

# what is **alternative** sexuality?

# how **you** can help

Millions of consenting adults engage in Leather-BDSM, Swing and Polyamory activities. Many experience discrimination and persecution due to negative stereotypes that are encouraged by the media and religious and political extremists. NCSF's Violence & Discrimination Survey found that 30% of the respondents experienced discrimination, while 36% suffered violence or harassment.

**Leather-BDSM:** Behaviors that involve the consensual exchange of power, intense erotic stimulation and/or the use of mental/emotional/physical discipline to produce sexual arousal and satisfaction. Five to ten percent of the adult population in America engages in BDSM on at least an occasional basis.\*

**Swinging:** Social and sexual interaction with someone other than your significant other, with each couple honestly defining the limits of their activities for themselves. Two percent of adults in America have tried swinging, which is also known as "The Lifestyle."\*\*

**Polyamory:** Intimate relationships in which consenting adults explore love and sex outside of traditional monogamy, often forming multiple committed relationships with the consent of all partners. According to one study, 28% of the respondents had "an understanding that allows nonmonogamy under some circumstances." \*\*

\* Reinisch, J.M., *Kinsey New Report on Sex*, 1990;

\*\* Blumstein and Schwartz, *American Couples: Money, Work, Sex*, 1983.

The NCSF relies overwhelmingly on contributions from individuals and local Leather-BDSM, Swing and Polyamory groups for financial support. Ask your group to organize a fundraiser for NCSF, and contact us at [info@ncsfreedom.org](mailto:info@ncsfreedom.org) to find out how easy it can be!

You can also participate in NCSF activities, ranging from writing letters to the media and government officials, to joining in community outreach. Get information about NCSF actions, as well as coverage of mainstream news concerning sexual freedom issues, by subscribing to our free newsletter at [www.ncsfreedom.org](http://www.ncsfreedom.org).

## **NCSF Mission Statement**

The NCSF is committed to advancing the rights of consenting adults in the Leather-BDSM, Swing, and Polyamory communities through education, advocacy, and outreach.

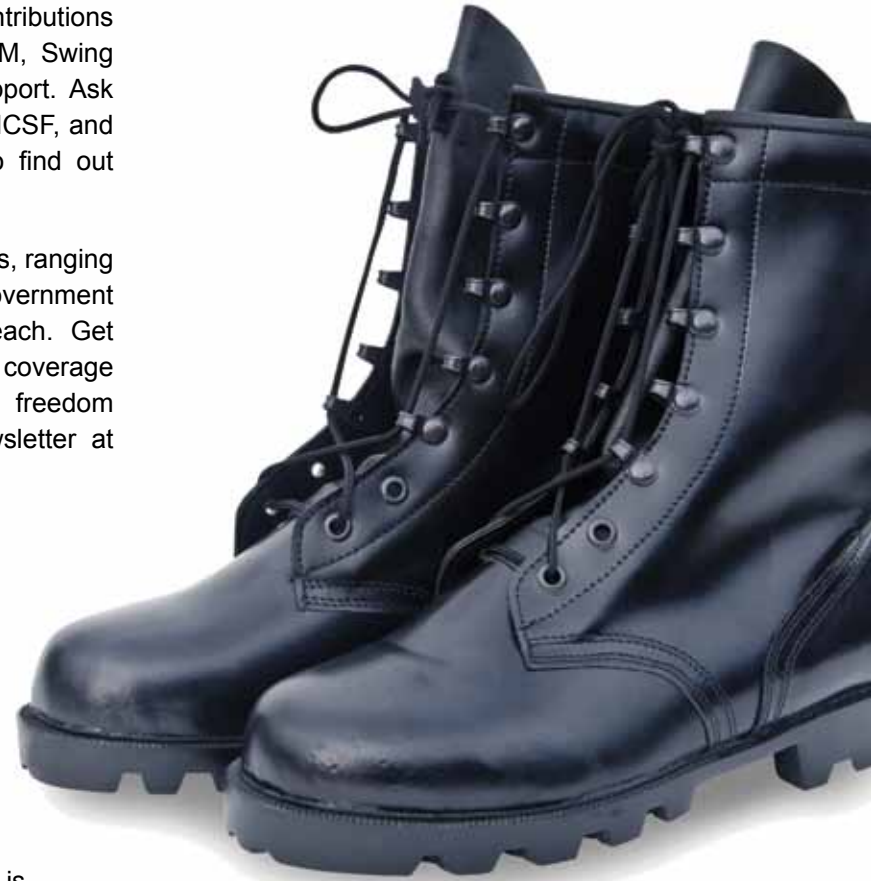
The Foundation for the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (FNCSF) is NCSF's 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. It provides educational programs related to our mission. Tax-deductible donations support the projects of our foundation.



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# protect your leather

# your rights, your life, your privacy...

The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF) is a nationwide advocacy organization consisting of individual members, supporting members and coalition partners. The Foundation for the NCSF (FNCSF) is NCSF's 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. It provides educational programs for professionals and consenting adults who practice non-traditional relationships or engage in alternative sexual expression. Tax-deductible donations support the projects of our foundation.

NCSF helps people who practice alternative sexualities when they suffer discrimination, prosecution and even violence. NCSF provides information about alternative sexuality to educate officials, the media, the public, and practitioners of alternative sexualities. For more information go to: [www.ncsfreedom.org](http://www.ncsfreedom.org).



## The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom:

- Is a coalition of educational and social groups and businesses that serve consenting adults;
- Is a partner in the fight for sexual freedom with free speech, LGBT and other alternative sexual advocacy organizations;
- Is a resource for groups, businesses and individuals facing the threat of legal action or media scrutiny;
- Works with the NCSF Foundation (FNCSF) to change the social and political climate around alternative sexuality and relationships;
- Works with the NCSF Foundation (FNCSF) as an educational clearinghouse, offering workshops for individuals, groups and businesses on protecting their rights to sexual freedom.

NCSF takes the lead in defending the rights of individuals and groups in the Leather-BDSM, Swing and Polyamory communities with our ongoing projects:

**Incident Response** – Assisting individuals, groups, businesses, attorneys and local officials with child custody and divorce, club/business formation, harassment, and domestic violence, potential criminal cases, employment discrimination, and media issues.

**Kink-Aware Professionals Referral List** – A free referral list of psychotherapeutic, medical, and legal professionals who are kink-aware and kink-friendly.

**Consent Counts** – Working to decriminalize consensual BDSM, create a database of relevant state laws, and to provide education on the current court decisions and the definition of consent in a BDSM context.

**Media Outreach Project** – Provides updates on alternative sexuality in the news; training on how to do interviews for a wide range of media outlets, and how to counteract negative stereotypes of alternative sexuality in the media.

**Educational Outreach Project** – Educational workshops on legal, medical and other relevant issues, for individuals, groups and businesses.

**Legal Actions** – NCSF contributes amicus briefs for relevant legal cases involving free speech, “consent is not a defense to assault,” and obscenity regulations which unconstitutionally restrict the materials that consenting adults can view or read.