

Consent

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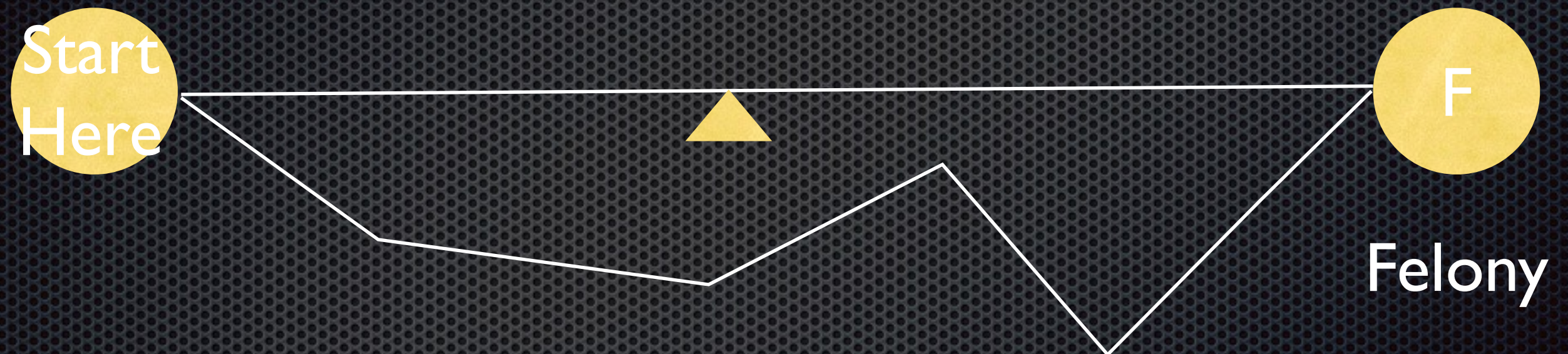
- ✦ National Coalition for Sexual Freedom
- ✦ The advocacy organization for US
- ✦ ncsfreedom.org

Disclaimer

- ✦ This is not legal advice. You should talk to an attorney or go to law school before relying on this advice for any actions you might take.
- ✦ This information is presented as a philosophical discussion about consent and styles of BDSM play.

Why is consent important?

A Place On the Continuum



Responsibility

- ✦ It is NOT your responsibility to prevent your sexual assault.
- ✦ It IS your responsibility to not sexually assault people.

Consent

- ✦ verb (used without object)

to permit, approve, or agree; comply or yield (often followed by to or an infinitive): He consented to the proposal. We asked her permission, and she consented.

Consent

- ✦ Prior Consent
- ✦ Continuous Consent
- ✦ Consent after the fact

Prior Consent

- ✦ Consenting before an event occurs.
- ✦ A Contract
- ✦ Is not enough by itself in BDSM

Continuous Consent

- ✦ Consent should exist for the entire duration.
- ✦ Can be withdrawn at any time.
- ✦ U.S. Constitution 13th Amendment

Informed Consent

- ✦ Knowledge and understanding of exactly what you are consenting to.
- ✦ This is often used as a legal term in medical consent.

BDSM examples of informed
consent?

Post Consent

- ✦ Often the reason for our current Domestic Violence Laws.

Implied Consent

- ✦ Consent inferred by a persons actions.
- ✦ Sometimes by their silence or lack of protest.

Revocation of Consent

- ✦ NO!!!!
- ✦ Safewords
- ✦ Leaving the Relationship
- ✦ Revocation is always legal
- ✦ Ignoring revocation is always a crime!!!

Collateral Consent

- ✦ Bystanders
- ✦ Other partners
- ✦ Families



Seductions

- ✦ Seeking consent can be sexy
- ✦ Shows you care
- ✦ Exposing your own vulnerability is hot.

Consensual Non-Consent

- ✦ Prior agreement to the illusion of non-consent
- ✦ D/s play
- ✦ Rape Play
- ✦ Master/Slave
- ✦ etc



When Someone Asks

- ✧ “NO” is a complete sentence
- ✧ “No, thank you” is better
- ✧ If you mean “yes”, say yes clearly
- ✧ If you hear a “No” respect it



When Consent Breaks

- ✦ How big a break?
- ✦ Repairing Consent/Trust



Complete Apology

- ✦ Say you are sorry
- ✦ List the things you did to harm them
- ✦ Say you are sorry
- ✦ Show empathy for the harm
- ✦ Clarify the cause of your actions
- ✦ Ask for forgiveness
- ✦ Describe your lesson
- ✦ List your correction
- ✦ Say you are sorry

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