

THE EVIDENCE ON THE EFFECTS OF SEX EDUCATION CURRICULUMS

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An authoritative review of research by the US research organization, the Institute for Research and Evaluation, was carried out on the effectiveness of sex education curriculums. These curriculums were sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and a US government project called, Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

This review consisted of examining sex education studies spanning three decades. It reviewed a total of 103 studies of school-based sex education studies, including 60 US studies and 43 non-US studies. This review evaluated the outcomes of the curriculums according to a meaningful criteria of effectiveness for the 12 months after the operation of the programs. The criteria covered key areas of abstinence, condom use (especially consistent condom use), pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) for teen populations.

THE KEY FINDINGS

1. The reviews of the 103 school-based sex education studies indicated that only six produced evidence of effectiveness. Only one of these six studies was by an independent evaluator (not the program’s developer) and the result of these six studies has not been replicated.
2. The failure rate of the sex education programs in the key areas was 87%.
3. In 16 studies (16%) there were 22 instances of harmful effects of the programs, such as increased sexually risky behaviour, STDs or pregnancy.
4. One of the 103 studies did find a reduction in teen pregnancy, one found a reduction in STDs, but these results have not been replicated.
5. There was no effectiveness found in increasing condom use.

CONCLUSION

This review of sex education outcomes has produced a different pattern of evidence than is typically reported. This may be due to the fact that the claims that sex education curriculums have been effective were due to the fact that these studies employed lax definitions of effectiveness.

The review of three decades of research indicates that comprehensive sex education has not been an effective public health strategy in schools around the world. In fact, it has been shown to be far more a failure than a success, and has produced a number of harmful results.

WHY SEX EDUCATION CURRICULUMS FAIL AND WHY THEY ARE HARMFUL

Although supporters of a sex education program may be well intentioned, the reality is they do not offer a solution to sexual harm, such as the exploitation of teenagers. On the contrary, the programs fail to develop in students the capacity to differentiate between genuine affection and love, and sexual exploitation because these programs teach that there are no absolute sexual norms, and that all forms of sexual behaviour, provided there is mutual consent, are normal and to be expected.

These programs also create in young people the expectation that they will have a series of casual sexual relationships because serial sexual activity is portrayed as a normal part of growing up, that is relatively harmless, as long as it is consensual.

Consequently, young people have no adequate criteria to help them choose among competing lifestyles. As a result, their choices are arbitrary, based on their whims, thoughts and feelings of the moment. That is, when all sexual alterna-

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tives are presented as being of equal value, young people find it difficult to perceive the different moral indications and social consequences of various lifestyles. Also, these sex education programs obscure the fact that sexuality has genuine significance, and ought to be a part of a unique relationship between married spouses.

Finally, because the school-based sex education programs are presented as “objective”, they tend to use explicit

sexual material which violates young people’s moral and natural modesty. Such programs deprive them of a natural innocence, including freedom from sexual thoughts, images, desires and behaviours. They also undermine students’ natural awareness that sexuality is personal, individual, and intimate. In short, the programs encourage a promiscuous lifestyle, thus making it more difficult for young people to resist sexual abuse, and resist impulses. †

THE DECLINE OF SEX

“Casual sex for pleasure, without human connection, contributes much to the loneliness and despair in today’s world.”

Astonishingly, according to surveys, sexual relations between men and women seem to be declining. This is particularly true among young people; sexual activity was once reportedly carried out with great enthusiasm. This development is surprising, considering the sex-saturated culture in which we live today.

On the positive side, this decline in sex among young people has been one of the most significant reasons for the lowest teen pregnancy rate in decades. This is good news. The problem, however, is that there is a reason for the decline in sexual activity, which seems to indicate a sickness underlying the change.

For example, the decline in normal male-female sexual relations is mirrored by the enormous growth of child pornography and child sexual exploitation. The use of children for sexual purposes has become far more pervasive than most people are aware. The trafficking in images and videos that show the sexual abuse of children is alarming, according to the RCMP’s National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre. The centre received an estimated 55,000 online child sex exploitation reports in 2018, up from 9,371 in 2013—bulked up, in part, due to recent legislative changes requiring internet service providers to report child pornography. It is disturbing that so many adults are finding sexual satisfaction in youngsters, rather than normal, adult sexual relationships.

