



Do we **Still** Need Understanding?

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Take it from a T. Rex...

You can learn to fly,
you can live on as
legend, but you cannot
go unchanged.

(This presentation was modified slightly;
For example, the above point was
spoken only, not written on a slide.)



Benefits of understanding...



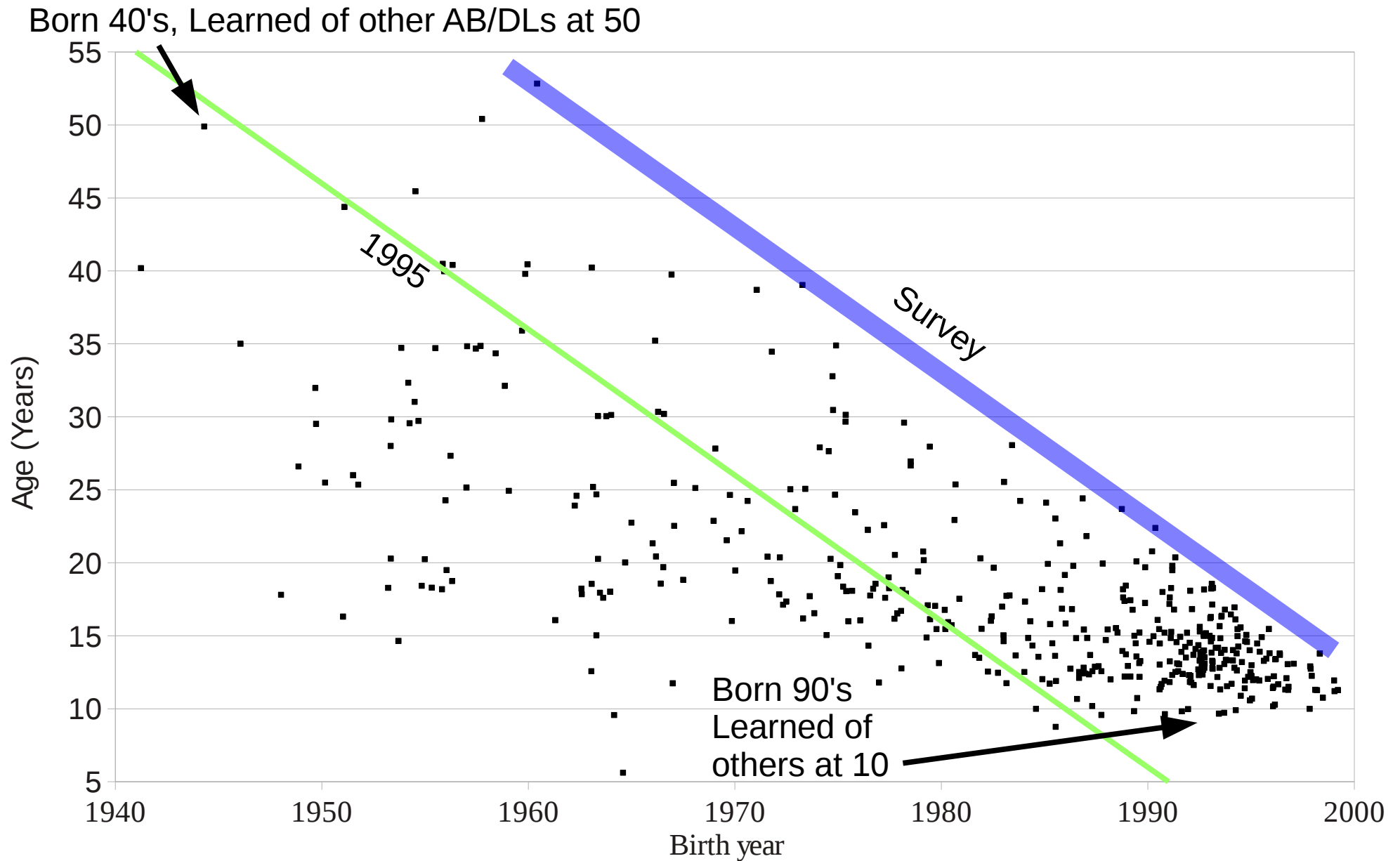
- ...have changed over the past 20 years
 - Might not be our highest priority anymore
- Acceptance through understanding:
 - ...Of self
 - ...Of other AB/DL's diversity
 - ...Of us, by others

Acceptance of self



- Infantilism & diaper fetishes exist
 - Failed quitting, binge & purge cycles
 - Sex ratio (mostly male), onset age (10-90% 4-16 yrs M) trends
 - Single symptom; diagnostically ambiguous
- Disproportionate Conditions
 - Asperger's (5%), Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (8%)
 - Similar onset age, sex ratio (Aspergers, early onset OCD)
 - Incontinence (11%) Diapers; cause/effect/both
 - Borderline Personality Disorder (4%). Teddybears misinterpreted as “transitional objects”
- Not alone: “Abnormal is bad”

Not alone...

