



# 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...



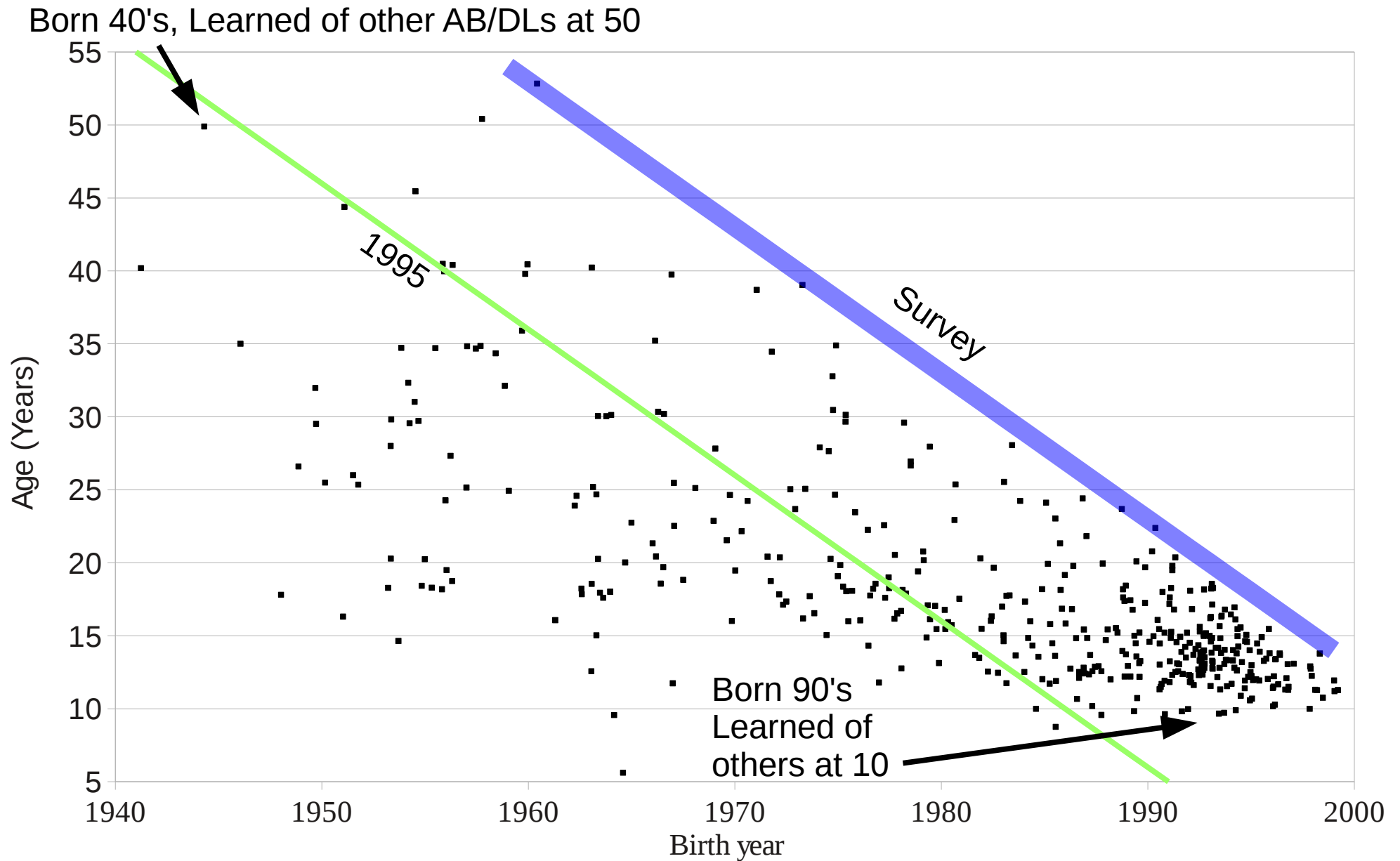
- ...have changed over the past 20 years
  - Might not be our highest priority anymore
- Acceptance through understanding:
  - ...Of self
  - ...Of other AB/DL's diversity
  - ...Of us, by others

