

+Sex Responses on the Rorschach Interpretation

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There is no mention of Sex responses in the interpretive material written by Exner. However, Rapaport referred to sex responses as "temporary relaxation of usual social censure." They are at least that (given to a strange psychologist), but there are some other possible interpretations:

- 1) Purposive attempt to titillate or otherwise bother the examiner (usually by adolescents);
- 2) Evidence of unusual preoccupation with sexual content (not necessarily pathological);
- 3) Evidence of sexual perversion (this would be particularly relevant when Sex content is greater than 2 and the content is particularly disturbing (as in the case you cite);
- 4) Finally, do not code Sex for "breasts" on Card III. It is too frequently done by average people. Think of it--we use "breasts" to identify gender in polite company (but not "penises").

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My understanding and experience is that sex responses are unusual but I am unaware of any specific interpretive guidelines to follow when they occur. I have two (male) protocols I am working on. One protocol has three such responses although one is pretty ordinary (breasts on women in card III) and another protocol with five disturbing ones. There is plenty of content interpretation I could offer, especially regarding the second protocol but any recent controlled studies out there on sex responses? Thank you very much.

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