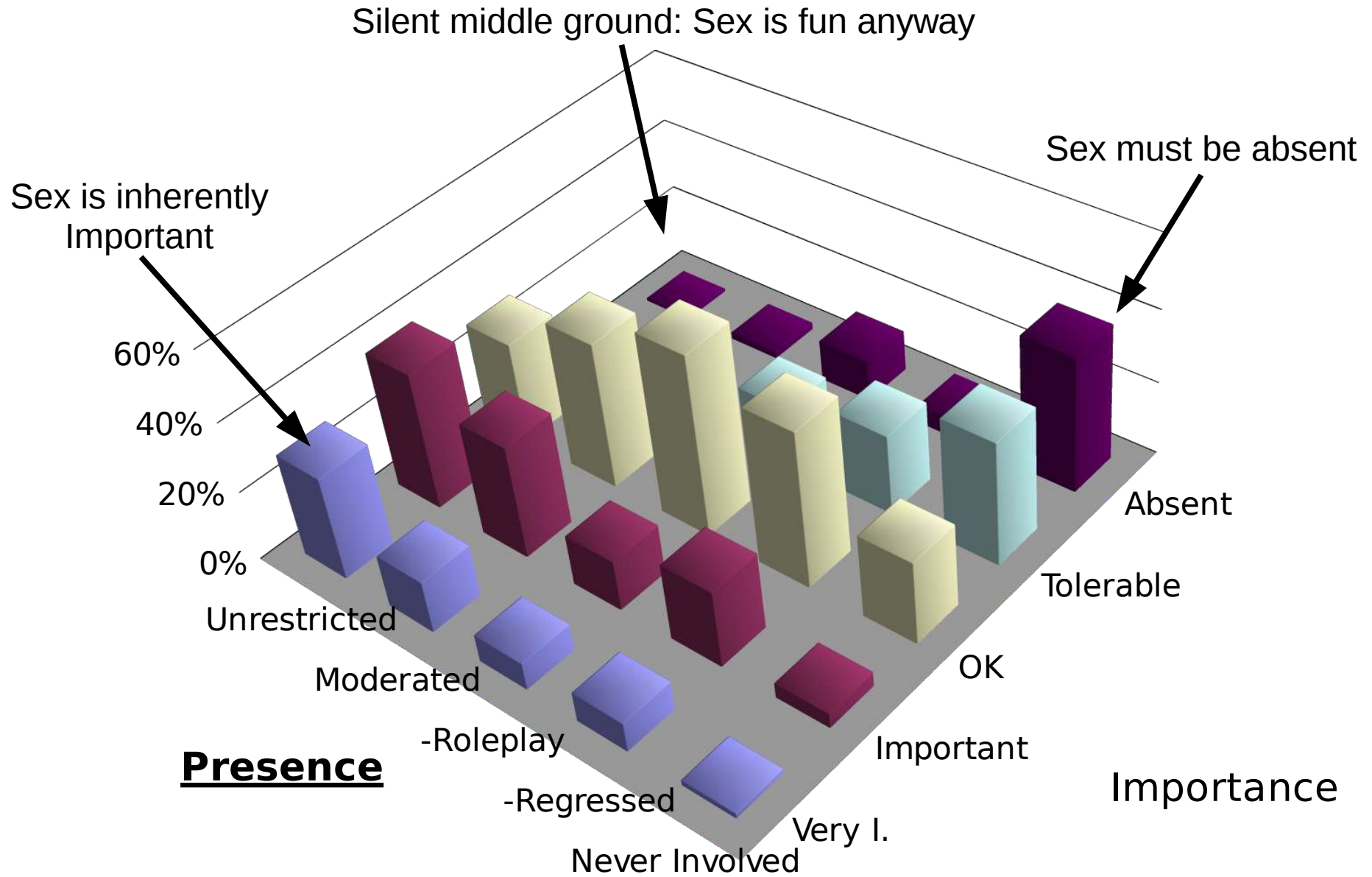


Acceptance of Others' Diversity

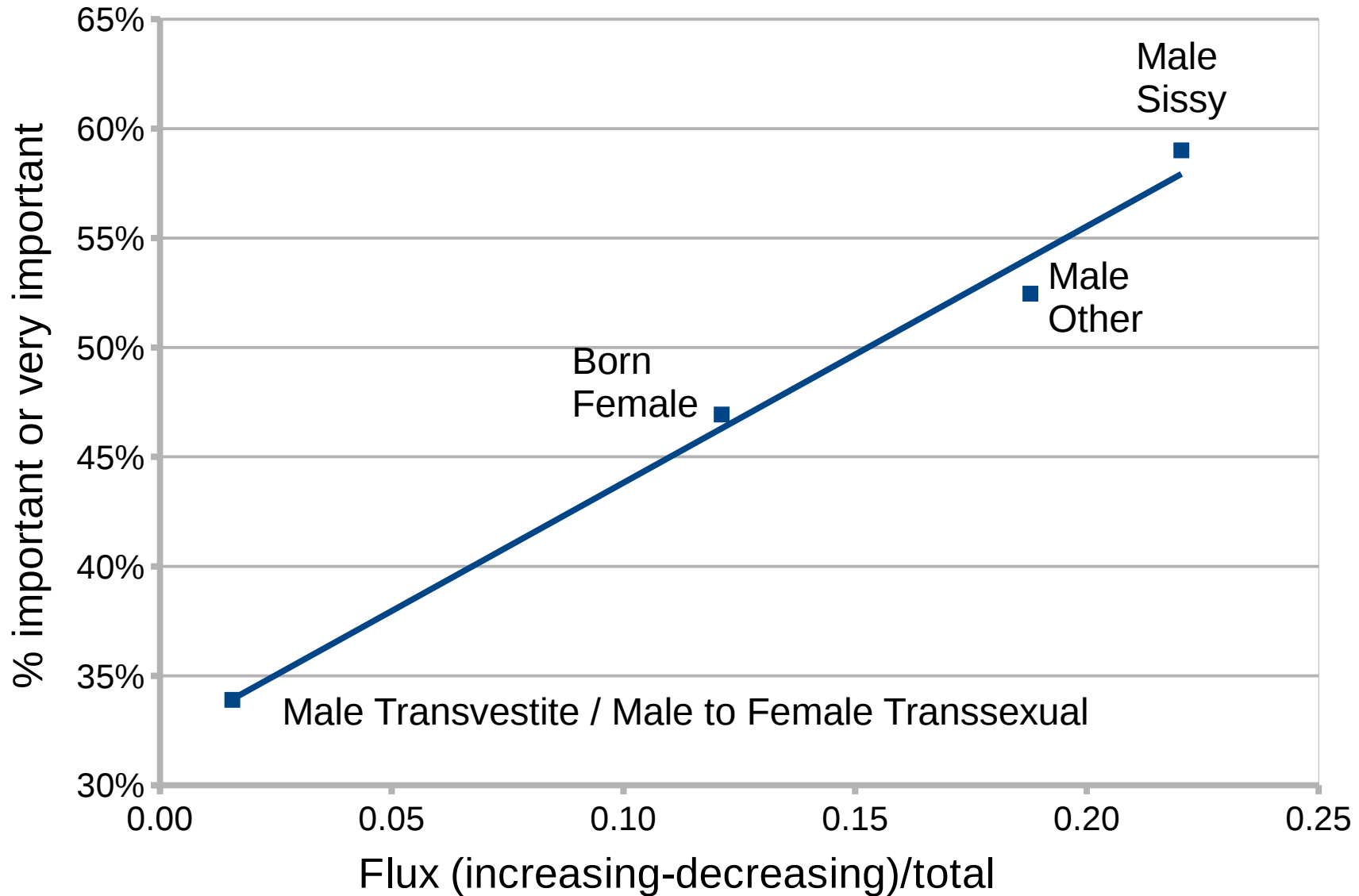


- Sexuality debate perpetuated by false dichotomy
- “is” versus “becomes”
- Generally increasing diversity
- Radical sexological etiology largely absent from peer-reviewed literature: Kink.

