

Homosexual Behavior: A Modern Reappraisal

Epilogue: Implications for Conceptualizing Human Sexuality

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SUMMARY. Contrary to initial expectations, this project did not provide agreement on how to define sexual orientation. Rather, contributors wisely chose to abandon the concept of sexual orientation for descriptions of sexual behaviors and sexual relationships. This outcome may have resulted in part from editorial demands for explicit definitions and discussion of assumptions but more likely emerged from the trans-historical approach of evolutionary psychology. I argue that abandoning the flawed concept of sexual orientation will lead sexual scientists toward a new way of thinking about human sexuality, especially nonexclusive attractions and sexualities that are not defined by sex of partner. doi:10.1300/J056v18n04_04 [Article copies available for a fee from The Haworth Document Delivery Service: 1-800-HAWORTH. E-mail address: <docdelivery@haworthpress.com> Website: <http://www.HaworthPress.com> © 2006 by The Haworth Press, Inc. All rights reserved.]

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