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Sexual sadist does realize the pain they inflict to their partners or other individuals because it is their source of pleasure. Sadist becomes aroused when they inflict pain to other people or when they see them miserable, therefore they like making other people suffer and take control of their misery (Salter, 2018). However, sexual sadist was once considered as a mental illness, but later it was regarded as a lifestyle choice and personality characteristics. Nonetheless, the new DSM-5 takes sexual sadism as a personality disorder because it is demonstrated by other people's behavior of being aroused by acting cruelly, humiliating and harsh to other individuals.

Reference

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