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Hi, this is Russell here with Jack McGeorge from Washington DC. We're here to talk about the National Coalition for sexual freedom. Jack will talk Tell me about yourself first. What's your background in the scene? And how did you come to be involved with this coalition?



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For Russell, I've been playing for about 40 years, I'm 49 now and I started playing somewhere in Iran, eight or nine years old, I've been involved in the organized BDSM scene. Since 1985, I would say approximately so that 1314 years now.



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Right now we're at the living and leather conference in Dallas. And this is a conference to you know, all the very serious players come to, to, to rub shoulders and elbows and you're sitting here at the NCSF booth. And so you're you're pretty much on top of the NCF, SF organization, and really helping to promote it here at The Living and leather conference, you hear lots of people conversing here in the vendors area. Tell us about that organization.



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Sure. NCSF was started at over a year ago by Susan Wright, in New York City with Susan's idea, and it was a very good idea. January ish of this year, she was looking for some help. And several of us in the Washington DC area, largely the Black Rose group there, we decided that Susan had a really good idea needed, the help was worthwhile. And so we gathered a group of folks together to give her a hand that has been augmented now my other folks in the New York area, and surrounding country, we have NCSF staff all over the country. NCSF AI is our lobbying group for the BDSM community in the leather community, in the larger sense, are not a social organization. We don't hold parties, we don't do workshops, in the traditional sense, like little does. Our job is to take in effect legislation and to affect people's attitudes towards BDSM.



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So this is strictly a political advocacy group. That is correct. That's fantastic. I mean, to me, it's really exciting. And also it seems to involve more than just BDSM groups on board. And it's kind of a genuine coalition of different sexual orientations. Is that correct?



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Yes, it is. We welcome people and we advocate for people of all orientations, and quite a few varieties of activity. You can't be everything for everybody. And a Georgia shotgun approach isn't going to be effective. I, we do not differentiate by orientation. We have a focus on BDSM. However, we also take and advocate on behalf of sexual minorities of all varieties.



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And you have in fact, lobbied in Washington DC, with Congress, staff and other



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folks. Yes, we have. But that is not our prime focus at this moment. Lobbying with Congress is most effective when there is something specific to lobby about. The chances of us getting pro BDSM, or pro sexual minority legislation introduced and through Congress is pretty minimal right now. This is a raw political climate for that. Yeah. What we anticipate is that we may be able to discourage negative legislation, and that we kind of anticipated was unfortunately likely to happen. Our efforts are probably best spent now in two primary areas. And that's the news media and the courts. In the news media context. We look very carefully at the media all over the country. We have NCSF reps that monitor major dailies all over the place. We're always looking for more by the way, where we see articles that have an anti BDSM slant or an anti sexual minority slant. We put these up on our weekly Media Watch report every Friday, this goes out. And we encourage people, we synopsise the article and encourage our readers to take and write to the letter to the editor to straighten out misperceptions or to present our side of the issue and you also



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have a you know, actual directions. Is that on your website,



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yes, we do at the end of that media update is a how to write a letter to the editor. We make it very simple for you. I am a person who does that as a law longtime journalist himself, and he's done an excellent job of here's how to make this thing painless.



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Do we have the web address on here?



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Absolutely. We do. It would be WWW dot N C. S. freedom.org.



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Again, that's www dot NCS F NCS freedom. That's National Coalition for sexual freedom, NCS freedom.org.



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That is correct. Okay.



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And we'll get that out again, we have about, I guess we're gonna do about a half an hour interview. Tell us more about what else the group is doing. Are you doing a discrimination and violence survey right now?



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We are. We think this is very important. One of the things that we need to be effective at lobbying is to show that there is a problem. Now, many of us are well familiar, anecdotally that there's a problem. But when you're dealing with Congress, you're dealing with the news media and whatnot, you need to be able to quantify it, we need to be able to define it, how many people are being discriminated against? And what in what form does this discrimination occur? So this data is not well collected. As a result, we are doing this survey. We have about 900 respondents so far, we'd certainly like to get over 1000, so that we have a statistically valid sample as possible, to get a sense for just exactly what is happening. Have people lost their children, have people lost their jobs? Or there's been hassled over it? Or they've been physically assaulted? I want to know, what's, how has the negative actions in the sexual context how they occurred?