This terrible exploitation of children for sexual purposes has been normalized by Amazon, which has items for sale such as child-like sex dolls, photography books with eroticized child nudity, pornographic magazines, clothing items, and more. Amazon’s Kindle e-reader is riddled with sexually explicit content that contains incest and babysitter and group sex themes.

There are several further explanations for the decline in normal sexuality:

1. The easy availability of pornography has resulted in many young people using pornography and self-stimulation (masturbation) to avoid the messy relational aspects of having sex with another human adult. Pornography shapes how men see women, and when men are fed pornography,

women become a sexually disposable commodity, rather than an equal partner in a long-term relationship. The substitution of pornography for a human relationship is also encouraged by the intense desire today for economic security and material success. That is, human sexuality is sidelined as being too time-consuming and demanding when pornography can satisfy the sexual drive and not affect the drive for financial security. This phenomenon is not only occurring in western countries. In 2013, the Japan Family Planning Association (JFPA) found that 45% of women, aged 16–24, “were not interested in or despised sexual contact”. More than a quarter of Japanese men felt the same way. As a result, the number of single people in Japan has reached a record high.

2. The Hook-up Culture (casual relationships with no emotional involvement) has led to a decline in romantic, committed human relationships. Why would men undertake the encumbrances and responsibilities of marriage when so-called liberated women are willing to satisfy them casually, without emotional involvement or commitment? Men and women react differently to sex, and it is the woman who pays a price for a casual hook-up sexual act. These casual, sexual arrangements separate sexual function from the person, and women are merely a sexual commodity for males. This destroys a woman’s sense of self-worth.
3. The availability of Tinder and similar dating apps has led to the diminishment of social spaces where young people can meet, such as in churches and in schools or on university campuses, as well as by introductions from family and friends. Searching for relationships, via Tinder, is now the new normal, even though it is frequently based on exaggerated physical descriptions, personality traits and interests. These factors are more readily apparent in more secure physical environments, where couples can also detect the chemistry between themselves. One cannot know someone by text messages and online dating.
4. Women are now more leery of sexual encounters because some men have learned their sexual behaviour from watching hard core pornography which portrays rough sex, such as choking, humiliation, hitting and rape as enjoyable normal sexual activity. That is, sex has become more worrisome with hidden dangers not

generally experienced by previous generations.

5. Society appears to have lost an understanding of the purpose of sex. In the past, sexuality was understood to provide companionship, pleasure and children. However, today, sex is depicted above all as a pursuit of pleasure. A society dedicated to pleasure is one that has lost a higher vision of the good provided by human sexuality, which is the natural and rightly-ordered pursuit of family and children –the latter being the fruit of a life-long companionship. This requires a far more important context for sexuality than the Tinder, Hook-up scenario. That is, sex has now become, to many, an end in itself, with a disposable sexual

partner rather than a person whom one marries.

This decline in sexual activity provides incontrovertible evidence that the experiment of so-called “free love”, without consequences, based solely on pleasure, has failed to provide human flourishing. We have lost the understanding that sex is a powerful force which, in order to be sustaining and fulfilling, requires a legally binding structure of a committed marriage, which unites a couple in a fruitful relationship.

Sex within marriage has enabled society to become more civilized and fulfilling in an always chaotic world. Casual sex for pleasure, without human connection, contributes much to the loneliness and despair in today’s world. †

TRUDEAU’S FIXATION ON FEMINISM

Prime Minister Trudeau’s policies are acknowledged, generally, as more superficial than substantive. This has proven to be the case in regard to his support of feminism. He is all for feminism unless it impacts on him personally. In such an event, he does not support it. For example, he stated many times that women should always be believed. But when he was accused of groping a young female journalist in the 1990’s, his position became that “men and women perceive events differently”. The recent unpleasant difficulties with former Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould, a strong-willed, determined and independent woman, is another example. She would not do what Trudeau wanted her to do, that is, let a Quebec-based corporation, SNC-Lavalin, which generously funds the Liberal Party, off the hook on corruption charges.

