

# Kentucky Class Notes

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- **NATURAL SELECTION**

- Genetic or social variations are better suited to passing on genes than other variations
  - ◆ Those better suited variations increase in frequency from generation to generation

- **SEXUAL CANNIBALISM**

- Male voluntarily is eaten by mate during/ after copulation
  - ◆ If natural selection favors those who maximize survival adaptations, how can sexual cannibalism make sense? To explain the answer he used the example of spiders. After they reproduce the mother spider will eat the father spider. The father spider looks at it as a way to further feed his offspring, because by the mother spider eating him she is gaining all the nutrients of his body and passing them along to her children.
- Disadvantageous to humans because
  - ◆ More than once chance in lifetime to copulate
  - ◆ Minimal nutrition advantage (even a well-nourished woman typically gives birth to a one single baby at a time)
  - ◆ Low likelihood of fertilization

- Compared to the world's 4300 species, humans are the most sexually bizarre

- Love plays a factor
- Long term relationships
- Sexual acts (foreplay)  
Breasts

- **HUMAN SEXUALITY FORMS DISTINCT FROM MOST MAMMALS**

- **CONCEALED OVULATION**- makes sexual exclusivity possible
- **SEX FOR FUN**- we have sex at the wrong time of cycle, during pregnancy and after menopause
- **LONG TERM SEXUAL PARTNERS**- human babies are helpless for many years, 2 parents provide better conditions for survival than one
- **PRIVATE SEX**- socially constructed notions of morality regarding sex