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And I would think that that survey might also not include not just employer discrimination, but perhaps state sponsored discrimination



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as well. Any kind of discrimination that you feel has occurred to you as a result of your sexual

practices? We want to know about it.



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Yeah. Well, that's great. And there are lots of people in Houston, they're very interested in being active either as a media watcher, filling out the survey, sending money into the the organization, you'd mentioned that a small amount of funds had actually been raised. We've raised



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about \$10,000, all together. Most of that in the last few months. By virtue of a couple of clubs, the user activist groups on the local level, I in DC, DC SMA, was very successful on behalf and raised several \$1,000 and weekend fundraisers. We've had other clubs in DC do that we've had National Weather Association chapters have been kind enough to to give us grants of money. And this money is being used for good purpose. NCSF is all volunteers. Nobody profits personally in any way. This money is not used to fund you



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to travel all over the country. Is it a nonprofit corporation at this point we are



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currently taking and preparing those filings right now, we did retain an attorney and accountant to handle that side of it. We know something about lobbying. And we know something about our activities. But the ins and the outs of 501. See this data the other thing, we got to go find professional help to do that. So that's in progress right now. We'll incorporate and the scheduling the IRS as a 501 C four lobbying organization. We don't want to fool around. Let's see what we are.



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Now someone doesn't have internet access, how would they either, you know, get information from NCS freedom, or send money and snail mail address?



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There is I have to go reach for it.



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Why don't we do that at the end of the that'd be great. And we'll stop the tape. And then we'll

do that just at the end of the interview. Sure. Let's see. Now I'm to my best question, which is what else would you like to say? Let's see. We did How about the products? The products? Yes, the products and services of NCSF?



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Go right ahead. Tell us what's what's what's being produced by this. This group. What's for sale here?



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Well, on the four kids assumption within house, so to speak, within the leather community, and anybody in the sexual minority communities, we have a number of things that we can give you right now. We have a pretty good guide to how to write a letter to the editor. We have a very well done guide to communicating with Congress. This is both in correspondence and in person. This tells you how How to when to talk to Congress, to your congressmen, they represent you. And they will listen to you. Usually the aides knew what to focus on speaking with the aid, not the congressman, how to do this, when to do this, how to organize your material, how to make the presentation, you can get a lot done. Congress likes to be visited. I, we have a media tip sheet. Their media tip sheet, is what to do when the newspaper calls you, or the radio station calls you and wants an interview. They want a quote from you. For many people that have not ever dealt with the news media, this is a very intimidating thing. And we've taken we laid out for you and what to do and how to prepare for that, so that you can speak knowledgeably cogently and get your point across. We also have a list of other publications that you can get from us. Some of these are in preparation. And some of these we can send you right now. We have an s&m community issues book that talks about the issues that pertain that we will have to defend ourselves. Let me rephrase that we would need to be knowledgeable on to defend ourselves from attack, we have looked at many people's anti sexual minority material. And we've done a lot of analysis of that and identified the themes that seem to recur throughout this material. The issues book addresses those themes, and what we suggest as the what language you use, and how should you approach approach. Responding to these, we have a briefing book. And Briefing Book is a summary of our Media Watch reports, our issues, briefings and the NCF actions and tells you about what is NCF doing, right. We have a legal summary book, which is that's in progress, which focuses on the cases that are currently before the courts that pertain to our community, what we think about them, and what we're going to do about them if anything, most cases are not appropriate for us to join some cases, we may be able to affect legislation versus law by affecting the decision of the court by filing amicus curiae briefs. I'm not a lawyer. That's the right guy to get a lot of details from. But that's our plan.



