Do Influencers Help Or Hurt The Sex Work Industry? A Look at the Works of Dan Savage

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Who is the Ana Blue?



Stork drop off: California Present bird's nest: St. Louis, MO CVS Receipt of Identification -Thicc -Black -Ethically Non-Monogamous -Catholic apostate -Polyplay -Pansexual -Sadomasochistic -Leather -Kinkster -Pro Dominatrix -Lifestyle Switch -Leather Titleholder -BDSM/kink Educator -Content Creator -Event Host -Fetish Performer -Female -Queen

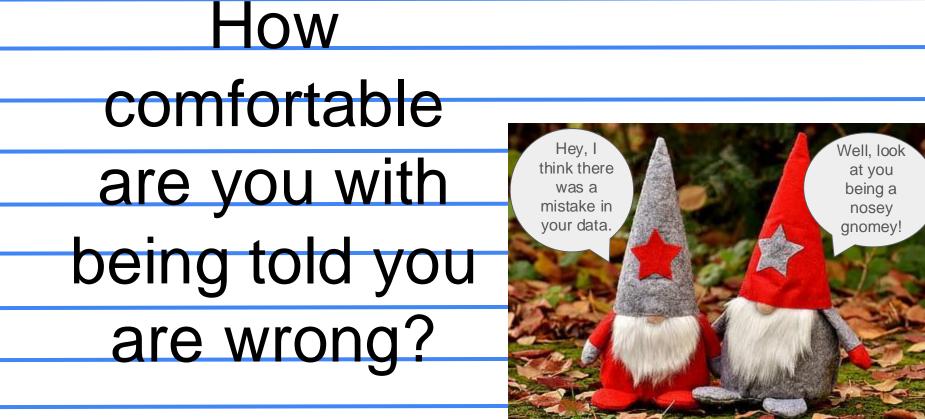
Why am I getting this certification?

-l have a gift for teaching

-l enjoy teaching

-I enjoy helping and changing lives

-l enjoy learning and growing



Objectives

- The positive and negative effects of influencers on sex ed, sex work, and sexuality
- What are some ways that Dan Savage has been a positive influence on the worlds of sex education, sex work, and sexuality?
- What are some ways that Dan Savage has been a negative influence on the worlds of sex education, sex work, and sexuality?
- How do we practice being open minded while being professional?
- How do we practice critical thinking while being professional?
- How do we practice accountability and contrition when we make mistakes as professionals?

What comes to mind when you hear or read the name Dan

Savage?

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Very

interesting ...

- Popular for his sex-advice and sexy film festival
- "Savage Love" sex-advice column, weekly in 'The Stranger', 1991
- Author, journalist, LGBT community activist
- Savage Lovecast, weekly call-in podcast, 2006
- HUMP! Sex-Positive Film Festival
- IGBP: It Gets Better Project, offers hope to LGBT kids



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Who is Dan Savage? The Not-So-Good

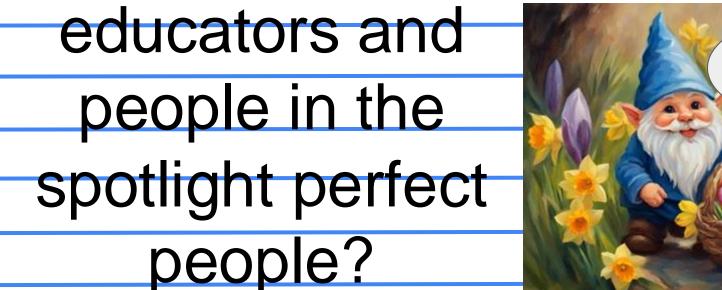
• Does being controversial and aggressive really help?

• Should you use Shame as a therapeutic and educational tool?

- Jesse Singal and conversion controversy interview with Dr. Erica Anderson, GLAAD
- Should we be respectful of slurs and not use them?



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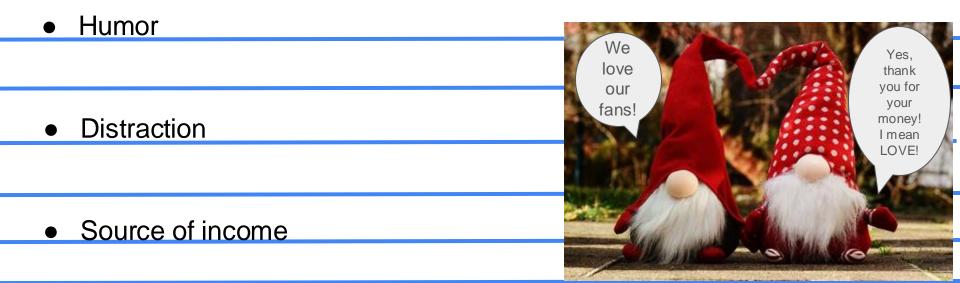


Would you garden with me? L'd garden with me!

Positive Influence of Influencers

• Spread information to isolated areas

• Diversified knowledge



Negative Influence of Influencers

Incorrect information

Encourage damaging behavior

• Sell bad products

• Make it look easy, fake persona, fantasy world

Everything on the internet is totally true!

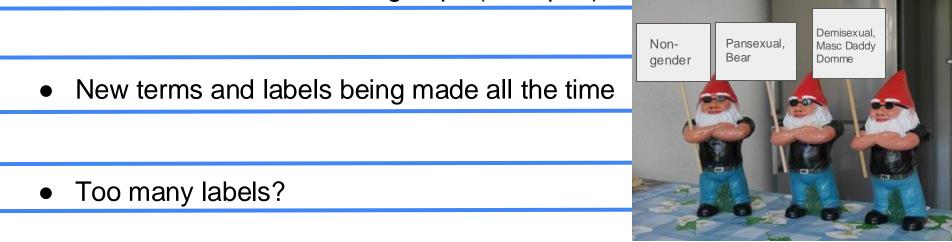


Terms, labels, and bios! OH MY!

Identification and understanding

• Self-confidence

• Certain labels with certain groups (bi vs pan)





Tolyamory: T rhymes with P except after D...for Dan Savage

- Tol: Latin root word for "tolerance"
- Partner A is tolerant of Partner B having outside sexual relations, even if the partner is cheating
 - Poly: Greek, many
 - -amor: Latin, love

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- TRUE Polyamory is consensual
- Tolyamory does not help with sex positivity
 - A term for cheating Ο

Confuses people with polyamory who already have negative views Ο on polyamory Ana Blue



I will just tolerate

vour intolerance

of my new

term!

Dan. do

we really need this

term?

What is a better term/word/phrase than Tolyamory?

 Do we need a term that describes "hey my partner is having relationships and being sexual with people without telling me and I do not like this but I will not discuss my discomfort with my partner"...hence the TOLERANCE part

• Why does the word have to sound like "polyamory?"

Labels and terms are suppose to HELP not confuse

It's fine! I'm fine! Totally fine! *cue David Attenborough* It indeed was not fine.

Summary

- Use your influence wisely
- You will be wrong
- Try to be as accurate as possible
- Accountability
- Life-long students
- People relate to humanness



- Being aggressive and controversial is not always productive and educational
 - Critical Thinking and being Open-Minded are important



Thank you for attending!

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