

## #13 The Battle of the Sexes

Chris and Terry are having an argument.

The basic asymmetry – is it real?

Where would asymmetries like this come from?

Let's consider the two broad classes of explanation: Nature – Nurture (been there....)

Determinism and Free Will

The evolutionary perspective. Some good general sources

Richard Wright: The Moral Animal

Buss, The Evolution of Desire

Pinker, How the Mind Works

What is your goal (from an evolutionary point of view)?

How you going to do that?

What does sex do for you?

The instant battle.

Is there any evidence for innate, evolutionary forces in mate selection in humans?

Examples:

What about fidelity in relationships? Who should cheat and who should care?

Examples:

Fidelity in relationships: a problem. Are women inclined to be unfaithful?

Evolutionary theory of cheating: cuckoos

What happens when civilization meets evolution?

Are there other ways to talk about gender differences in sexuality?

Oliver, M. B., & Hyde, J. S. (1993). Gender differences in sexuality. *Psych. Bulletin*, *114*(1), 29-51.