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Do you think anything like that happened over in England when the the spanner trial was coming down? Were there advocacy groups trying to file associated briefs that



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I would assume so but I'm not an expert on the British legal system. Irish system is based on

British common law. So I will assume there are close parallels. I shall assume then, that if there was appropriate to file briefs in front of the court papers of one variety or another, that that was done, but I don't have those details.



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Right now. It seems like what's happened over in Great Britain, which might well happen here is that, you know, there's a very substantial court case on record in a substantial precedent to basically legalize BDSM as as a legitimate form of sexuality.



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And we do not want that to happen here. Right. One of the problems with the spanner case was that they are British cousins were not well organized, to cope with it, when it went down. They had to gear up, and that put them behind the power curve. We don't want to be in that situation. God forbid such a case occurs here. Let's hope not. If it does, we want NCSF to be up and running and staffed and functional and effective beforehand, then we can step right in and know what to do to actually affect the outcome. That is our goal.



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Well, right now there are all these you know, legalizations, of fellatio, and animal sex and, you know, various other activities, it seems, you know, an easy step for at least state legislatures to start legalizing BDSM. And I mean, the danger is very, very palpable. It's already there. It's you know, it's already happened in a number of states and a number of other countries. And this is a very serious problem and a potential, you know, nightmare for a lot of us. I mean, for instance, if you can be fired or not fired from a job, because your sexuality because you you're open about your sexuality, and that sexuality is illegal, therefore, you're considered a felon or something. You know, you're a non citizen immediately. And that's a real danger in the society right now. We have a very conservative legislature in the state of Texas we do and also in the nation right now. You know, I really advocate this group by the way. What What else would you like to say about the group?



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We have all sorts of other things that we're doing one of our areas, concerns, Child Protective Services, and the problems that arise? Well, the courts are well meaning, and they're looking to protect children. And we think that's wonderful. And very important. I went through a divorce some years ago. And fortunately, it wasn't as messy as some. But I certainly know I that it could have gone a very different way. My wife could have gotten upset about my activities, and was our activities. And she didn't, but other people that's happened, and allegations are made, and the courts, in their effort to err on the side of protecting children will discriminate against unfairly against people with practice alternative lifestyles, we want to make sure the courts are aware of the difference between the criminals that so often come through the courts that are practicing spousal abuse, yes. And those people that are practicing BDSM, in a safe, sane and consensual manner, yes, those things are very different. Very, unfortunately, the courts don't

see nice people very often, the court see criminals, right. And it's no surprise that a judge is going to have a an innate negative view, for in the judges experience. Unless they're one of us. They, they've only seen the negative side of our scene,



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and the fact that so many of us are afraid of discrimination, makes it all the less likely that anyone will develop a well rounded understanding of what we're actually doing. Yes, I mean, we there's a lot of private community building, and intense and very, very ethical education going on with this small sexual minority in the SM BD community, if you will. But there's not as much of a media outreach, a media connection, a legal and political arm of this community that we're building, which by the way, is really a wonderful group of highly educated, capable, and I found, for the most part to be very ethical, and also, not just individually ethical, but there's a peer pressure going on here that helps to weed out people who are of an abusive nature quite quickly. You know, if you come out to, we always announced the various groups in Houston. And that's the safest place to meet someone, and we are socializing our sexuality, and we are making it a positive thing. We're working very hard within our own little community, to keep our people safe, and to keep everyone happy, and to be within the bounds of the law. However, there's not much of an understanding of that, from outside of our small little community. We'd certainly like to help that to happen. I think this group would really do a tremendous amount of good and it would be a real strategic strike. Right? The PowerPoints that need to be contacted, the people that have the ability to illegalized our sexuality, will at least know how legitimate it in fact is.



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I absolutely concur with you. It is very important to empower people at the community level. Most negative laws are state and local laws are not federalized, right? We need to focus our attention, Al at the grassroots efforts because that's where the first negative laws occur. We want to help you to help yourselves. We have the expertise within NCSF. In most of the areas that we need it though we're always looking for more expertise, and we can help you take and combat problems in your local area. And we certainly look forward to taking and hearing from anybody that needs that help.



