

## ‘Will you have sex with me?’ How evolution has shaped differences between male and female desire

In a TED talk on “[Sexuality](#) Conflict in Human Mating,” [David] Buss begins with a thought experiment: Imagine an attractive person of the opposite sex walking up to you and saying, ‘Hi, I’ve noticed you lately and find you very attractive.’

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Of the women approached by the attractive male experimenter, 56 percent agreed to go on a date with him, 6 percent agreed to go back to his apartment, and *0 percent of the women agreed to have sex with the attractive male stranger.*

Of the men approached by the female experimenter, about 50 percent agreed to go out on a date with her, 69 percent agreed to go back to her apartment, and *75 percent of the men said they would be happy to have sex with the attractive female stranger.* Of the 25 percent who declined, many were apologetic, citing a girlfriend or fiancé and asked for a raincheck in case things changed.

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