Trudeau’s superficial belief in feminist policies, however, has not prevented him from pouring millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money down the feminist channel to demonstrate his good intentions, or to push these policies whenever he can. This occurred at the 2017 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and at the G7 meeting held in Charlevoix PQ in June, 2018. At this latter conference, taxpayers paid for, by way of millions of dollars, an attempted takeover by Trudeau of the G7 meeting on behalf of feminists. Thankfully, this takeover was a complete washout. Trudeau also attempts to covertly sneak into international treaties, provisions requiring support of feminism, homosexuality, and gender identity. The word “sneak” is appropriately used here, as Canadians are not usually aware of Trudeau’s controversial clauses. For example, Trudeau tried to include them in a trade agreement with China in 2017. Not surprisingly, China was offended by Trudeau’s attempt to impose his personal issues on their country, and promptly sent a humiliated Trudeau home, without an agreement.

Again, on November 30, 2018, the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), now renamed the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), took place. Although Trudeau failed to have removed from the treaty the U.S. tariffs on aluminum and steel which are so damag-

ing for our economy since they negatively affect one-third of our exports, he did still manage to have included provisions for feminism, homosexuality and gender identity. Not that Canadians knew about it. Only when forty members of U.S. Congress sent a letter to President Trump objecting to this unprecedented inclusion in the treaty, did Canadians become aware of them. Specifically, the agreement required the implementation of policies protecting workers against employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. In their letter, the Members of Congress stated that “A trade agreement is not a place for the adoption of social policy. It is especially inappropriate and insulting to our sovereignty to needlessly submit to social policies which the United States Congress has so far explicitly refused to accept”. The letter further stated, “As a sovereign nation, the United States has the right to decide when, whether and how to tackle issues of civil rights, protected classes, and workplace rights”. As a result of this letter, a footnote was added in the text of the document which completely nullifies this provision for the U.S. Canadians are not so fortunate. An official from Global Affairs stated that this provision is fully enforceable in Canada.

TRUDEAU FUNDS FEMINISM ABROAD

In June, 2017, Canadian International Development Minister, Marie Claude Bibeau, announced a Feminist International Assistance Policy which integrates or targets gender issues in all Canadian foreign assistance. This program includes sexual and reproductive (abortion) health and rights, and women’s empowerment. The Trudeau government intends to make “gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls the core driver for all of Canada’s development assistance efforts” according to Minister Bibeau.

TRUDEAU’S FEMINIST APPOINTMENTS

In 2018, a group of MPs and senators formed The Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, which is now seeking funding to promote and encourage gender equality locally, nationally and internationally. Among its goals is, naturally,

reproductive choice (abortion). This Association now has 50 members which include 25 Liberal MPs, 7 NDP MPs and 1 Green Party MP (Elizabeth May). There are no Conservative MPs in this Association. It is significant that 14 of the 18 senators in this Association were appointed by Trudeau between 2016 and 2018, and are all activist supporters of feminism. So much for the so-called “independent” senators who in reality are all ready, willing and able to rubber stamp Trudeau’s feminist policies. These senators are a standing joke.

STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA UPGRADED BY TRUDEAU

Status of Women Canada was an agency under The Department of Canadian Heritage but has now been upgraded by Justin Trudeau to a full government department, with its minister sitting at the cabinet table. The former Status of Women agency dealt mostly with the promotion of economic and equity issues for women. However, the new department has been expanded to include gender equality, sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression. This is reflected

in the department’s new name which is now The Department for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE). By the year 2022-2023, this department will have been provided with more than \$350 million in new funding. This information is based on Public Accounts:

- 2017-2018 – \$43 million
- 2018-2019 – \$43m+70m=\$113m (projected)
- 2019-2020 – \$43+70=\$113
- 2020-2021 – \$43+70=\$113
- 2021-2022 – \$43+70=\$113
- 2022-2023 – \$43+70=\$113

In 2018, WAGE awarded the legal arm of the feminist movement, the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), \$880,000 to develop, over three years, a plan for “strategic litigation” to assist in feminist strategic court challenges.

