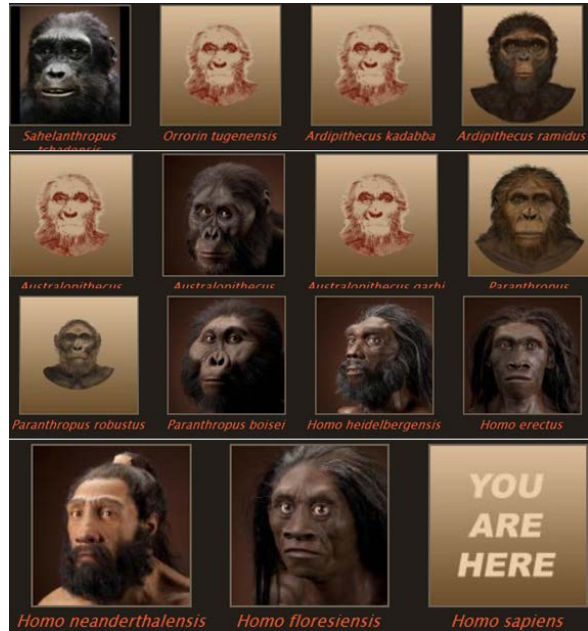
“He [the male Homo sapiens] is sexually promiscuous, he places an enormous emphasis on women’s youth and beauty, which he ogles every chance he gets, he either cheats on his wife or wants to, and he can be sexually aggressive to the point of criminality.”—Martha McCaughey from Caveman Masculinity: Finding Manhood in Evolutionary Science.¹

We keep learning, in the hope that the increased knowledge of the unique species Homo sapiens and deeper understanding of influences on its behavior may afford the humanity effective deterrence of oppression and crime, through effective education and behavioral training.

Through studies of fossils, genetics, behavior, and biology of modern humans, we continue to learn more about who we are².

Human beings recognize innate differences between male and female and their different propensities (nature), and also recognize that that nature does not determine the ultimate capability or reality, because it is also a matter of education and will (nurture)³.

Birds, bees and people do it. Indeed, researchers estimate that over 99.9% of eukaryotes reproduce sexually. The first eukaryotes to engage in sex were single-celled protists that appeared approximately 2 billion years ago, over 1.3 billion years before development of the first animals with neurons capable of



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assessing pleasure. These bacteria (as well as their modern counterparts) engaged in genetic exchange via processes such as conjugation, transformation, and transduction, all of which fall under the umbrella of parasexuality. Surely, pleasure was not in a bacterium's realm of experience. From a biological perspective, the purpose of life is to reproduce and pass the genes on to the next generation. What, then, are the true costs and benefits of sex?

Without sexual reproduction, natural selection acts upon the entire genetic makeup of an organism, but with sexual reproduction, natural selection acts upon individual genetic traits. With sexual reproduction, less than one in four offspring will receive the best genetic traits from both parents. However, natural selection seems to be very effective at eliminating the least successful variations, especially in the harsh conditions of the wild, where only a fraction of all newly conceived offspring survive until breeding age⁴. In evolutionary terms, sex is more important than life itself. Sex fuels evolutionary change by adding variation to the gene pool. The powerful urge to pass our genes on to the next generation has likely changed the face of human culture in ways we're only beginning to understand⁵. Sex maintains genetic diversity. Having a population with lots of genetic variation increases the likelihood that some individuals will be resistant to a parasitic disease. But as the resistant individuals become more common, the disease catches up and evolves to break through their defenses⁶. That may be one of the reasons for humans to form associations and tribal identities to build barriers between the tribes or castes and then break them down by intermixing, going through brutal transitions from one period of liberalization and love to the other of discrimination and destruction through war and rape.

Rape

Recent research has shown that in many species, females once thought to be monogamous bear offspring with different fathers. Even when social bonds are strong, extrapair matings apparently offer evolutionary advantage. All human beings feel the sexual desire, but not all human beings commit adultery, and definitely not the heinous

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crimes of rape and murder. Rape is an unnatural criminal behavior that uses sex as a tool, like a criminal uses a gun to commit murder; and the strategic use of rape in war is not a new phenomenon⁷.

