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## INTRODUCTION

Children's rights to sex information is taken for granted in the new official guidelines for sex education. The content of the new sex education in the early grades includes the topics: psychological, ethical, and social aspects of family life; outward differences between the sexes; structure and functions of the sexual organs; menstruation; sexual intercourse; masturbation; contraceptives; fertilization; pregnancy; delivery; sterility; adoption; exhibitionists and pedofils. The program based on the new guidelines begins in the autumn of 1977.

### I. The rationale supporting the decision to begin sex education at earlier ages in school

The first Swedish official report on the problem of sex education was published in 1921 and gives, in 150 pages, a complete plan for sex education in the school - but only from the age of 14-15. There it is said that it is out of the question to give information on sexual matters earlier than at the beginning of puberty. This report led to no immediate result, but it was used in 1942 when sex education from the age of seven was recommended (not imposed) through a government decision. The first official teachers' handbook was published in 1945. In that book sex education in the school is motivated in the following ways: Most parents give untrue answers or no answers at all to their children, when they ask where babies come from. The reasons for this are prudishness, inhibition, lack of understanding of the importance of this area, ignorance. Their attitude gives the children a feeling that sex is something dangerous or dirty. A "low" idea of sex and sexual relations is in this way from the beginning forced upon the



child. This sometimes also leads to an abnormally exaggerated interest in sex and to an obscene attitude to sex in the adult personality.

When children begin kindergarten or school they get many new friends who usually tell them about sex as something dirty. It is therefore necessary that their teacher gives them good elementary information and honest answers to their questions so that they feel that sexual biology and sex life is accepted by responsible persons as something natural and fine.

Pre-school children have no "special" interest in sex. They ask with the same curiosity as they have in all fields of life. If they get a clear answer, understandable at that age, they will lose their interest in the problem until they ask the same or another question another day. School children have already been influenced by the sex taboos which are strong also in modern society. Therefore, it is especially important that they get relaxed information. In the new official guidelines for sex education of 1977 nothing is said about these different reasons for sex education for small children. Their right to information is regarded as a matter of course. It is only stressed that in modern western societies, where children all the time see and hear very much about sex, they may often misunderstand the connections and be influenced by bad attitudes. Therefore it would be irresponsible if the school did not take its part of the responsibility for correct information given in a warm atmosphere.

## II. The content of the new sex education in the early grades

(1) Psychological, ethical and social aspects of family relations as a foundation for the following points and as a part of them.

(2) The outward difference between the sexes (including the differences between the body of the child and the adult).

(3) The structure and functions of the sexual organs (elementary but very clear) .

(4) Menstruation (As it happens at the earliest at the age of 10, it is important to give information on this level. It still happens that parents fail to inform their daughters. Information in the school should always be given to girls and boys together.

(5) Sexual intercourse (Quite clearly how it takes place. Talk with the children, both about its role in fertilization and its (much more common) role as only an instrument of nearness, love and delight. They all hear about intercourse from other sources. These must not be the only ones.)

(6) Masturbation. (As it is not unusual also in these age groups, a few calming words ought to be said.)

(7) Contraceptives. Practically all children in the modern "open" societies have heard about the pill; a majority of them about condoms. They often have strange and "low" ideas of them, which ought to be corrected. The most important reason for giving information about contraceptives to small children is another, however. It is desirable that they from the beginning acquire the attitude that birth control is a duty, primarily because children have the right to be wanted, secondly because you have to give consideration to the health of the mother and the finances of the family. Small children understand



these things very well, and it seems probable that an education of this kind will help them to act responsibly as teenagers and grown-ups.

(8) Fertilization

(9) Pregnancy

(10) Delivery

(11) Sterility (This means here only to speak with the children of the different reasons for the fact that many couples have no children.)

(12) Adoption (Because so many small children from foreign countries are adopted today. The school has to help make them fully accepted.)

(13) Exhibitionists and pedofils (A warning against following unknown persons.)

### III. The extent to which the recommendations have been put into effect

Practically all children get sex education -- of varying length and value.

### IV. What the results of the new program have been to date

The program founded on the new teachers' guide is starting this autumn, 1977. One result of sex education in the school during the last decades has been established through investigation. Children and young people who have had sex education have more knowledge than those who have not. A systematic evaluation of other possible results of sex education has not been accomplished. The reason for that may be that we are so sure of the usefulness of sex education that we have not felt the necessity of an evaluation. We are sure that such problems as abortion, unwanted pregnancies and gonorrhea would have been much worse if we had not had sex education in the school. Free abortion was introduced in Sweden from 1 January 1975. In 1976 there was no increase at all in abortions. 1970-75 Sweden had a rapid decrease of gonorrhea, unlike all other countries.