What have Canadians done to be so burdened by Trudeau, with his limited understanding of the world and his superficial policies? †

MESSAGE BOARD

Annual General Meeting: Our date is Saturday, June 8, 2019, in the Toronto area. More details will be announced next issue. Our speaker is Tanya Granic Allen, President of PAFE, and former candidate for the leadership of the Ontario PC party. Lunch will be provided, so we will be requesting an RSVP from those planning on attending. The AGM is open to REAL Women members in good standing and to invited guests.

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Action Item: Ontario residents, please write or phone your MPP, and Premier Doug Ford, <https://www.ola.org/en/members/all/doug-ford/doug.ford@pc.ola.org>, urging the repeal of the controversial Wynne 2015 Sex-Ed Curriculum for JK to Grade 12. If residing outside Ontario, please also write to Mr. Ford to counteract the many interactions the government received during the consultative process from outside the province. Mr. Ford made an election promise and we must hold him and his party accountable. †

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THE STRANGE SITUATION OF ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES

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The world of abortion in the United States has become very strange.

The Democratic Party, which has the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, supports unrestricted abortions. On Feb 28, 2019 it voted to block, for a tenth time, a bill to provide medical care for babies who survived an abortion.

The Democrat states of New York, Virginia, Mexico, Rhode Island and Vermont recently introduced legislation to legitimize access to abortion up until birth (even on the delivery table.)

The left wing, secular media haven't so much as flinched at these atrocities.

On the other hand, U.S. Republican President Donald Trump is using all the powers of his office to lay the ground work for a pro-life nation. He is unflinching in his determination that all nominations to the Courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States, be pro-life candidates. During his State of the Union address on February 5, 2019, Mr. Trump spoke out strongly against the pro-abortion legislation introduced in some U.S. states. He said:

Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth. These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world. And then, we had the case of the Governor of Virginia, where he basically stated he would execute a baby after birth.

To defend the dignity of every person, I am asking the Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb.

Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life. And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children—born and unborn—are made in the holy image of God.

Mr. Trump also used the occasion, in his address on Feb 8, at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, to state unequivocally again that “all children, born and unborn, are made in the holy image of God.”

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE U.S. IN REGARD TO THE ABORTION ISSUE?

Abortion has long been a divisive issue in U.S. politics. It is being fought in the state legislatures and in the state

and federal courts. Pro-life activists and legislators are trying to pass legislation that would make abortions difficult to get and weaken the legal guarantees afforded by the Roe vs Wade decision of the Supreme Court in 1973, which brought abortion on demand to the nation.

This push for abortion is surprising in view of recent polls. For example, at one time, more Americans were pro-abortion than pro-life, but a Gallup poll, conducted in May 2018, indicates that Americans are now evenly split, 48% now identify as pro-life and 48 % as pro-abortion. This means that, for the first time in years, attitudes in support of abortion have declined. This poll also found that although 43 % of Americans think abortion should be legal under all circumstances, the majority, 53%, say it should only be legal in a few circumstances

What is interesting is that, in a separate question on that survey, Americans were asked whether abortion, along with 20 other behaviours and practices, was morally acceptable or morally wrong. The result of this question was that 48 % of Americans believe abortion is wrong from a moral perspective, while 43% think otherwise.

Another national poll, conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, in January 2019, confirmed that an overwhelming majority of Americans support restrictions on abortions, and would like Roe vs Wade re-interpreted to allow more restrictions. Less than a third (30%) wanted the court to allow unrestricted abortion.

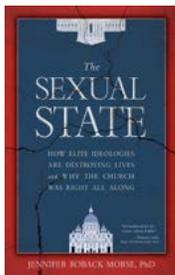
The reason for this renewed effort by the Democrats, to push abortion, is that they fear that a pro-life Supreme Court may soon strike down the 1973 decision of Roe vs Wade. The poor health of long time pro-abortion Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court, who is 85 years of age, and who has had several bouts of cancer and other health problems, worries pro-abortion activists, who believe that it is only a matter of time before she will leave the court, and be replaced by a pro-life judge nominated by Mr. Trump. If Roe vs Wade is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, this would allow U.S. states to vote on new abortion laws within their jurisdictions. Some states already have pre Roe vs Wade legislation in place, which prohibits abortion. Democrats also calculate that supporting legalized abortion will ensure that the abortion industry will generously fund their future election campaigns. Other states, however, such as Iowa, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Delaware, Missouri, New Jersey, Alabama and Arkansas, want to ensure that, should Roe vs Wade be overturned, unborn children will be protected by legislation. Consequently, the U.S. is now in the throes of a huge battle on the abortion issue.

