

## **Consensual sexual violence**

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Consensual sexual violence has recently received an increasing attention, although it is relatively poorly investigated in comparison with other forms of violence in partner relationship. From the viewpoint of criminology and victimology, the etiological aspect of this phenomenon seems most interesting. So far, it has been mainly dealt with by psychoanalysis, but due to its specific methodology and terminology, the inter- and trans-disciplinary applicability of its findings is rather limited.

Special question is what should be a response of criminal law to consensual sexual violence. In philosophy, ethics and also in criminal law theory, a question of individual's consent to suffer certain damage / injury is relatively precisely elaborated, although it is possible to find in case-law examples that a court dealing with sex related conducts, considers the issue of consent more paternalistically than usually. In this case it seems that there is actually no ground for such "reinforced" paternalism.

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