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"May I Kiss You?"

By all accounts, Kobe Bryant is a "good guy." But author and lecturer Mike Domitrz says America doesn't understand how "good guys" can sexually assault people. Domitrz, who lectured at Luther College on Thursday night, says the key question is whether Bryant had consent from the woman he met at a Colorado motel.



Domitrz would like to have more people on a date ask "May I kiss you?" Right now, people rely on body language--and that's unreliable, says Domitrz. High school and college students admit they're guessing, says Domitrz: "You think you know, but it's not 100% positive."

Men assume the worst about having to ask women questions, but Domitrz says women react overwhelmingly positively, since it shows a man respects a woman. "If almost 100 percent of women think that asking would be cool, why wouldn't you do it?" And Domitrz asks if someone is able to have sex with another person, shouldn't they also be able to talk to them beforehand.

In around 85% of all reported sexual assaults, alcohol is involved. Domitrz says anything that takes away someone's ability to make a decision is a dangerous element in any dating situation. Besides, he says, "(sex) is a lot greater sober...you want to remember it in the morning."



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At the end of his speeches, Domitrz always asks students to take a pledge to always ask for consent. He says he sees signs now that men are a little more open to the need to change sexual behavior. And he's encouraged that sales of his book, "May I Kiss You?," are made to as many men as to women.

The stop at Luther College was one of 30 campus visits planned this fall by Domitrz. He has been lecturing on sexual assault awareness since 1991. His websites include www.canikissyou.com, www.mayikissyou.com and www.domitrz.com.

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