# 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...



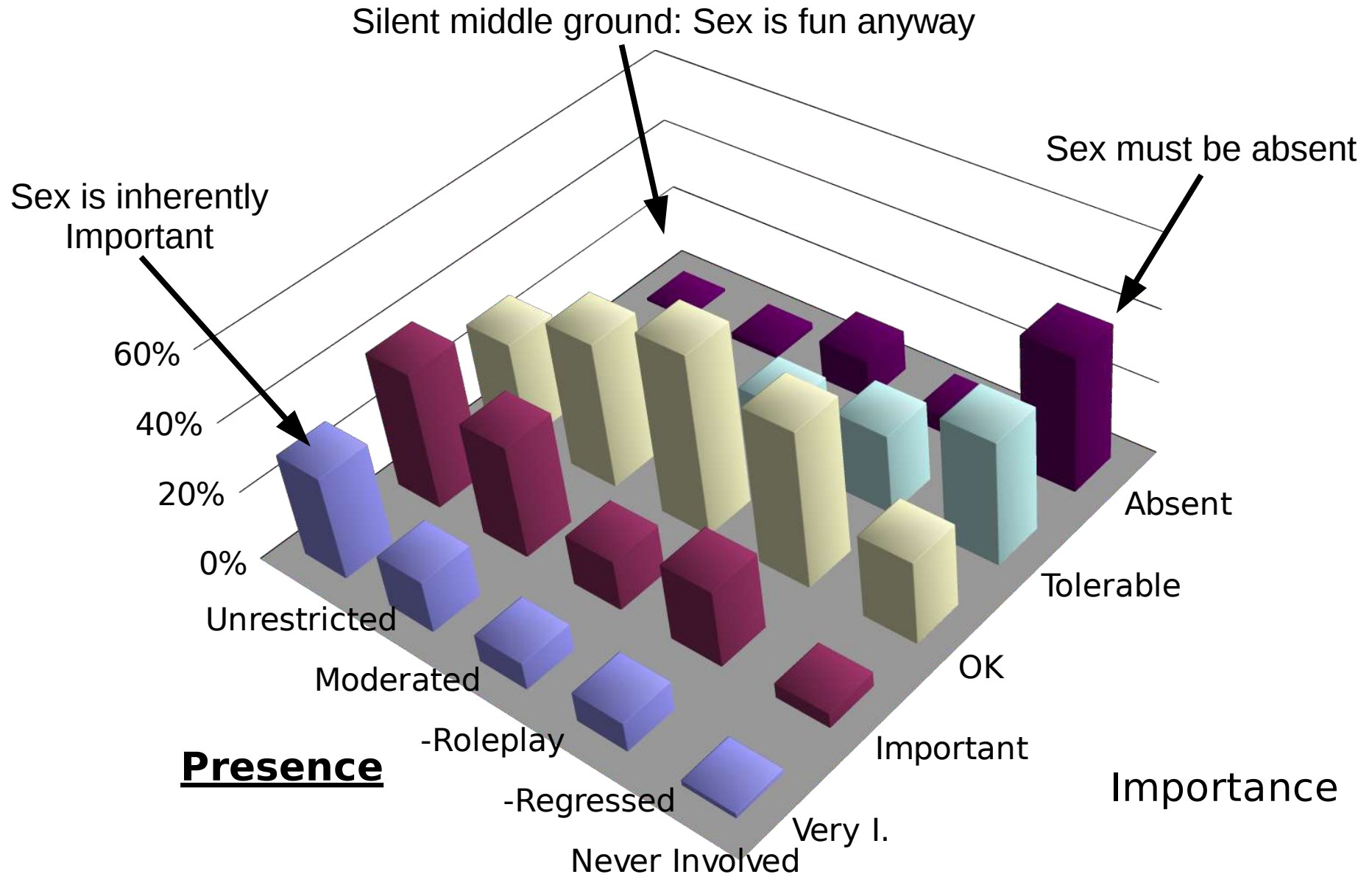
# Acceptance of Others' Diversity



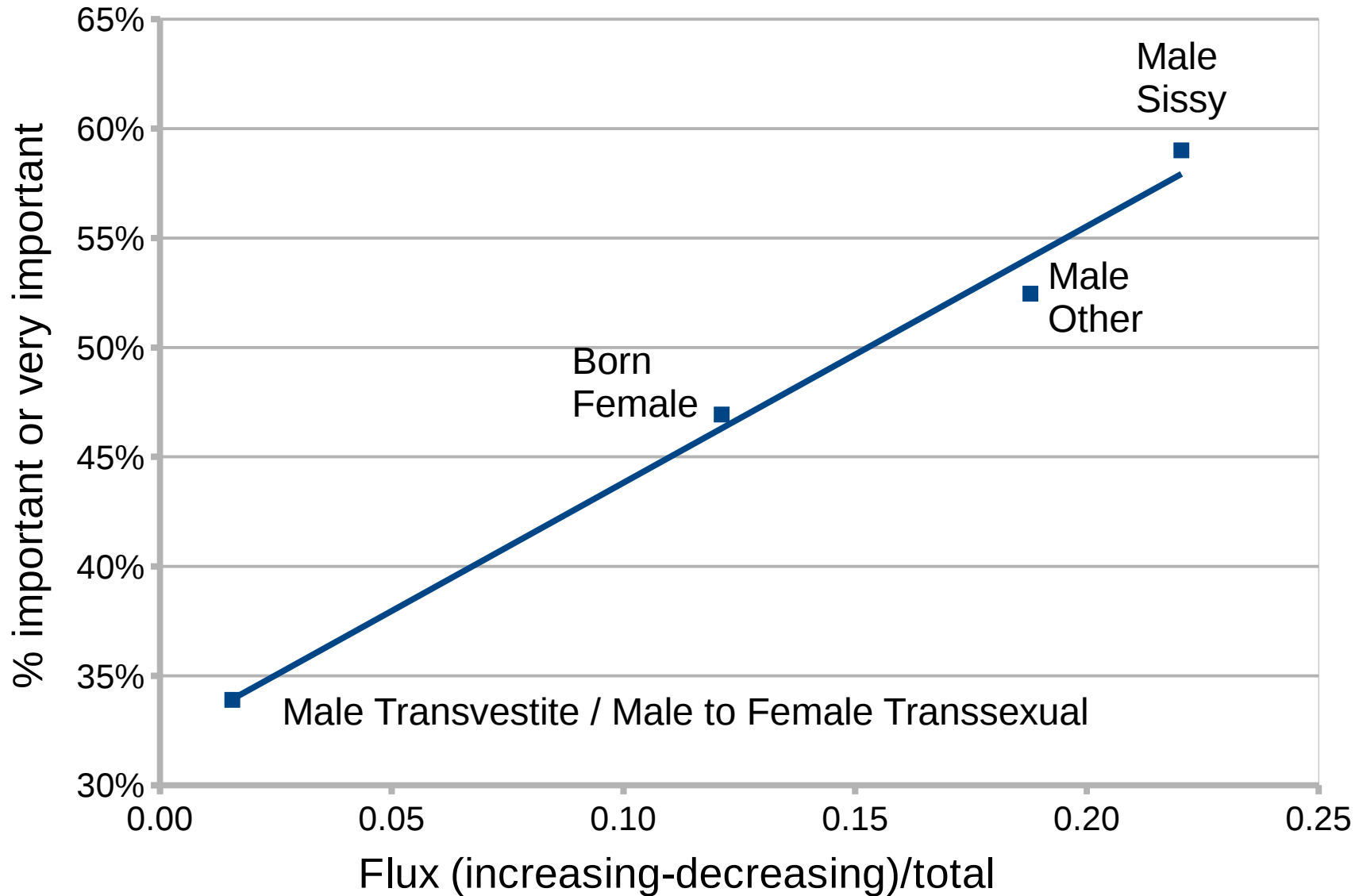
- Sexuality debate perpetuated by false dichotomy
- “is” versus “becomes”
- Generally increasing diversity
- Radical sexological etiology largely absent from peer-reviewed literature: Kink.



