

DISPUTATION CLXXIX

RESOLVED: CONSIDER NON-MONOGRAMY

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Terms

- Monogamish** First coined by sex columnist Dan Savage. Couples who call themselves “monogamish” are often in a primary romantic two-some but choose to have sex outside of it. Terms and principles surrounding extra-relationship sex are often strict and detailed to ensure everyone is on the same page. This type of relationship has been popularized by gay men and takes many forms.
- Polyamory** The philosophy or state of being in love or romantically involved with more than one person at the same time.
- Polygamy** Multiple marriage, sometimes in groups, usually either polyandry (woman with multiple husbands), or more commonly, polygyny (man with multiple wives).
- Monogamy** Originally meant the practice of only being married to one person. Now generally referred to as the practice of having a singular sex partner at a time.
- Serial Monogamy** The practice of engaging in a succession of sexual relationships, each with one person.
- Swinging** Often called “wife swapping,” nowadays “partner swapping.” In which two partners in a committed relationship engage in sexual activities with others socially (swingers parties!). This arrangement is fairly common.
- Open Relationship** A partnership in which both partners agree that each may have sexual encounters with others. (Again, the terms of this are decided by those involved and there are many different forms.)

- Primary partner** For those in monogamish or open relationships, this refers to the person with whom one cohabitates or calls their significant other, above the others.
- Group Sex/Orgies** Sexual activity involving three or more people (can include threesomes, touching, watching, listening, etc.).
- Polyfidelity** An intimate relationship structure where all members are considered equal partners and agree to restrict sexual activity to only other members of the group (can include group marriage).
- Compersion** Happiness in the happiness of others.



Amanda Brewster Sewell, *Sappho*, 1891