

EXPERIMENTER (OFFSCREEN): Julie and Mark, who are brother and sister, are traveling together in France. They are both on summer vacation from college. One night they are staying alone in a cabin near the beach. They decide that it would be interesting and fun if they tried making love. At the very least, it would be a new experience for each of them. Julie was already taking birth control pills. But Mark uses a condom, too, just to be safe. They both enjoy it, but they decide not to do it again. They keep that night as a special secret between them, which makes them feel even closer to each other. So what do you think about this? Was it wrong for them to have sex?

PARTICIPANT: Yeah, I do believe it was wrong for them to have sex.

EXPERIMENTER: Why is that?

PARTICIPANT: First it's forbidden in the Bible. It's socially unacceptable. Personally, I find it just disgusting, repulsive. You know, I have a little sister of my own, and just the whole concept makes me nauseous. And I think that those three reasons right there ...

EXPERIMENTER: Okay, let's look at them one at a time, if ... just because something is repulsive to you, you wouldn't say that it always makes it wrong, don't you?

PARTICIPANT: No. No. I wouldn't. But in this situation, though, I just ... I think that for the most part, most people would find it repulsive. So I just really ... in this case, though, I just wouldn't want somebody else to do it. I feel so strongly about it.

EXPERIMENTER: Let me see. What else were you saying ... that the Bible says it's wrong. I'm not too up on it, so I'm not ... I can't say, argue what the Bible says exactly or not.

PARTICIPANT: Well, I'm not a very devout Christian, but in this case, I could see, I'm just ... it makes logical sense, the consequences of incest have just been known for thousands of years, birth defects, you know, of that nature. And yeah, I believe it is wrong. And it was forbidden.

EXPERIMENTER: Aren't there like all sorts of things the Bible forbids that we don't think is wrong, even if you're a devout Christian, perhaps?

PARTICIPANT: Well, that's true, but in this case, too, there's enough scientific evidence that shows, you know, that there is other consequences to it that I believe that there is some, you know ... I'm going with the Bible in this case. Because modern science also proves that it's just a

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EXPERIMENTER: Oh, sure, if they were going to have kids, that would be, you know, clearly wrong. But I mean, she's on birth control and he uses a condom, so there's no way that there's going to be a kid to come of this. So that wouldn't be a problem.

PARTICIPANT: I ... (Laughs) ... um ... I just ... still don't advocate it, the slightest. I think it's just mostly because I ... I just think it's repulsive.

EXPERIMENTER: I mean ... I don't know what your feelings are on this, but if ... personally, I would find ... better watch what I'm saying here ... I would find homosexual sex repulsive. It's nothing that I would want to witness. But I don't say it's wrong. Because ... you know, if people are inclined to that in their ... it's looking more and more like it's ... you know, genetic sort of thing, you can't say there's anything wrong with it even though I would find it personally repulsive to watch, or something like that, you know? So again, I don't think just because a person finds something repulsive, you can say it's wrong. You can say I don't want to see it, I don't like it. But you can't say it's wrong just because you find it repulsive.

PARTICIPANT: And I agree, and I respect that opinion, but ... I'm afraid I'm not swaying on this topic.

EXPERIMENTER: (Laughs)

PARTICIPANT: I just ... I just feel too strongly against it, altogether.

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