Crime including rape is part of “human criminal nature” which societies try to curtail and rein in with customs, social moral fabric and enforcement of laws. Rape has been perceived as the pathological result of the psychological dysfunction of individual rapists or the sexism inherent in male-dominated societies. Unlike adultery, infidelity, polygamy (polyandry and polygyny) or such other activity that would increase the diversity of the gene pool; rape does not have such a benefit biologically, because in many societies, rape is followed by murder, and if the rapist fails to murder, the raped may commit suicide or abortion, ending the life that is supposed to carry the genes forward; and if somehow the pregnancy is carried through, the child of rape endures a difficult life in most societies. Ultimately, rape has no potential benefit due to its cost, the energy expended and risk taken owing to the probability of resistance and retribution that would reduce a rapist’s reproductive success⁸. Yet, the fact remains staring at us that men still commit violence against women through not only rape and murder, but also various oppressive and inhumane practices.

It is hypothesized that human rape is an evolved facultative alternative that is primarily employed when men are unable to compete for resources and status necessary to attract and reproduce successfully with desirable mates. According to this hypothesis, males that cannot effectively compete may employ rape as the only behavioral alternative, or- depending on circumstances of relative status and family composition- they may incorporate rape into a repertoire of other behavioral patterns, including low committal, pairbonding with one or more females, and/or investing available resources toward sister’s offspring⁹.

An analysis of genetic predisposition, nature, nurture, evolution, etc. that impact one’s behavior is useful to find a practical solution to the problem, not for acceptance of the criminality of the human male by justifying “boys will be boys¹⁰.” Studies of human

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rape primarily have involved proximate approaches. Since low self-esteem and submissiveness apparently play an important role in the ontogeny of a rapist, psychiatrists have relied heavily on psychoanalytic theory and its hypotheses of castration anxiety and Oedipal conflicts as an explanation for rape. Sociological theories have also been applied to the behavior, and proximate biological factors (e.g., genetic, neurological, physiological, and endocrinological) have been considered relevant areas of research on causation of rape.

The 'evolutionary theory' is that our human male ancestors were in constant competition with one another for sexual access to fertile women, who were picky about their mate choices given the high level of parental investment required of the human female for reproduction—months of gestation, giving birth, and then years of lactation and care for a dependent child. The human male's low level of parental investment required for reproduction, we are told, resulted in the unique boorishness of the hairier sex.¹¹

According to evolutionary psychology, men and women each evolved their own strategies for seeking sex partners. If that's true, men's sexual desires should be the same for men and should differ in the same ways from those of women, everywhere. The same would hold true for women. Men know that they need to appear fit and socially powerful to attract a female, while looking for youth and beauty in women, and dowry in some former British colonies.¹² Women know this and try to look young and pretty. The makeup and clothing industry constantly preys on this. Makeup makes the face look clearer, the eyes bigger, the lips brighter, the hair more youthful; and clothing that shows off the waist-to-hip ratio, the tight clothes that mold to the figure, skimpy skirts, shorts, etc. Both men and women show signs of being programmed to be monogamous in one way and promiscuous in another.¹³

All human societies exhibit some degree of polygyny, even those in which monogamous marriage is socially imposed. Indeed, at least in the United States, more males than females are unmarried for all reproductive adult age categories and more males than

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females never marry (see any year Statistical Abstracts of the United States). Furthermore, no human society has been shown to exhibit greater variance in female than in male reproductive performance. Even in countries where bigamy is prohibited, serial monogamous relationships, extramarital relations, or concubines result in polygamous relationships in one's life time, involving both polygyny and polyandry. Human polygyny creates a situation of greater competition among men for women (or resources or status attractive to women).¹⁴

