

One hopes that this and other works like it will stimulate sound research on the many remaining questions concerning the highly destructive act of sexual assault.

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A SEXUAL PROFILE OF MEN IN POWER. By Sam Janus, Barbara Bess, and Carol Saltus. New York: Warner Books. Pp. 285. 1977. \$2.50 (paper).

In the tradition of Krafft-Ebing, Drs. Janus and Bess interviewed elite call girls and madams in regard to the sexual preferences of their clientele. The authors then focused on the politicians these women served and, with the literary assistance of Ms. Saltus, have documented in this book how extremes of aggressive and sado-masochistic behavior are frequently necessary to fulfill the sexual needs of these clients. They also found that politicians generally are more sexually active than the average male of a comparable age, that they are more likely to frequent call girls than the average, that they do so much more often, and that they spend a great deal of money satisfying their sexual needs. Some politicians spend in excess of \$10,000 annually.

In arriving at their conclusions, the authors logged over 700 hours of interviews during a seven-year period, primarily with 68 call girls and 12 madams in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Washington, D.C. They found that 60% of visits to these women were by political clients. Focusing on these men, they supplemented their data with over 300 hours of interviews with female legislative aides, secretaries, and research assistants from Capitol Hill and state legislatures. Before accepting any material as reliable in regard to a politician's sexual demands, the authors required three confirming sources. In addition, they gathered statistical data on politicians from 1948 on, including the voting records on sex-related issues of some of the congressmen who were the call girl's clients.

From this data base, they concluded that there was a "high correlation between the success with which these men competed in the political arena and the nature and extent of their sexual activity." In fact, extreme sexual needs seem to be basic to the power drive itself.

To explain these findings, the authors looked at the psychodynamics of political life, to see "what makes Sammy run – again and again and again?" They found the life style to be extremely demanding, with an incessant struggle for reelection or election to a higher office, and a striving for ever-increasing amounts of power. The politician is described as someone with a "compelling drive to dominate," fixated at the adolescent phase of development, wherein he continues, even into his 60s and 70s, to pursue this goal, never seeming to consider his own mortality.

Also like the adolescent, the politician struggles with a reworking of the Oedipal complex. Typically, he is very closely bound to his mother and the ideals she represents: "goodness, purity, and propriety." He sees advancement in his career as a way of winning her. His father is perceived as

dominant and powerful, someone who treats his son as a competitor, albeit a weak one. From this background, the politician emerges with a strong castration complex and a madonna-harlot split in viewing women.

The authors then go on to examine the sex scandals of Washington from the mid-70s. They review in detail the episodes involving Wilbur Mills, Wayne Hayes, J.F.K., and others. They look at how the politicians tried to deny and cover up the affairs, while at the same time omnipotently denying that their image could be hurt by them. They also point out that Congressmen have upwards of \$200,000 to spend annually for which they need not account. Continuing their look at political life styles, the authors make a number of statistical breakdowns on the politicians. For example, they show that a large percentage have backgrounds as career military officers, a setting seen as "a paradigm of organized sublimated homosexuality." They also point out that on two sex-related issues before Congress, 48 "womanizers" demonstrated their hostility toward women by how they voted.

The next two chapters are devoted to an elaborate examination of the sexual tastes of these men, replete with brief vignettes. Although many are married, their families remain in their home states, leaving the politicians free to utilize the services of prostitutes. Like the average client, the politician frequently requests fellatio. However, his needs go beyond this. "By far the most frequent service politicians demand from call girls is to be beaten." Other "very frequent" requested services are exhibitionism (the prostitute's role is to scream in horror), voyeurism, cross dressing, threesomes (two call girls with the client), verbal and physical humiliation, bondage, and power games. This latter means that the client keeps the girl on a retainer, at a cost of \$1200-2000/month, so that he literally owns her, "controlling and directing every aspect of her life." Other less frequent requests include "golden showers" (being urinated upon), "brown showers" (being defecated upon), necrophilia (with the call girl acting the part of a corpse), pedophilia, semi-gay games (one male and one female prostitute with the client), and flagellating the call girl.

Next is an examination of the international scene wherein the sexual practices and tastes of foreign diplomats are described. As part of this, the authors emphasize sex brokerage activities wherein hosts of a political party will hire call girls for the guests to win their favor and support. Because of the propensity of the clients to brag in bed, telling who and what they know to bolster their masculinity, the call girls are seemingly suitable agents for espionage. Although none of those interviewed were ever formally engaged in this activity, they were interrogated and even harassed by intelligence officials.

One chapter in the book is devoted to "The Women in Their Lives," a look not only at the prostitutes, but also at the wives and secretaries of these men. The call girls are seen as women unable to give up "the narcissistic challenge of an endless stream of new men to seduce . . ." and "strongly motivated by a desire for revenge." In spite of their stated wishes, they cannot trust any one man enough to marry him and settle down. As is true of the prostitutes, the young office secretaries seem to gain narcissistic gratification and a chance to play out incestuous fantasies from their association with these influential men.

The wife of the politician must endure. She and the children have the lowest priority for the politician's attention, as long as he is ascending the ladder of power. Her role is to present the picture of an asexual, nurturing madonna. She is to the politician a surrogate mother.

Finally, in the last chapter of the book, Drs. Janus and Bess provide the reader with a detailed profile of the man in power, including statistical