
The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by anc526 - 2008/08/17 23:38

This lady gives some decent advice to a semi-delusional fat wife....

http://blogs.news.com.au/bossy/index.php/news/comments/my_husband_doesnt_find_my_size_22_body_attractive_should_i_leave_him_now/

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Posted by Chris - 2008/08/18 01:26

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by Ajay - 2008/08/18 02:45

If, as her story implies, her husband lied to her about his feelings repeatedly over a long period of time, I can understand her feeling betrayed. I would like to see anyone whose spouse lies like that, learn to become more independent, so their self-image is not as controlled by their spouse's behaviour. I would also like to see her husband see a doctor and probably a counsellor about his low sex drive and continual dishonesty; they're possibly signs of depression.

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by Buster Cockerson - 2008/08/18 07:44

That's a tough one to answer. But realistically he fell in love with her before he had to make love to her. He could be sexually turned off by having to be with a size 22.

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by domboy - 2008/08/18 15:39

Our sex life started after we were married due to religious views...

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You didn't have sex before you married, so maybe he wasn't really able to make a definite judgement on the matter of sex and attraction.

That kind of happened to me as well. I didn't know what she really looked like until after we were married. However, my girl was at her largest (while I've known her) a size 14 I think (40-50lbs overweight). I would have never given her a second (or first) thought if she'd been a size 22. Nope. Ain't no way. Sorry. I may have been naive, but not completely

out of my mind. So I have to wonder why he got involved with her in the first place... but maybe she manages to dress well for a size 22. Who knows...

Excellent article, and I'm happy about how honest "Bossy" was. Told it like it was, no sugar coating.

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Posted by butterfly - 2008/08/19 06:38

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Posted by markerbull - 2008/08/19 11:33

The best part of the advice was the part when she suggested she and her husband get help and that she act like a woman of substance and not fall apart at the first marital challenge. I am paraphrasing.

The advice seeker never mentioned if she was a size 22 when they first got together so that is suspicious. It amazes me how one can dismiss importance of the other's needs and over emphasize their own. She pries and pestered her husband until he finally relents and tells her the truth as kindly as he can and she is ready to divorce. Wow. I guess the religious aspects only come into play at her convenience. The husband quickly apologizes for being honest and buys her flowers and showers her with affection in a manner reminiscent of taking care of a spoiled child. I really hope she gets professional help.

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I agree with you that physical appearances are important in some regard and that there should not be any pressure for us to prefer one look over the other.

These large women can get the attention of other men because those men have that kind of preference. There is someone for everyone but I bet if those large women were to all of a sudden lose a lot of weight those men would feel misled just as much as men in other relationships see their partner gain weight. The concept makes sense.

If you (not directed at you Sunshine) are attractive to your SO and then change yourself you should not act surprised by their reaction. I don't want to make this a guy thing or woman thing because this applies to both genders. If you change in a manner that is not in your partner's favor they are not going to like it.

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Posted by Sunshine08 - 2008/08/19 12:24

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I disagree. I'm 5' 3", and at my heaviest (non-pregnant), I weighed 226 :ohmy: That is 86 pounds above what I should weigh to be considered "normal" - a very "big" difference compared to "a bit on the chubby side". But as I previously mentioned, I have never been without male attention, and plenty of it. And the men who pay me the most attention are generally very handsome, well-built, educated, professionals - who usually have "fit" girlfriends or are married to women who are much more physically than me. And I also know other "fat" women who can share similiar experiences.

Now, I know there are many variables to why men find me attractive, even when I was at my fattest. But more importantly, I understand that it's a lie how women are socialized to believe that a man having a "slim" woman on his arm, is priority. From my experience and some other fat women I know, that just does not seem to be the case.

To prove my point further, I have found it interesting that, especially in a professional setting, on occassion, when I've happened to meet certain (fit) spouses of co-workers of mine (handsome or not), the spouse clearly is on the defense - despite my fat. This is also happens to me, on a regular basis, in other various social-settings. So, it has proved to me time and time again this truth: You don't need to be "fit" to have male attention, have a mate, and/or enjoy a long-term relationship. And being "fit" does not guarantee a man will want to be with a woman forever. These are lies women are socialized to believe.

On a side note, I believe obtaining a high quality of life via nutrition and exercise, is of the utmost importance. After struggling with poor health and going through the process of slowing regaining better health, I couldn't stress any more the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

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I also disagree but with you, Sunshine.

Which I assume is OK since I'm speaking from MY experiences.

That being I've been skinny until 27, fat until 41 and back to within 20lbs of a good weight for me now at 42 and men are definitely more responsive to a thin me.

At least the type of men that I'm also attracted to.

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by shoom - 2008/08/20 00:46

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by Mary45 - 2008/08/20 03:15

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An other thing is that some women confuse common courtesy and social interaction with 'male attention'. Many men are very good at sensing when a woman is desperate for compliments and positive feed-back about her appearance, and will respond in order to be socially pleasant.