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Okay, great. I'm going to stop this tape and we'll get some written information and we'll repeat that web address. We'll be right back in a split second.



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This is your worst nightmare. Join me on the always frightening Otis Hardy McClay How will you attend for a KPFT Halloween special an evening of madness may have been appropriate. Army does Halloween Saturday night from 10 till midnight



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Hi everybody, this is Russell here on KPFT with Janet, and dossier Easton for Katherine A list They're a traveler. And they are authors of a book called ethical slut. And this among many other books are available on what's the name of the press again,



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greenery press. Great. You guys have a website, don't you? Yeah, it's [www dot big rock.com/~greenery](http://www.bigrock.com/~greenery), where they can just do a search on greenery press and they'll they'll turn it on.



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And we'll be telling you that again, no, no great many books on on there, as well as whether it's an interesting site. And the essays and the books available are, have had a tremendous impact not only on the BDSM scene, but on the alternative sexuality scene in general. And I think we'd kind of like to do a BDSM slant on this particular book, which doesn't seem to do without any great specificity in this, this might actually give us a little bit of Janet, and I'm not sure if Darcy is as well, but I know, Janet you participate in or I'm sorry, Katherine, you participate in in the BDSM scene?



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Definitely. I'm actively active here in the San Francisco BDSM. Scene. And Darcy and I have written two other books together on BDSM related topics. So



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our first book was called the bottoming book, or how to get terrible things done to you by wonderful people.



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So that was a good book is the topic book or getting good at being bad.



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And the best thing about this, I mean, a title like ethical sloth actually really grabbed your imagination. Let me ask you about that title. What? How did that come about? And what does

imagination. Let me ask you about that title. What? How did that come about? And what does that mean to you?



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We thought I thought a title and I started, people asked us what we were writing. And I would say the ethical slut, and they would know exactly what we were talking about. I mean, I realized that people that people outside the scene might not, but they got that right away. And we caught that joke for a really long time and till it became no obvious that that was the title.



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I spent months going well, yeah, this is cute. This is funny. But you know, as the publisher, we can't possibly publish a book called The ethical Slaton. Then I decided we couldn't publish a book called anything else.



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Yeah, I mean, if we had gotten some sort of push the list of word non, you know, some sort of mellow titles and yeah, noncontroversial on objectionable you know, it wouldn't have been the same, it really wouldn't. I suspect selling



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it's doing real well. It's been gathering steam started out a little slow as the world kind of figured out what we were about. But there were finding that there's a tremendous interest at this point in having alternative relationships, perhaps relationships based on a different model than the traditional monogamy model. And it's just become a very popular book we're hearing about study groups that are being formed in different cities specifically to read this book together, chapter by chapter. And



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if you're looking for books like this in Houston, there are at least two stores and I don't have the phone numbers and addresses here in front of me both tongues are at least two stores that carry alternative sexuality literature in you know, reams and reams of books of this sort. And you can certainly special order this book directly via the website or go to a store called I think it's called differences now. There's low bow, and then there's another store on lower Westheimer I believe it's called differences. And either one of those low bow which is on Montrose or differences on Westheimer those those either one of those sites and if you don't find it, and you can't get on to the webpage for some reason, I can be contacted at Ross queer that's ru sfcu ir@aol.com for information about these books as well.



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Greenery press also has a toll free number at 888-944-4434.