We have many and severe problems in the field of male/female relations, but — as I said — we are sure that the problems would have been much worse if we had not had an amount of knowledge and common sense in the area of sex and sexual life.

—Carl Gustaf Boethius

Stockholm, July 14, 1977

### CSC Age of Consent Project

Last March 1977 CSC initiated an Age of Consent Project. There was not sufficient response from members and subscribers to complete the project ourselves and those who did work on it could not get sufficient response from state government offices. We put our information together with information gathered by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Homosexual Information Centre in Hollywood, listing not only the age but noting restrictions and exceptions that make it clear that only peer sex is legal. The age range is 12 to 18. We do not claim that all our information is correct because these laws are in a state of flux and change but the list does give a general picture for 1977. For a copy send CSC a long SASE

Valida, Cultural midwife



The Body Politic, Gay Liberation Journal published at Toronto, Canada, was raided Dec. 30, 1977, by the Toronto Morality Squad in search of material relevant to violations of the Criminal Code in regard to use of the mails to transmit or deliver anything obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous. They seized (stole) 12 packing cases of records, including subscription lists, financial records, pictures, and other material needed for continued publication. BP attorney feels the warrant was illegal because of its vagueness and will move to have it quashed in the Ontario Supreme Court. A few days later BP was charged under the obscenity statutes. BP has long been under attack by the Canadian right. The immediate cause for the seizure was an article in BP for Dec/Jan '78 Men Loving Boys Loving Men by Gerald Hannon which was misrepresented in the Toronto Sun and caused an immediate hysteria. The attorney general acted on his own to authorize the search warrant. This should be the job of the courts.

Body Politic is in need of your financial support to defend themselves in the courts and get their records back, a long and costly battle. Theirs is the only regularly published voice gay people in Canada have. Lynn King, of the feminist identified law firm of Cornish, King, Sachs and Waldman has offered her services free for the administration of a defense fund. Names and donors will be held in strict confidence and anonymous donations will be accepted. Checks can be made payable to Lynn King in trust for the Body Politic Free the Press Fund and mailed to Cornish, King, Sachs and Waldman, 111 Richmond St -West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ont. Can. M5H -3N6.

For a copy of the Dec/Jan '78 issue of Body Politic with the article Men Loving Boys Loving Men send \$1 to them at POB7289 - Sta A, Toronto, Can M5W-1X9.

Anita Bryant is due to arrive in Toronto Jan. 15th to bring her anti-gay crusade to Canada.

#### Books By Kids

A new non-profit publishing house created to provide a voice for young writers has been established. The publishers feel that kids have important messages for each other that adults may neither be able to produce nor share. Young writers will not have to imitate adult style and standards in order to have their writings accepted by Books By Kids as this group rejects this imitation of adults and encourages youth to trust their own creative impulses.

Write to:

Books By Kids  
32 Morewood Crescent  
Willowdale, Ont M2K1L7  
Canada

(Information from FPS No. 58)



### More on Show Me!

Federal Judge Ward ruled that New York cannot use a child sex statute to ban sex education books that include photographs of nude children. He declared the book *Show Me!* does not appear to be obscene and that the statute interferes with freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment. Ward enjoined the state and its county prosecutors from acting against *Show Me!* and banned action against St. Martin's Press, the American Publisher of the book and 2 bookstores in New York State. *Show Me!* has sold 30,000 copies in NY state alone.

(The Register, Dec 1, 1977)

There were 2 texts published in Germany separately. One, by a man, was liberal and one conservative, by Dr. Helga Fleischauer-Hardt. St Martin's Press printed the latter for US distribution. There are also 2 editions for US distribution by St. Martin's that show some pictures in one edition and some in the other.

One of our young members has made these criticisms and observations about *Show Me!* — The cover picture shows the 2 children up-tight. The word clitoris is used when all one can see is the girl's vagina - p. 13. The caption on p. 29 puts down naked people. The caption on p. 35 puts the child in competition with Dad and threatens to kill him. The caption on p. 39 states a vulva is much nicer than a penis and on p. 49 that a penis is funny looking. More competition. On p. 57 the caption states girls can hug each other and on pgs. 53-54-55 the caption states boys can compare their penises with Dad's. More competition. Some of the pictures show the children playing sex roles and some imply that children must love each other in order to engage in sex (We know children engage in sex for play just like other childhood games). On p. 113 the statement is made that children have to wait until they are "older" to engage in sex.

Hello, I Love You! A collection of Voices Orchestrated by Jeanne Paslegreen and Jim Haynes in a collection of articles by leaders of the sexual freedom movement in US and abroad. Includes CSC Child's Sexual Bill of Rights. \$5 from Almonde, 2, Impasse Lebourg, 75014, Paris, France.