# Presence and Importance of Sex ~~x~~

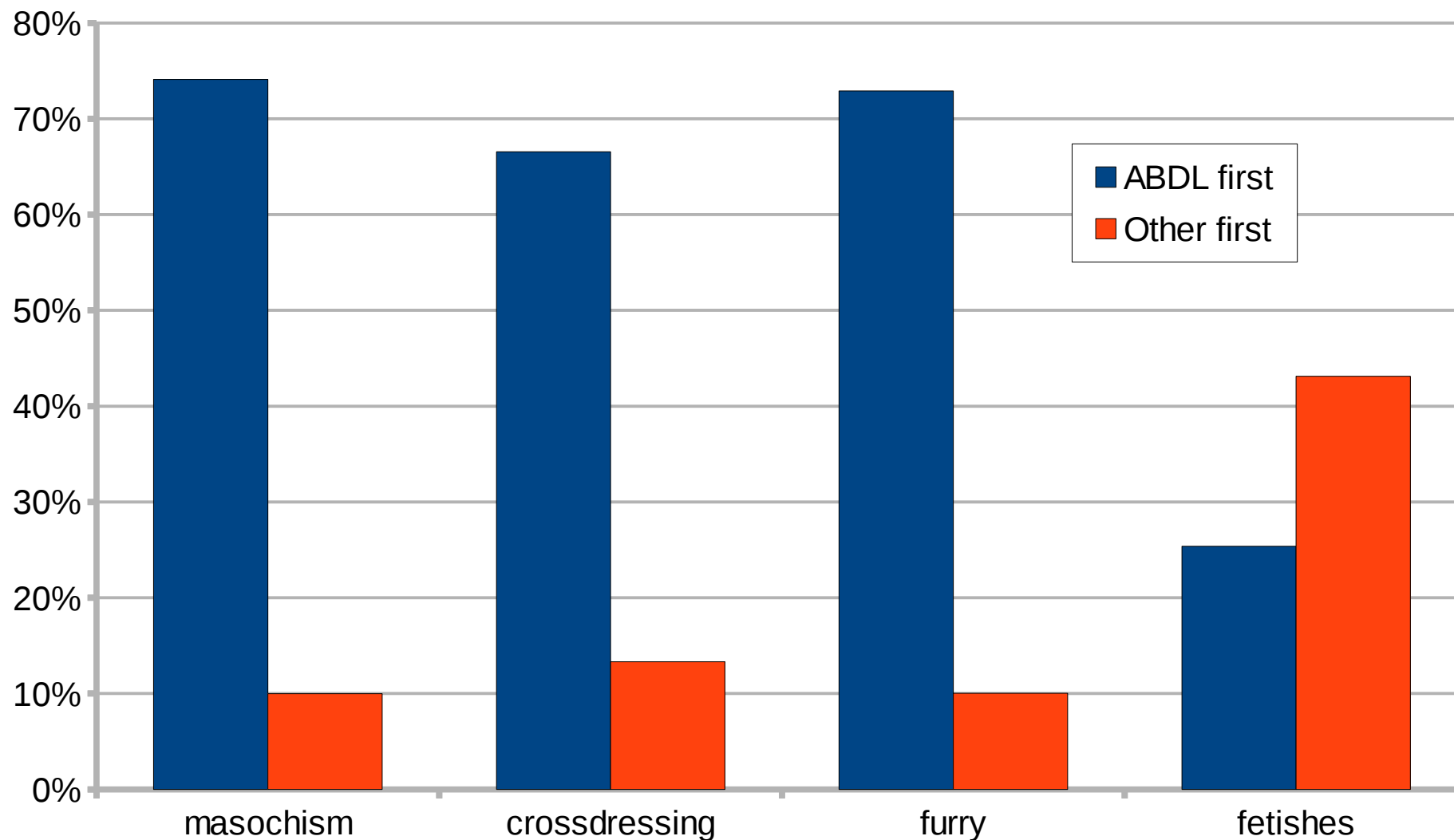


# Sexual: “Is” versus “Becomes”





# 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.

# Do we **still** need understanding?



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