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So they can order right let's say that again at the end of the interview. Now let's get to the topic of this is very important. We have a number of people in the BDSM scene that like to play around and they're not necessarily there's a funny there's a lot you know, like there are certain rules about what certain players that you know, we only have co Aegis with our primary partner but we do spend everything else imaginable with anyone else. I hear about that pretty frequently. But I also hear about and participate in and witness a lot of polyamorous things going on, which, which are pretty cool. I know a number of people who are bisexual who naturally need to have a polyamorous relationship, they may have a primary partner of one gender or another, but they certainly want to go out and in need to go out and find us and one of the other gender to the opposite gender to



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I would even raise a question here we can talk about people who need to be need to have more than one sexual partner, whether it's because they're bisexual, or because they like to play more than one role in BDSM. But the truth is that it shouldn't really be okay, that we should be able to have all the sexual partners we want reasonable precautions about transmission of illness. Because why is it that we have an idea in our culture that a slot is not an okay thing to be? Because we know a lot of people celebrate that word. So why was a great slip this weekend? You know? And so beyond saying that some people have a need for polyamory or non monogamy in their life? I would say, well, some of the rest of us don't exactly need it, but we glory in it.



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You know, I mean, we're constantly the idea of what are two things that are unfamiliar, were two motions, lust, or, you know, have really, you know, that phrase may be sort of a loaded phrase with a lot of religious connotations of basically, you know, looking at someone other than my primary partner and going, you know, right. And then there's also the feeling of jealousy, like, I want to be, you know, until us and we're afraid of losing my primary partner to someone else, and or she may feel the same way or he may feel the same way. What do you deal with, I mean, last, obviously, to me is not not about emotion. It's a good healthy emotion. It's arrows and its strongest sense. And that seems to be a justification for polyamorous nests. You know, the urge is there and we just need to find a way to to deal with it in a healthy way. And jealousy seems to be the thing that is the problem rather than the unhealthy lust.



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The two emotions that you've done that or feelings or whatever lust is anyway, and I quite agree, I like to celebrate lust in my life. I think it's the lifeforce manifesting, you know, it's good stuff. We have a belief in our culture, coming from our puritanical history, that lust and jealousy are emotions that we cannot control that we are helpless in the face. And you see it in other

cultures, in Muslim cultures where women are supposed to cover themselves list some man get turned on. That list is unacceptable to feel that, that we believe that once we feel it, or at least once men feel it that we will be completely out of control. And that's obviously not true. What many people still believe and don't have any life experience to contradict is the jealousy also is not an emotion mean, you feel jealous doesn't mean you fall off the end of the planet. You feel jealous? And then if you have a commitment to an open sexual lifestyle, then you say, Okay, well, how do I take care of myself? Do I call up a friend? Do I get someone to come to me with the movies? Or, you know, what do I do? I'm not feeling good. I'm feeling uncomfortable, insecure, frightened. But what's the main the main message we want to get out and a lot of what the book is about? Jealousy is an emotion that you can learn to manage into the world.



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And not just individually? Is it possible to coach your partner or to manage the jealousy of your partner in a productive way without planning it? It's certainly



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possible to help your partner with jealousy reassurance, makes a big difference for someone who's feeling jealous. extra attention and verbal and physical affection make a lot of difference. which means of course, that a really good sweat skill is being able to ask for those things. If you're feeling jealous knowing that it's okay to say I'm feeling a little bit queasy about this. I'm feeling a little bit insecure. Could you please hold me Could you please tell me that you love me you know, whatever it might be that would help you feel better. Being able to ask for that is is a really important skill for being a good slot.



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The one thing I question and what you said is we don't get to manage somebody else's feelings, whatever they are Each of us has to make a commitment to deal with our feelings. Because sometimes, if my partner is on a date, and I'm feeling jealous, I have to ask somebody other than my partner. To help me out. I have been on many dates where partners have actually disrupted states and decided since they felt bad, they were just okay that like everybody else has planted the wind. What's appropriate time like that, if that's the case, even to have in your family, is to find somebody else is willing to confront you and be with you, which is a way of taking responsibility for your own feelings. Does that make sense?



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Yes, very much so. And I think that the words that we use are very, very important, and that they communicate a lot. And I appreciate that. One of the things that we've mentioned in our brief talk before the interview was logistics of polyamorous nests, how to manage time and space with your partner, and otherwise, can you speak briefly about that?



