Focus Questions

1. You've been asked by a local law enforcement agency to give a talk about paraphilias involving arousal and preference for non-consenting partners. Describe their characteristics, causes and treatments. Make the case that they are disorders in need of help and not criminal acts.

2. The health services department from the local community college has asked you for a presentation on human sexual dysfunction. Describe the variety of sexual problems experienced by men and women and talk about treatment goals and options.

3. Healthy sexual behavior can be described in terms of it being 1) consensual, 2) non-exploitive, 3) honest, 4) pleasurable, and 5) protected. What do these terms mean to you? In light of these terms, what’s your opinion regarding the classification of fetishes, transvestism, and sadomasochism as disorders?