

Sex is full of opportunities for the human body. It is a place where imagination and experience collide. From oral sex, to whips, chains, and everything in between, everyone has sexual limits.

The average person will spend some time testing their own sexual limits. Kevin Sousa, graduate of Wake Forest University

is one of many who tests his sexual limits.

“Yes, I have [tested my sexual limits],” Sousa said.

Movies and books, such as “Fifty Shades of Grey” by E. L. James, which has more than 100 million books sold worldwide, have inspired a new wave of sexual exploration, creating new fantasies and limits for people. From new sex toys, to an app named Whiplr, in recent years, sexual limits have expanded tremendously, but there are many who still have hard limits. Raquel Roundtree, a junior engineering student from Brooklyn, N.Y., said anal sex is a hard limit.

“You want to put that [penis] where? No, that is not going in there. Wasn’t going to fit that [penis] inside of me anyway,” Roundtree said.

Heterosexual males like Terry Anderson, a junior engineering student from Brooklyn, N.Y. also feel like anal penetration is a “no-go.”

“Anything that penetrates me, is off limits,” Anderson said. “There’s no point in trying to do all that freaky stuff with me. Keep your hands where they are meant to be and I will do the same with mine.”

Brittany Ruffin, senior business administration student from Tallahassee, Fla., has experienced anal sex and doesn’t believe anal sex is a big deal.

“I experienced anal sex before vaginal and thought that was normal,” Ruffin said. “It feels different, but in a good way. I got just as much pleasure out of it and don’t see what’s the big deal about doing it.”

Oral sex is much more common than anal sex for both men and women. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s national health statistics report, 81 percent of females and 80 percent of males from ages 20-24 have taken part in oral sex.

Jermaine Archer, a senior engineering student from West Park, Fla., believes that oral sex is a privilege.

"GIVING SOMEONE ORAL SEX IS NOT JUST GIVEN, IT IS EARNED," ARCHER SAID.

“But he gotta eat the booty like groceries,” according to Jhene Aiko, right? Students like Quinesha O’Neal, a junior criminal justice student from Tampa, Fla., does not support this statement, nor anal indulgence. “That is off limits,”

O’Neal said. “Anything that has to deal with my rear end is off limits. I don’t know why, I just feel like something in that area will hurt me.”

Shaun Johnson, senior political science student from Atlanta, Ga. is willing to have anal sex, but under conditions.

“My wife, when I get married,” Johnson said. “The lady that I spend the next however many years with, yeah.”

Though BDSM and people who participate in it are often seen as odd, a study published in the Journal of Sexual Medicine in May 2013, revealed that BDSM practitioners are not that different from the general public.

“The new results reveal that on a basic level, BDSM practitioners don’t appear to be more troubled than the general population,” the study stated.

A study by the American Journal of Sexuality Education from 2012, surveyed Americans and found that people that are interested in BDSM, their interest starts early.

“Most respondents reported their BDSM interests starting before age 15, sometimes creating a phase of anxiety and shame in the absence of reassuring information,” the study says.

The study goes on to say that adults who consider BDSM “central to their sexuality” feel as though disclosure of this information when dating is mandatory.

But just like with everything else, bondage is a hard limit for some. Being tied down in bondage can be scary for some men. “I don’t know what she will do while I am tied down. She can do anything, and if she is mad at me what can I do if she wanted to violate me,” Archer said.

O’Neal explains why she enjoys bondage.

“Men have to realize that they are usually aggressive and place us in awkward positions,” O’Neal said. “So the only thing we can do is tie them down and show them how it feels.”

Sousa believes a major part of BDSM acts, such as tying someone up, is trust. “Yes [I would let a girl tie me up],” Sousa said. “If I let anybody tie me down, I trust them, they won’t do anything crazy.”

Pushing someone’s limits during sex, without consent, can end viciously, if people aren’t careful.

“One time my partner decided to stick his thumb in my anus and that was the last time we spoke,” said Roundtree. “It’s too late for ‘Pineapples.’ No boy, you have to go!”

Pineapples

*the exploration of
sexual limits*

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