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BOOK REVIEW

THE SEXUAL STATE: HOW ELITE IDEOLOGIES ARE DESTROYING LIVES

JENNIFER ROBACK MORSE, PHD, 406 PAGES, TAN BOOKS, CDN. \$22.89.



Jennifer Roback Morse, renowned author, speaker and academic, is founder of the Ruth Institute which provides survivors of the Sexual Revolution with personal support and reliable information from scientific sources. According to Dr. Morse, the abortion lobby, which wants no regulation whatsoever on abortion, cannot stand on its own, but must be propped up by ideologies forced on us by the State.

In her recent book, she shows that this revolution was deliberately created by out-of-touch elites who impose their harmful “morality” using the power of the state. The result is disastrous for family members caught up in the resultant turmoil. She calls for alternative work for professionals making a livelihood on family breakdown and revolutionary ideologies.

THREE IDEOLOGIES BASED ON FANTASIES RATHER THAN REALITY

The author identifies and elaborates on the consequences of three destructive fantasy-based ideologies propping up abortion. They form the basis of the Sexual Revolution and have harmed millions of people. She notes that the elites have restructured our family-based society: two salaries now being the norm, student debt, later and less fertile marriages, the perceived need for substitute child care, third party reproduction, the redefinition of marriage, same sex parenting and state support of gender dissatisfaction. State intrusion into the family is at unacceptable levels, she claims.

1. The Contraceptive Ideology separates sex from babies. It convinces people that sex is a sterile recreational activity, with reproduction as a mere afterthought. This premise logically necessitates impeding pregnancy and making abortion available. A defining characteristic of the feminist narrative, supported by so many states, is the control of a woman's reproduction.

2. The Divorce Ideology separates children from parents and marriage. The author provides many examples of the pain which she has observed, disproving the false doctrine that divorce does not harm children. She reports that 70% of divorces in the U.S. take place against the wishes of one party and that the State facilitates the process of family destruction. This ideology robs children of their right to live with their own parents.

The instability of marriage has benefited corporations as women provide a new source of employees, who feel they must hedge against marriage breakup.

She concludes: “The social experiment of no-fault divorce, accepted as an expansion of personal liberty, has resulted in an unprecedented intrusion of the state into the lives of ordinary, law abiding citizens.”

3. The Gender Ideology separates individuals from their own bodies, which are regarded as unreasonable constraints on one's freedom and self-determination. The author shows how neutralizing the differences between men and women has been

advantageous to employers and to establishment feminists. Scientists are reluctant to study important differences between the sexes because of political correctness. Identity ideologies ignore biological facts which do not support their narrative. The author reveals resulting conflicts within the transgender movement itself.

RICH, POWERFUL ELITES

Her research has found that the sexual revolution did not originate from grass roots demands but was driven by a rich, powerful and influential elite. She names John D. Rockefeller, who promoted the works of Alfred Kinsey. U.S. corporate leaders Warren Buffet and George Soros financed the extensive propaganda for this revolution. The new elite believes that society needs to be managed and they are the ones who should do it.

The State has financed and coerced citizens to adopt these new “liberating” principles, an endeavour which is totally outside its mandate. Morse chronicles how this was imposed through media manipulation, phony “studies”, lies, propaganda and contrived litigation. She notes that many benefit financially from the sexual revolution and oppose any child and family-oriented reform. The motives which drive these sexual radicals are: money, doing what they want without social sanction and population control.

The history of legislation institutionalizing this revolution in the United States parallels the Canadian experience and is expanded as foreign policy by western countries.

CONCLUSION

Morse concludes with a Manifesto of remedies, among them: end sex education in schools, abolish tax-funded women's and gender studies, reform divorce laws to recognize marital fault, cease government promotion and subsidization of contraception, abolish abortion, end funding of population control in foreign countries and tax pornography. †

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