

**Quiz #9**  
**Polygamy and Polyamory**

1. What are the two kinds of polygamy?
2. T/F Few human societies permit the practice of polygamy.
3. In what parts of the world is polygamy legal?  
a. Mexico b. Middle East c. Africa d. New Guinea e. Thailand f. France
4. T/F Polygyny is common in societies with a long postpartum sex taboo.
5. T/F In societies that allow polygyny, only a minority of men actually practices it.
6. T/F Polygyny is rare in societies where men marry at an older age than women.
7. When was polygyny banned in the state of Utah?
8. T/F Upwards of 50,000 fundamentalist Mormons practice polygyny in the U.S. today.
9. T/F The number of wives belonging to a polygynist is often a measure of his prestige
10. Why is fraternal polyandry chosen in Tibet?
11. What happens to women who don't marry in societies that practice polyandry?
12. Monogamy:  
a. is found only in Western society b. often coexists with polygamy c. is morally superior to polygamy d. prevents sexual jealousy e. is universally regarded as the ideal male-female relationship

*America's Fidelity Crisis*

1. How is American culture a culture of contradictions?
2. Were Mark Foley's behaviors different from other beltway politicians?
3. How has male-male sexuality been expressed in other times and in other cultures?

4. T/F Prior to the 1970s the sexual affairs of men in power were never exposed by the press.
5. Which 1988 presidential candidate was so hounded by the press that he gave up his bid for the presidency?
6. Who was Paula Jones?
7. During the Zippergate investigations who offered a million dollars to anyone willing to divulge the sexual secrets of the nations high-ranking Republicans?
8. T/F Jesse Jackson fathered an out-of-wedlock child.
9. Why was Bill Clinton ashamed to tell the truth?
9. Do we expect our children to tell the truth? Why?
10. Why is there a gap between what Americans know they ought to do and what they actually do in regards to extra-marital affairs?
11. How did the Mark Foley scandal differ from Zippergate? Do you believe this scandal impacted voter decisions in the November 2006 elections?
12. Do you think New York governor Eliot Spitzer's use of high-priced call girls was unusual? What were the conditions that caused him to resign?
13. What impact did John Edward's affair have on his future in politics?

*Adding A Co-Wife*

1. T/F Monogamy is the same as fidelity.
2. If your partner started dating someone else, what would you do?
3. What is a co-wife?
4. Why are resources so important to African co-wives?

5. Why do African co-wives endeavor to produce sons?
6. Why do African men seek to marry additional wives?
7. Why is favoritism more important in monogamous vs. polygamous cultures?
8. What is mothering insurance?
9. Why might marriage be experienced more as a *status* than an *experience* by some Africa co-wives?
10. What does the levirate ensure?
11. What does the sororate ensure?
12. What might cause a woman to seek multiple lovers?
13. How is paternity assessed amongst the Luo of East Africa?
14. Why might a married person keep a lover?
15. Is it possible to love just one person for one's entire adult life?

### *Polyamory*

1. What is polyamory? How is it different from polyfidelity?
2. How is African polygyny different from polyamory in America?
3. How many people practice polyamory in the U.S.?

4. What are the benefits of practicing polyamory?
5. For whom might a polyamorous lifestyle be appealing?
6. T/F Both the Oneida Community and the Kerista Commune banned pair-bonding.
7. How do polyamorous people view the attraction phase of romantic love?
8. In what ways might American society's engagement of romantic love be considered adolescent?
9. What is NRE?
10. In what ways might people be fighting mother nature in their practice of polyamory?
11. T/F Polyamorous people are rarely troubled by jealousy.
12. What is compersion?
13. How do cultural beliefs impact the experience of compersion?
14. The majority of people who practice polyamory do so as:
  - a. triads
  - b. members of intimate networks
  - c. open couples
  - d. independent single people
  - e. there is no typical way of being polyamorous
15. T/F Polyamorous people in America tend to be well-educated professionals who seek to better realize all who they are emotionally, sexually and artistically.
16. In what ways do polyamorous people practice *polyarmory*?
17. T/F A significant hallmark of polyamory is a desire to be truthful to one's partner and one's lovers.
18. Should polyamory be legalized?