However, many people interpret the research findings and the historical perspective to mean that women are designed to be faithful but men are predestined to be promiscuous, and take it for granted, erroneously accepting the criminality of the human male by justifying rape, the forced copulation of a female by a male without her consent, with the foolish and erroneous sentiment "boys will be boys."¹⁵

Boys are not criminal by being "boys." It's not in their genetic makeup to automatically be mean-spirited or cruel. Being born with a penis does not predispose anyone to being the kind of person who will bully or hurt others. Testosterone is only one of a myriad of factors that influence aggression and the effects of previous experience and environmental stimuli have been found to correlate more strongly. Boys may be more likely to engage in physical play, want hands on activities and due to comparatively high testosterone may take risks in financial decisions, but there's no connection between being kinesthetically oriented and intentionally damaging others or causing them pain. When people excuse bad behavior by attributing it to "just being boys," they're removing personal responsibility. When young kids are taught that being mean or violent is basically expected and justified because "boys will be boys," they learn that they don't have to be accountable for their violent criminal actions. As they get older, they become accustomed to having their inappropriate behaviors exempted and they become bolder and commit more egregious acts.¹⁶

Whatever may be the exact reason for a particular rape and its particular circumstances, and whatever may be the evolutionary theoretical reasons, social science explanations,

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role of biological factors in the etiology of rape and gender relationships; the bottom line remains to be the failure of human societies, including the most advanced Western societies such as Sweden or US, across the globe to teach their young to behave with respect towards each other and to promulgate and enforce appropriate laws to protect the weak; while the oppression continues with criminal impunity, committing crimes against humanity, causing pain and suffering¹⁷. Surveys suggest that as few as one in 10 rape cases are ever reported to the police in many countries, according to UN statistician Enrico Bisogno,¹⁸ i.e., per each case reported there is a possibility of 9 unreported cases in some countries.

Sweden is considered one of the most advanced countries in Europe with a total population of about 9.7 million. The last war in which Sweden was directly involved was in 1814, when Sweden by military means forced Norway into a personal union. Since then, Sweden has been at peace, remaining a largely neutral nation. Today, Sweden is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy, with the Monarch as the head of state. It has the world's eighth-highest per capita income and ranks highly in numerous comparisons of national performance, including quality of life, health, education, protection of civil liberties, economic competitiveness, equality, prosperity and human development. And yet, Sweden has the highest rate of rape in Europe, with the UN reporting 69 rape cases per 100,000 inhabitants in 2011, according to Naomi Wolf¹⁹ (that means the average total number of rapes is anywhere between 69 to about 690 rapes per year, 100,000 inhabitants; i.e., 6,900 to about 69,000 rapes per year for a total population of about 9.7 to 10 million (10,000,000), of which an estimated 6,900 rapes were reported). According to rape crisis advocates in Sweden, one-third of Swedish women have been sexually assaulted by the time they leave their teens.²⁰ According to a study published in 2003, and other later studies through 2009, Sweden has the highest sexual assault rate in Europe, and among the lowest conviction rates.²¹ In 2010, Swedish police recorded the highest number of offences - about 63 per 100,000 inhabitants - of any force in Europe. That was the second highest in the world after Lesotho²².

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In Lesotho, sexual violence against women and girls is widespread. Lesotho has a population of 1,942,008, with a ratio of 97 males/100 females, i.e., about 971,004 females. The country had a rate of 88.6 rape cases per 100,000 inhabitants in 2011, according to a UN report²³, i.e., 860 total rapes were reported. That means the rape rate is from about 88.6 rapes to about (allegedly, unreported) 886 rapes per 100,000 inhabitants, i.e., per 50,000 female inhabitants (1:1 ratio of male:female)). Unequal gender relations and belief in the sexual entitlement of men are entrenched in cultural and social norms, and the country has a very high incidence of rape. In the majority of cases, victims of sexual violence are silenced²⁴.

