

Rapping

It seems that the name a person chooses to be called, whether his own or a nickname, is of great significance. That person wishes to be called the name he chooses and no other; his wishes should be respected.

If Shirley wishes to be called Russ, then, in effect, she is Russ. Every effort should be made to inform people of her chosen name. The effort expended would be minimal, and the results maximal.

Similarly, the psychologist should tentatively feel out his patients. James Garner has a hang-up about his genitals; he was turned-off when the doctor talked about his "balls" and probably refused to cooperate. I, on the other hand, sensed, in his actions as well as his speech, this aversion and conversed with him in a more formal manner. The results were interesting.

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