

Negro Scientist Probes

Women who use Sex like drug

LOS ANGELES—Three basic reasons why some women cannot say "no" have been pinpointed by a Negro social scientist making a study of promiscuity in women and reported in a national medical journal.

In his "A Clinical Appraisal of Some Sexually Promiscuous Females," which appeared in the Journal of the National Medical Association, Dr. Marcus W. McBroom, noted that research through half a century had learned that so-called "easy women" are driven by "insecurity, desperate loneliness, or the wish to dominate."

Dr. McBroom pointed out that "by 'easy women' we do not mean prostitutes. Many members of the 'oldest profession' are driven to it by poverty, a large number are feeble minded and almost all are frigid," he wrote.

"We are talking about the large number of women in the American communities today who simply do not say 'no.'" "This," he added, includes the woman who falls into a stranger's bed on the first date; the woman who gets a terrific crush on every man she meets, and the woman who just isn't comfortable with a man until she sleeps with him (nymphomania)."

Dr. McBroom said in his article that psychotherapists discovered "these women have one thing in common: They use sex as a means of escaping from their anxieties.

They use it like a drug to allay their economic insecurity; to lull the fear that they are unwanted, despised and unlovable; to hop them up to the point where they can trap and dominate men; to free themselves from feelings of loneliness and isolation.

"Sex is no longer a great pleasure and a deep satisfaction; for these women, it becomes the panacea for all ills, what the famous psychiatrist, Dr. Karen Horney, has called the 'neurotic need for affection.' This neurotic

need, Dr. Horney points out, often takes the form of a sexual infatuation or an insatiable hunger for sexual gratification," Dr. McBroom related.

In citing cases studied by psychologists, he told the story of a young and beautiful "easy woman" who made an excellent salary, but used "sexuality to deaden her sense of economic insecurity" stemming from "an insecure childhood, with a father who did not support the family and who never gave her the love and protection which every girl needs from her father."

Another type was a young woman, the daughter "of prudish and unusually hidebound parents," who "revolted against Victorian restrictions" and at the age of 16, left home and began "a wild and voracious quest for sexual gratification."

Despite "a series of hit-and-run affairs," she never attained true gratification.

Still another kind was the woman who was "so friendless and isolated" that she had a "really desperate need for affection" and used "sexuality . . . to establish any human contact at all."

Dr. McBroom made a significant point about "those of us who flatter ourselves on making an easy conquest." He said this type of man often tells himself that women cannot resist his "male

prowess and charm," adding:

"Actually, there is nothing to brag about, because there is seldom anything personal in the 'easy' woman's choice.

"What we think of as an eager, passionate haste to enjoy our unique charms is with the great majority of such conquests the cold, compulsive behavior of a woman driven by insecurity, desperate loneliness, or the wish to dominate," and that these women "are almost invariably frigid because of their neuroses."

The Los Angeles psychologist concluded that sexual behavior of the women studied established "patterns" which have been "shown to have both sociological as well as psychological roots."

"In this context, on a clinical level, sociologically several of these women used sex to escape economic insecurities," he wrote. "Psychologically, these women are the prototypes of many women in the United States today suffering from feelings of not being wanted, that they are unlovable, despised and isolated."

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