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One of the points we make in the book is that a lot of people believe in love as something that you only have so much of. And so if you're giving some away to Joe, that means you don't have as much left for Sally, which is not the case, love is pretty much an incident commodity, and there's as much of it as you want. That is not the case with things like time, there are only 24 hours in the day and the sluttiest sletten The world has no more hours than you do or I do. And so you do have to pay attention to making sure to meet your time commitments to give as much time to your relationships as they merit and to give some time to your relationship with yourself as well. Which can get difficult when you're trying to spend time with all your lovers and friends. Also, sleds run into logistical issues with Whose turn is it to use the bedroom? Or is it okay if we use our joint bedroom for for play with other people whose turn is it to use the toys. My partner and I ran into a small issue tonight when I'm up here at Dorothy's house in the country, with our toy bag in the trunk of the car. And he had a commitment tonight to use the toys that are in that toy bag. And we miscommunicated about where the toy bag was. I don't need it. I'm not going to be playing tonight. But I forgot that he needed it. And I drove off with the car with a



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lot of trouble finding my tape recorder and we moved to a new house and we listened to one of the things that I was curious about was now when we do BDSM or, you know the deadly word Sado masochism, which, to most people's minds, in the popular culture, since that's what they see in films and movies. That means, you know, basically some sort of sick and, and, you know, borderline psychotic state that, you know, is just utterly beyond the pale in terms of it being socially acceptable, or even, you know, logistically possible. And, you know, when you go up to someone who's not educated about BDSM, and you say, Well, I'd like to do some of this, they, you know, and they might be interested in topping you, for instance, well, that person who's inexperienced, their immediate reaction is, oh, this person needs to be abused. You know, and what I'm thinking is that, you know, if you announce yourself as being polyamorous in the same culture, you're setting yourself up for a whole lot of misconceptions and prejudices. And, you know, how does one know I suppose we don't manage the feelings of others, but how does one cope with their prejudice and you know, carry on relationships when you know people have have so internalized the the the anti polyamorous stance, the monogamous stance in our culture, where you bring up



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a real important point here in sort of the history of fluttery because the truth is that sexually active especially women have been floods have been treated as if it was really okay to abuse integrate them. Much as whoever thought it was okay to to murder Matthew Shepard. Many women have been murdered for being sexual against the rule. There's no question about that that happens out there. The truth is, I think that as a society, we have to take the responsibility for saying, Okay, are we going to like open up the society's values? Are we going to still go on hiding, you know, pretending to be am I going to pretend to be a nice lady all the time? Or am I going to get the word out there? That I am a proud and sexually To give person I can't change the prejudices of other people. When I was young, it was really kind of harsh because it was in the early 60s. People were very violently abusive toward openly sexual women. But what I learned was that the prouder I was of myself, and the prouder I was at my sexuality, the less those people want to mess with me.



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Well, if you were meeting someone, and you wanted to sort of debrief them on the fact that they weren't the only person that you were going to be interested in, you know, I've been in a situation myself with different people. How do you broach the subject? I mean, how do you say, Okay, well, you know, we're going to be sexually involved here. And, but, you know, this, this doesn't necessarily mean, a lot of people just assume that oh, this is you know, we're gonna be monogamous. That's basically the mindset that they're gonna announce that in advance of,



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Oh, yeah. Like in the in the very first conversation, you know, or the first conversation in which it becomes clear that we're headed for more than a casual acquaintance ship, and make it abundantly clear that I don't do monogamy. If that's a deal breaker, we need to know about it really early on. You know, the farther along you get in the relationship, the greater a disappointment, a deal breaker like that is going to be so it's kind of best to, to get it out there on the table very early on a point that I wanted to step back and make, in talking with us pardon the expression the straight world about being a sloth or being non monogamous. I've found that the model that a lot of people have, a lot of people already have a model for the idea of a long term loving, committed relationship outside of marriage. And that relationship, in particular for women is the best friend. Most women are very comfortable with the idea of having a best friend, that they tell everything to they share with they spend a lot of time with you. You just say, Okay, have sex with your pets. That's the model. And they don't owe. That to me, and it's interesting that more attention isn't given to this, this this trend phenomenon as as a polyamorous model, because I think it's very strong in women's lives, they may recognize that in a lot of ways they connect with their best friends in ways that they don't even with their husbands, primary partners.



