

An overview of models of consent:

	Benefits	Drawbacks
Ambiguous Consent <i>No means try harder</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows expression of desire where forbidden • Save face, protect reputation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denies desire for some • Limits ability to say no • Invites miscommunication
Negative Consent <i>No means no</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear communication • Acknowledges self-authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone can say no • Low standard for pleasure • Fear/boundary-oriented • Interaction framed by initiator • Binary yes/no
Affirmative Consent <i>(Only) yes means yes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less need for no • Reduced risk of violation • Desire-oriented → more pleasure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overemphasis on verbal interrupts flow; revert to neg. • Framed by initiator • Binary yes/no • Not everyone knows desires • May be boundary-oriented
Collaborative Consent <i>Beyond yes and no</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual desire → even more pleasure • Acknowledges nuance • Buffers line of assault • Open-ended/creativity • Oscillation promotes connection • Good sex is own reward (self-reinforcing model) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not everyone knows desires • ???

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