In this list of top rapist countries, neither India nor the US was listed²⁵. However, rapes occur in the US (28.6 per 100,000 in United States, at about 46% reporting, i.e., a range of 28 to about 57 per 100,000) and India (2.0 per 100,000, about 10% reporting²⁶, i.e., about 2 to about 20 per 100,000), as well. India's rape rate is among the lowest compared to a reported rape rate of 1.2 per 100,000 in Japan, 3.6 per 100,000 in Morocco, 4.6 rapes per 100,000 in Bahrain, 12.3 per 100,000 in Mexico, 24.1 per 100,000 in United Kingdom, 28.6 per 100,000 in United States, 66.5 per 100,000 in Sweden, and world's highest rate of 114.9 rapes per 100,000 in South Africa²⁷. A United Nations statistical report compiled from government sources showed that more than 250,000 cases of rape or attempted rape were recorded by police annually worldwide²⁸.

Statistics²⁹ and definitions are flexible, as Bill Clinton famously proved in the case of the sex scandal that almost derailed the country and his presidency³⁰, and the famously failed Republican House of Representatives or the famous special prosecutor Ken Starr's interpretation of the American Constitution, language and definition of crimes of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes or misdemeanors" included lying about a private adulterous consensual sexual act and failure to volunteer the truth about such alleged consensual sexual act for the impeachment of a president of the United States of America³¹. Despite this obsession of the law makers and judges to punish consenting adults for having sex in privacy and not revealing it publicly or lying about it publicly; and despite being the beacon of hope and land of dreams; the rate of rape in the US,

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where every 45 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted³², is 14.3 times higher than that is in India.

Crime is part of “human criminal nature” and everything is allegedly corrupt from the highest offices of judiciary and state and central governments to the lowest village *panachayats* in India, and yet, the reported average rape is about 2.0 (to about allegedly unreported rate of 20) per 100,000 people in India, comparatively, the second lowest per capita rape, next to Japan.

However, data has no meaning without proper context for that data. Therefore, one has to be aware of the Japanese culture to understand the rape in Japan, where the availability of sex for sale, particularly the prevalent sex industry and the widespread availability of violent pornography, makes female sexuality into a commodity, a thing to be stolen, sold, bought, bartered, or exchanged by others. Pornography is considered so normal that men will often read violent manga pornography, or men’s weekly magazines with high pornographic content, openly on the train, even when sitting next to female passengers. According to Japanese law, the crime of rape against a person over the age of thirteen requires: the use of violence or threat, the victim being female, the attacker must be male, there be penetration of the vagina by the penis, without the consent of the victim, achieved by the use of violence or threat, and with *mens rea* (criminal intent) i.e. the rapist intended to have sex with the victim against her will³³; while the rape definition is more expansive in India and the US, where the definition includes not only penetration of the vagina, but also includes penetration of the anus or mouth of another person with the penis or any other object, without consent³⁴.

Despite the fact that India may be the country with the lowest rate of per capita rape, total numbers are staggering due to the continental nature of India with a population of about 1.2 billion, which translates into a staggering and unacceptable number of about 24,000 reported rapes to about 240,000 allegedly unreported rapes per year; and similarly, there is an average of 293,066 rape victims each year, according to the U.S. Department of

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Justice's National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)³⁵. That is why, "When we hear about these rapes, our heads hang in shame," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in an unscripted speech from Red Fort in New Delhi, in his Independence Day speech, August 15, 2014³⁶.

Yes indeed, we hang our heads in shame, but the basic problem with rape, though heinous, is a notoriously difficult crime to prove in any legal system. It is often perpetrated without any witnesses other than the victim and aggressor, and (especially in the case of rape committed by someone known to the victim) it is necessary to prove something which does not need to be proved in any other crime: lack of consent. Objective evidence, except in the case of serious physical injury, is often absent, so it is necessary to rely on the testimonies of accuser and defendant. However, further problems arise in legal systems worldwide from the fact that they are often fraught with systematic gender bias, shame, and victim blaming. In addition, false accusations of rape derail the legal process and are a serious problem for real victims³⁷. Furthermore, we do a bad job prosecuting rape across the Western world. A big part of what fuels that bad job is that police do not believe victims. Time after time after time we have victims saying they went to the police and the police didn't believe them. In England and Wales, police had failed to record more than 25 percent of the rapes and sexual offenses reported to them by the public as actual crimes³⁸. Increased knowledge of causal influences may afford the law increased effectiveness in deterring rape, along with effective education and behavioral training³⁹.