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Are there ways, specific ways that they have you had any thoughts about just announced this as we started the interview? But how do you have any thoughts about BDSM and multiple partners? Actually,



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I think one of the interesting things about what BDSM has brought to the the banquet table of sexuality, is BDSM folks tend to have a much more intuitive grasp of the idea that there isn't only one way to have sex or to be sexual. We've done a lot of radio interviews about the ethical slot. And we talked to you know, like rock and roll disc jockeys in Podunk. They always, always ask how many people have you had sex with? And my answer is always you define sex for me. And I will tell you how many people I've had sex with. It's very interesting to listen to them go up. But





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they think that they know what's I mean, we should ask Bill Clinton in the court. Yeah, exactly. Yeah,



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this came up very, very strongly. But in the BDSM world, we have a much clearer recognition, I think of the fact that there isn't only one way to have sex. And when you start to recognize that sex is sort of a continuum, rather than being binary, either you are having sex or you aren't, that it starts becoming much more difficult to say, Well, you're not going to have sex with anybody but me, because you don't know what that means. So I think that may be why BDSM people may be more



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fluent in the language of slot hood than you might find elsewhere in the sexual world. And I think that one of the things that happens it's a little deceptive in BDSM. I know that one of the saddest things that can happen is that someone discovers an interest in the possibilities of doing same BDSM right. Only they're already in a relationship with somebody and they have kids in the whole commitment thing. Right. And their partner thinks that's really awful. Right. And I have heard of couples trying to make an agreement was that okay, you do go somewhere else and do them with other people that don't do sex. And I don't believe that you can make that agreement? Because I don't think that you can define it. You know, do we think that?



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Sorry, could you repeat that?



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Do we think that hitting somebody on the bud is not sexual?



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Well, obviously, for the BDSM, we think it is actual.



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We don't we don't also think that it's particularly easy to differentiate between us and insects. I know, you say I will get turned on.



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Yeah, well, I know someone very well isn't exactly the situation are describing. And it's kind of difficult. As you



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noted, at the beginning of the interview, there are a fair number of people who might save certain sexual behaviors for their primary partnership, they might choose not to have intercourse, outside their relationship or so on. And that's a fairly easy agreement to make and keep, because it's very definitely, you know, we're usually pretty clear on whether we're having intercourse or not, it's not hard to tell. But sex is just such a huge word was such gray boundaries, that it can be very difficult to.



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considering some of the wild things that I've seen, it seems a little bit ludicrous. To draw those boundaries.



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Yeah. And beyond that, some people try who want to do non monogamy and they're feeling kind of new or nervous about it. Try something, what's the best way in the world and what they're trying to do is be safe and this work, right. But I want to put this out there as sort of an advisory for your, your your listeners, which isn't many people try and make an agreement saying okay, well, we'll only play with outside people that we don't have any kind of strong emotional connection.



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kind of silly. I'm sorry, could you repeat that, please? I'm getting a lot of static on the line. I apologize for it here. I hear that. And I heard it on the tape recording when we tested it. I'm sorry, what were you saying? That



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it doesn't work to make agreements about emotional connection, that you're only going to play if you're not in love with the person or you're not going to fall in love with people outside your primary relationship. It's a, again, it's a noble thought to try to protect yourself from feeling unsafe or insecure. But what are you going to do is the minute you fall in love with someone does that mean you have to break off the relationship. Although it's worth pointing out here, too, that monogamy does not make anyone impervious to any of the issues we're talking about. I can remember having a conversation actually with my mother some years ago, when she asked, well, you know, if you're having sex with other people, how do you know you're not going to fall in love with them? I pointed out well, if you're not having sex with other people, how do you know you're not going to fall in love with it just happened?