### Rejects Column

Beginning with this Feb. 1978 issue of CSC Nusleter we will print articles and letters of our members and subscribers rejected by the mass media, with preference to members. Wait a reasonable time for notice of acceptance or rejection or long silence and then send your copy to us. If it is not too long we will print the whole; if too long, we will print a summary. If your copy is accepted by the media send it to us and we will mention it as a news item. Remember CSC Nusleter gets direct and indirect circulation in US and western European countries where English is widely read.

Following is our first Reject Letter —



Who is John Hurst?

I suspect he's a descendant of William R. Hearst, (although he spells it differently) who built a publishing empire on the kind of sensationalist fiction exhibited in the kid porn article.

I'm sure if Hurst wanted to, he could have found a few kids who enjoy being nude, and don't mind being photographed in the least. (forgive the pun).

If someone makes a buck in the process, is it any worse than children being used to sell toilet paper and toothpaste? (Gee mom, how'd you get my knickers so soft?)

Exploitation comes in many forms.

The real damage most kids experience, however, is the prevalent negative attitude exemplified by the Dear Abby school, that sex, (loosely defined as physical pleasure), is NASTY, and should be suppressed until marriage - when it suddenly emerges into the light of respectability.

As Margaret Mead, Masters & Johnson, Wilhelm Reich, and others discovered, when societies encourage the sexuality of their children, rape, aggression, and much of what we call mental illness is unknown.

Ironically, it may be that the porno, prostitution, and drug abuse the article laments, is the result of sex suppression in our own puritan-based, material-lusting society.

Children should be encouraged to feel good about their bodies and themselves.

The greatest danger to their self-esteem is, I repeat, the ATTITUDE that they have done something wrong - been "used or abused".

I wonder what goes through a child's mind as he/she is dragged into a police station to confront Sgt. Martin.

Who is Lloyd Martin?

I don't know him, but I can draw up a profile based on his public statements. After flunking out of seminary school, he joined the Marines to "kick the crap out of atheist commy scum", but when the war wound down, he spotted a recruitment ad for the L.A.P.D., and joined, bringing his combat boots with him.

Who is paying for his trips around the country to act as a lobbyist?

Is he on the city payroll during the time he spends pervading his own warped puritan morality?

Who is "Doc" Densen-Gerber?

By her own admission, (Time 4-4) a "raving banshee", and professional publicity hound, who has been making the talk show rounds to promote her book.

Finally, assuming a law is passed, who are the censors to be?

They are already running amuck, with the TV family hour, the bannings of "Paper Moon", and "Carnal Knowledge", the time and money wasted going after "Deep Throat", prosecuting Reems and Flynt, and even the cutting of Dyan Cannons fine film "Number One" (favorably reviewed by the TIMES).

One wonders if the Coppertone ad would clear.

I'm sorry you didn't devote a little time to the idea that sex is good, right and natural for all ages, - however, the use of force, bribery or coercion is wrong, and should be the only grounds for prosecution. (Ample laws are already on the books).

Thanx for your time ---

BILL SCHMIDT



Denver Solving Youth Crime Problem - article in LA Times Dec. 12, 1977. A community-wide experiment in Denver involving intrinsic educational help has been successful in turning hard-core delinquents away from crime, according to a government report. Denver's New Pride Experiment conducted for 3-1/2 years by judges, government agencies, civic groups and volunteers assumes that learning disabilities and delinquency are related. It attempts to correct deficiencies as a way to reduce crime. The program includes cultural education and even experiences in eating in a restaurant. The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration which provides one-half of the \$535,000 cost of the experiment has designated New Pride as an exemplary project which means that it is recommended for every other city in US.

Youths 14-17 years are accepted who have had multiple convictions of robbery, burglary, assault or auto theft. Most of them come from broken homes supported by welfare, have quit school, are unemployed and have a drug or alcohol problem. The cost of counseling, medical therapy, job training and tutoring is estimated at \$4,000 a year compared with \$12,000 cost of maintaining a youth in jail. Instead of the slogan crime doesn't pay, the Denver Project can have the slogan education and re-education pays off for the delinquent and for society.

Something must be done and soon to stop the cycle of violence, sexual repression and child abuse which produces more of the same. But Denver's New Pride is only a step in the right direction; it is yet only another program which treats only the symptoms of the problem. Until we are able to break with the ancient values based on primitive superstition and are able to rid ourselves of the deprivation of physical affection during infancy and childhood and all forms of sexual repression we will yet have violence, crime, wars and oppression.