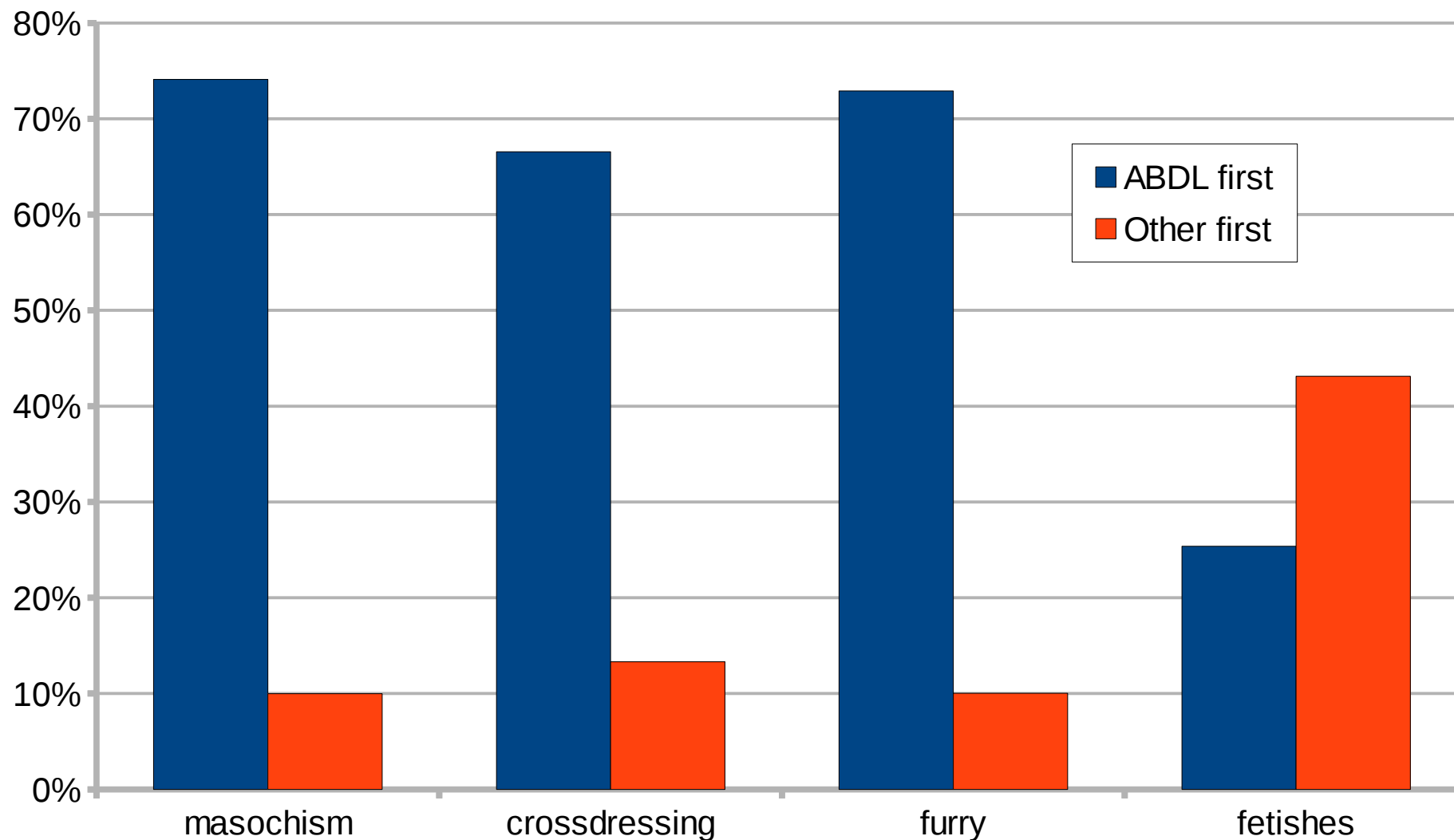
Presence and Importance of Sex ~~x~~



Sexual: “Is” versus “Becomes”



Increasing diversity ... kink!



'Inborn infantilism, airborne ageplay'

- Kinks can be acquired
 - Barriers (stigmas, norms, fun)
 - Visibility/Communication
 - Communicable: Growth vector!
- Infantilism & diaper fetishism consistent with early childhood condition & latency period
 - No growth vector
- Etiologically non-homogeneous populations...having fun at the same parties

Acceptance (of us) by others



- Fear of the unknown.
 - Greatest apparent danger drives expectations
- Anything that needs to be hidden is bad.
 - Otherwise we wouldn't be hiding it
- Self-representation
 - Medicine
 - Media

Medicine




- Med motives: Fame, money, curing some terrible disease
- Tangential cases (eg Mitchel 1954)
 - Invalids or incarcerated
- Nepiophilia vs autonepiophilia
- DSM5
 - Infantilism no longer explicitly not pedophilia
 - No kinks; just normal/homosexual, paraphilic, and paraphilic disordered
- AB/DL efforts assisting new research
 - Hawkinson & Zamboni
 - Dr. Lipscomb

Media



- TV
 - Jerry Springer: Tommy ('98) to Oprah v. Midget ('07)
- Internet
 - AB/DL forums & web pages
 - Wikipedia: “autopedophilia” not explicitly mentioned on infantilism page, but sources cited 15 times
- Podcasts
 - Big Little Podcast, etc.

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...or are there other needs that are now more urgent, where I'd be better able to make a difference?