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Sex and Love aren't necessarily things are gonna happen at the same time.



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Exactly. And monogamy will not protect you from jealousy either. There's plenty people who imagine their partners are cheating even if their partners are not up. And I've been more jealous I had a workaholic partner at one point where I was more jealous of work than anything else I could think of because that's what I kept getting stood up for. You put your work down and you come here when we have the day. We just



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installed our our our first home computer and I have a relationship with erotic stories online. And I seem to be spending just a wee bit too much time doing that and then not enough cuddling with my partner what she's told me quite clearly. And so we're more than tunneling.



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Exactly, there's a jealousy object does not necessarily have to be a living breathing human.



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And your partner is very wise. This is what I'm missing you get over here turn that machines off.



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And so to wrap up the the our summary and to encourage people to go out purchase this book by author SE and Katherine A list as spelled li s c t I'd like the composer I suppose. The book is called ethical slot A Guide to infinite sexual possibilities. What might we say to wrap up?



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There's something I would want to say the book is really an emotional how to book That's what it's really about if I say, these are the pitfalls you may run into years ago, when I first became a sex educator, someone said to me, gee, that's right. We all declared ourselves to be sexually free in the 60s. And we didn't say a word about how we were going to do that. About what we're involved in, is different. So now that we are on declaring ourselves non monogamous or polyamorous or wide open, then we this book is really about what are the nuts and bolts stuff that you need to do and make that work in your life.



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There's a real level on which anybody who's brought up in this culture has been taking monogamy lessons, for many, many culture teaches us how to do that. Nobody has given us non monogamy lessons. So that's kind of what we set out to do with this book is to at least give them a primer on how to navigate the world of non monogamy that nobody has given them much instructions on.



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If you wanted that BDSM culture connection, the reason we wrote the book was because all our BDSM friends, and the people who read our previous books, were saying, how do you do that non monogamy? I'm fine with the whip. But how do you do that? How do you tell justice?



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Yes, and I must say, I must urge just just from a personal standpoint, how very important those kinds of mappings are? You're absolutely right. You know, hardly anyone has written about this subject from an ethical and a guiding standpoint, you know, there are just reams and reams and hundreds of years of literature and writing and education and acculturation towards one particular sexual model. And as a result, a lot of other possibilities have been buried. And those other possibilities are so strong, and probably, I would think even stronger than the monogamy model per se. And, you know, there's no reason why there can't be, you know, families. I mean, from what I understand the part of the problem with gay marriages, in terms of getting past, you know, they weren't to shut down the possibility of gay and lesbian couples being recognized as married partners. What they're really afraid of was that partners have, you know, three or four people with start, you know, declaring themselves as married, which to me is perfectly valid. But they're really frightened by that sort of thing.



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We've encountered a lot of hostility as we've spoken around the country on this book. And my personal theory, is that what a lot of what I'm hearing these people say is, I'm monogamous, because I was told that was the only way to be. And it is tremendously threatening to me to hear that I might have had other choices. You know, if you've been in this model, that doesn't necessarily make you happy, because someone lied to you and told you that you had no choice. Of course, it's going to be terribly threatening.



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You're not playing the game. You know, that's how the jealousy thing works, too. You're not playing my game, and I'm going to take my marbles and go home.



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Anyway, we should talk again about the website, I guess. Yes, by all means, where's the press website where they can learn more about the book or buy it if they like is at [http www dot big rock as in a great big rock, big rock.com/~greenery](http://www.bigrock.com/~greenery). Or just search with any of the search engines on the phrase greenery press,



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and Dawsey. Do you have words to say?



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Well, we just want to encourage all you will watch out there because we really like that. To enjoy your left all you can remember to be ethical about it. Right?



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Absolutely. That's the way to go. Okay, well, that'll wrap up our interview and thank you so much again, Katherine, a list and dossier Easton on greenery press with the article slot.



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All right, thank you wrestling



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