Bride Sale and Child marriage

Child marriage, defined as a formal marriage or informal union before age 18, is a reality for both boys and girls, although girls are disproportionately the most affected. Child marriage is widespread and can lead to a lifetime of disadvantage and deprivation. Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were married as children. More than 1 in 3 girls, or some 250 million, were married before 15. Girls who marry before they turn 18 are less likely to remain in school and more likely to experience domestic violence. Young teenage girls are more likely to die due to complications in pregnancy

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and childbirth than women in their 20s; their infants are more likely to be stillborn or die in the first month of life.⁴⁰

An example of bride sale (service) is from Ancient Israel when Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east, he labored for Laban for fourteen years to marry Rachel⁴¹. Before the British colonial rule, Islamization brought the culture of bride sale and child marriages to the Indian continent, which still continues in the form of sale of daughters to rich Arab old men in certain nationalities and Muslim community in India. The British Colonial India introduced laws against child marriage in 1929, and set the legal age for marriage at 12 years. It was increased to 18 for girls and 21 for boys, in 1978. However, India has many personal laws such as Muslim personal law, which follows Islamic Shariat as opposed to the Indian Civil Law and successive governments failed to develop a common civil code to protect all women irrespective of their religion, for the fear of losing votes from Muslims. An overall average of about 7% child marriages was reported in 2009. While child marriages fell in India, Kerala stands out as the only state where child marriage rates have increased in recent years due to its large Muslim community. Jharkhand (14.1%), West Bengal (13.6%), Bihar (9.3%), Uttar Pradesh (8.9%) and Assam (8.8%) have the highest percentage of under-aged brides.⁴²

In many societies, marriage is the only option for a girl to support herself and be socially respectable. For a lot of child brides, getting married seems like the only way in many countries such as Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, etc. For many communities, child marriage is simply the right way to behave⁴³ and most girls get married between 12 and 14⁴⁴. The countries with the highest observed rates of child marriages below the age of 18 are Niger, Chad, Mali, Bangladesh, Guinea and the Central African Republic, with a rate above 60%.⁴⁵

Every day, there are about 39,000 child marriages around the world. More than 140 million girls will marry between 2011 and 2020, according to the World Health Organization. Despite the physical damage to and the persistent discrimination of young

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girls, little progress has been made towards ending the practice of child marriage. In fact, the problem threatens to increase with the expanding youth population in the developing world⁴⁶.



The Obamas Embrace India⁴⁷:

Mrs. Obama hugs Payal, a World's Children's Prize jury member and leader of the child parliament in her village in rural Rajasthan, a part of India plagued by poverty and child marriages⁴⁸.

* Under-aged brides are 37% likelier to not use contraception before their first child is born

* They are seven times more likely to have three or more children, and three times more likely to have a repeat childbirth in less than 24 months

* They are also more than twice as likely to have multiple unwanted pregnancies, nearly 50% likelier to have an abortion and more than six times likelier to seek sterilization compared with counterparts who marry after 18 years

* Girls who give birth before the age of 15 are five times more likely to die during childbirth than women in their 20s

* If a mother is under 18 years, her infant's risk of dying in the first year of life is 60% greater than that of an infant born to a mother older than 19

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The phenomenon of child marriages is a global peril affecting millions of women and girls annually and had increasingly become recognized as a human rights violation⁴⁹.