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by wukong - 2008/08/20 09:19

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Naturally, I can't speak for the experiences you've had. I just know that I've never had issues with attracting men - men that I, too, find attractive. And because I have a healthy self-confidence, and also think the average man can't be trusted (because even a majority of men with very attractive spouses/girlfriends appear to lack self-discipline regarding their personal conduct around other women) I simply can't relate to desperate fat - or fit - women who feel the need to be with just any man that pays them attention. In this respect, and compared to most women, I do find my stance unique.

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He he he! I never thought there would be anyone out there that would know this. I got the name from my former Army commander who happened to be a veterinarian before entering the service. Here is how I got my name and what it means.....

I was in the field talking with my commander and telling him my experience in the Army. After telling him the factual horror stories, he looked at me in disbelief and humor and said I was a "Markerbull". After he was done laughing he explained what the term meant. In the cattle business spotting a cow in heat is very difficult and since you only want the best offspring you try to artificially inseminate the cow with the highest quality bull semen. The problems are, the stuff is outlandishly expensive and if not timed right it is a waste so the cattlemen came up with a solution. They take an inferior bull and knock it out and make a slit along its body so that they can pull the penis through the slit and have it aim at an odd angle. It makes sex impossible for the bull. They then place a large collar soaked in water soluble paint on the bull's neck so that when it futilely mounts the cow in heat it will rub the paint on the cow. The cow gets bored and leaves the frustrated bull and the cattlemen spot the paint markings on the cow. They quickly give the cow the "silver bullet" and she gets pregnant. Eventually the markerbull goes insane from the frustration and the f-up scenario that I think they have to kill after years of torment. I thought the term was perfect for how it was for me in the Army that I adopted it as my callsign.

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Here is a link to a video made by a woman in the UK. She dressed plain and then sexy to compare how people would treat her.

<http://www.glumbert.com/media/sexygirlsfree>

It is work friendly because she is showing how she can get things for free if she looks sexy. :lol:

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Just because you have a different experience than me doesn't mean that yours is "right" and mine is "wrong" or vice-versa. For this reason, I can certainly agree to disagree.

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Posted by shoom - 2008/08/21 00:05

Attraction is obviously not all physical and can be a weird thing. I've met very very attractive women who after spending five minutes with them and experiencing there personality they can seem very ugly indeed.

Conversely you can meet someone who you don't find attractive at first then you talk their personality shines and you can be really attracted. Sense of humor, for a lot of people, can be a great influence.

The scientific explanation of 'The function of attraction' is for you to find the healthiest genes you can mix with your own i.e beauty is a sign of fitness. In fact if you think about your genes have a root stretching right back to the earliest life (goey blobs). Others just died off because they're not attractive/fit for the environment or just plain unlucky.

Not sure how that works with homosexuality:S Then theres pedophilia, necrophilia etc. All these occur in nature so you cant explain them away with 'culture'

Thing is the 'sexual attraction' is important and is hard wired in the brain and our brains are complex things to state the obvious. Then (to contradict myself) lump on religion, culture, upbringing etc. When I was India 18 years ago a male with a fat belly was attractive because it was a sign of ability to acquire food and wealth.

Thing is you cant rationalize it and you cant con yourself into thinking someone is really attractive. I know from myself sex, love and physical attraction are intertwined and if one is missing like oxygen from fire it dies.

Sorry if i've rambled a bit.

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Posted by shoom - 2008/08/21 00:14

I should add ref: first two paragraphs, they even physically seem less/more attractive to me

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Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by shoom - 2008/08/21 00:22

Good God I fancy her

Re:The best advice I've seen all day...

Posted by Izzy - 2008/08/21 08:53

Fancy who shoom?? The hot neighbour? Is that who you mean? :P

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Shoom is spot on, attraction is part of a whole that must exist in a relationship. Of course certain aspects of a person fulfill the attraction part differently for different people. For some, physical attraction isn't as high on their priority (emotional needs list), and some may even prefer what is not considered attractive to most.

There are girlfriends(friends that were female) that I had in my life that I just couldn't have an intimate relationship with for reasons of attraction, be it their face and/or their body. I'm sure this is true for every single person on this forum. You can apply this attraction to physical beauty, personality, success, etc. and it all comes down to the same thing - preference. Just because there are exceptions to a rule, that does not nullify the rule. It's a rule because it is mostly true, and the truth here is that most men and women are attracted to fit bodies not fat ones.

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What you say makes sense, can we trade experiences??:P I'm curious to why the difference in our experiences.

The spot I bolded you just put so well! I'll spare all of you a rant on this but, this is so ridiculously and painfully true, one major factor in the reason for less people marrying per 1000 people.

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