

## Sexuality: The Empathetic Liberator

### Script (Verbatim)

Hello! My name is Joseph Adams, and I would like to start off with this: Sexuality is defined as the capability of having sexual feelings or one's sexual preference slash sexual orientation but there's more to the definition than this. As an article by Kristen Raypole states that if a person represses or fears thoughts of sex entirely then as an adult he or she may not even be able to express themselves sexually. This creates technology to become the ultimate communicator or a refuge for people to express themselves sexually, but an article by every study state that sexting, which is another form of sexual expression creates a double standard as it relates women to pornographic images and men to be more cool or confident. So, why study sexual expression or why study sexual communication? While I was scrolling through one of the apps that I use to explore my own sexuality, which is the bro app, and I was seeing how different men were relating what they wanted online, I was saying to myself, "Well how can I relate these online expressions into and integrate them into the real world (as more people aren't expressive in the real world)." I wanted to find different ways that I can relate as there was one for hookups or relationships or if they were even unsure bi-curious to relating that into the real world so there would be less stigma or shame or oppression and that's my goal. To make this goal of reality, I took quantitative analysis, which is a technique that involves mathematical and statistical modeling, research, and others to study human behavior, or behavior in general, but my goal is human behavior here so in order for that to happen I needed to complete my training as well as get my proposal reviewed. My results are still in progress because of this due to ethical suggestions, but once reviewed, I can be able to take my analysis intake my codes such as relationships unsure and use that on an excel spreadsheet so I can figure out what people want the most when they're sexually communicating. This allows me to see what people want the most and sets me up for my future work, which is creating interviews and questionnaires to figure out the reasoning behind people's wants. So overall, I believe that sexual communication allows us to figure out exactly who we are on the inside, and through researching communication, we can allow people to become more confident within themselves and those that they want to communicate to. Thank you for listening and finding out why sexuality is the empathetic Liberator. Thank you!