Dowry

During the British rule, with the help of Indian reformers like [Rammohan Roy](#), [Veerusalimgam Kandudkuri](#), etc., bride sale and child marriages were banned. Unfortunately, banning them didn't make them disappear. But, a new form of oppression gained currency, a new form of oppression of women was imported from the UK, the dowry aka sale of the bridegroom. Sale of girls is oppressive to women, child marriage is oppressive to women, and even the sale of men is oppressive to women. The bride has to buy her husband by paying a dowry. Unlike the bride sale, which was oppressive to women, bridegroom sale is not oppressive to men; instead it is oppressive to women, surprisingly. Not only is it oppressive, but it has become a crime of genocidal proportions by targeting the female infants through modern technology and freedom of choice, and by targeting and murdering young women who failed to satisfy their parents-in-law or husbands through the dowry. In this sad genocidal gendercide, the participants are women destroying one half of the species, themselves⁵⁰. The justification for such suicidal behavior is difficult to understand, but there is no justification for any crime, certainly not for the crime of murder.

There are many more oppressive practices in this world such as child abuse⁵¹, prostitution⁵², trafficking, sex slavery⁵³, sex discrimination, sexual harassment, wage discrimination, etc., against women in the world that are hindering the progress of humanity as a whole, because man and woman together are one species, the Homo sapiens. Discrimination against one half of the entity is not only stupid, but self destructive.

Nations across the world have recognized that neglecting various segments of the society on any basis is detrimental to the species as a whole and hinders the progress of humanity. And as a result, there has been a lot of progress in emancipating [women and](#)

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[the downtrodden](#). Therefore, we should also look at the progress made by the humanity and be encouraged and optimistic about the future of the humanity. As we continue to evolve from the wild *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*⁵⁴ to *Homo sapiens* to the future⁵⁵, and continue to evolve, we should take pride in the fact that 99% of women are safe⁵⁶, hundreds of millions of people have joined the ranks of middle class raising above the poverty line in India and China, running the countries and overcoming the barriers and Nevertheless, human societies like Obama and Modi promised the human condition as a whole, two faces of one Homo sapiens; Ardhanaareeswara⁵⁸ as one of



and women leaders have been corporations with success by breaking the glass ceiling. must continue to work together, in January 2015⁵⁷, to improve wherein male and female are and that is why Indians depict the God's manifestations.

[Ardhanaareeswara](#)

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." - Mahatma Gandhi
Hinduism is a way of life, with diversity of religion, and Indian teachings share the importance of seva (service).

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Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!

(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)

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(a) penetrates his penis, to any extent, into the vagina, mouth urethra or anus of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or

(b) inserts, to any extent, any object or a part of the body, not being the penis, into the vagina, the urethra or anus of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or

(c) manipulates any part of the body of a woman so as to cause penetration into the vagina, urethra, anus or any part of body of such woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person; or

(d) applies his mouth to the vagina, anus, urethra of a woman or makes her to do so with him or any other person, under the circumstances falling under any of the following seven descriptions:—

First.—Against her will. Secondly.—Without her consent. Thirdly.—With her consent when her consent has been obtained by putting her or any person in whom she is interested, in fear of death or of hurt.

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Fourthly.—With her consent, when the man knows that he is not her husband and that her consent is given because she believes that he is another man to whom she is or believes herself to be lawfully married.

Fifthly.—With her consent when, at the time of giving such consent, by reason of unsoundness of mind or intoxication or the administration by him personally or through another of any stupefying or unwholesome substance, she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of that to which she gives consent. Exploitation of a trafficked person.

Sixthly.—With or without her consent, when she is under sixteen years of age.

Seventhly.—When she is unable to communicate consent.

Explanation 1.—For the purposes of this section, "vagina" shall also include labia majora.

Explanation 2.—Consent means an unequivocal voluntary agreement when the woman by words, gestures or any form of verbal or non-verbal communication, communicates willingness to participate in the specific sexual act:

Provided that a woman who does not physically resist to the act of penetration shall not by the reason only of that fact, be regarded as consenting to the sexual activity.

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