For the cause of Love n' Liberation - Dave

#### Letter to The Editor -

At the International Congress on Love and Attraction, Swansea, Wales, Sept. 5-9, 1977, I met Prof. Martinson and four other speakers in the Symposium on Childhood Sexuality, all very important and interesting for our cause. I consider this Congress a very important one, a break-thru and a historical meeting. For the first time childhood sexuality and pedophilia were brought out in a realistic way on an international scientific platform. We are working on a new Congress in 1978 or 1979. I think we should be happy with this development.

Dr. Frits Bernard, psychiatrist  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Pergamon Press will publish the abstracts of all papers of the International Congress on Love and Attraction, about 100 papers, totalling more than 400 pages presented by a scientific editor. For further particulars address: Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, Ny 10523.



### Kid Porn: Is It the Nadir of Man's Depravity or a Sign of Society's Continuing Blindness?

Two articles in LA Times Sunday edition of Sept. 18, 1977, that took up almost a whole page together with a drawing of a small child and a movie projector.

The first article is by Edward M. Davis, LA Chief of Police, long under fire because of his police brutality practices. His article very well expounds the point of view of a police chief. It's all there. Kid porno must be suppressed and the publishers punished with long prison sentences.

The second article is by Richard L. Currier, an anthropologist and is reprinted from Human Behavior. Kid porno touched a nerve in American society. The shock wave was due to its having challenged our value system. It questions our basic cultural assumptions regarding the sexuality of children and the normal relations between children and adults. The assumptions are:

1. Children have no real need for sexual gratification.
2. Sex relations between children and adults are rare and only with mentally ill adults and under duress.
3. It is possible to change cultural rules for adult sexual freedom and at the same time insulate children from the effects of this change.

In 1929 Bronislaw Malinowski, a pioneering anthropologist, made a study of The Trarbriand Islands of Oceania. He reported that children at 4 years engaged in erotic games and children were enjoying regular sexual intercourse beginning at 10 for boys and 6 for girls and in many other societies in East Africa, India, Malaysia and the Amazon there were similar practices.

Pornographers force us to confront the fact that sexual potentialities in children really exists. Sex between children and adults was fairly common in a range of societies in pre-industrial days and was considered normal. Kid porno and the prostitution it feeds on shows that the adults greatly involved in our own society are those whose sexual attitudes are most warped. So something that may be a normal social process in some societies has become in our society a mechanism for perpetuating the most virulent forms of sexual maladjustment.

Western society has undergone a revolution in sexual values but has tried to apply it exclusively to adults and this arbitrary restriction is not working. Kid porno is a demonstration that American children can no longer be insulated from the modern sexual revolution. In releasing sexual energies of adults without also relaxing the old prohibitions against sex for children, our society has exposed children to the most vicious and twisted forms of adult sexuality. Driving kid porno underground will not solve this problem. It will only make it easier to forget that it exists.

(CSC Nusgatherers' Service)

### Christian Family Love Experiences Sought

Dr. T. L. Stoons, a Swedish PhD, requests CSC Nusleter readers to send him their family sex experiences where spirituality and sexuality are combined openly and freely as modern followers of early Christian and oriental beliefs and practices. He is working on the new and deep sexual education for parents, teachers and school children and youth in Sweden. Write Dr. Stoons at Box 62, S-260-40, Viken, Sweden.



## PAEDOPHILIA, EROTICA AND SCIENCE

by Dr. Frits Bernard, Sexuologist

It is still too often the case that science is only welcome so long as it leads to conclusions that fall in with the ideology of the community in which it exists. The scientific researcher puts himself all too easily in a difficult situation when he initiates an enquiry into the consequences of sexual contacts between children and adults because there is fear that he will undermine the current ideas about sexuality. Conclusions are based, preferably, not on objective criteria but on emotional grounds.

Science and public opinion diverge greatly in this respect. The opinion is current that sexual contact between children and adults can have harmful consequences, but actually they could be quite exceptional. Harmful consequences can, after all, also occur in mutual adult contacts.

Love life, separated from procreation, is seen today as important for the health of Man. The fact that a child has a sexual life very early is perhaps also somewhat more recognised. There is a greater tolerance being shown for sexual experiences that deviate from the statistical norm; the opinion that bodily sexual gratification is a sin is losing ground even in Christian circles.

As a consequence of sexual research, too, the laws concerning sex-life have been altered by lowering the age of consent in a number of countries. Research is one of the important tools in the effort to decriminalise childhood sexuality.

Per scientiam ad justitiam. ("Through Knowledge to Justice.")

- Motto used by Magnus Hirschfeld in early 20th Century

Rotterdam, December 1977

"Barretta" Star Campaigns for a Children's Bill of Rights, an article in the National Enquirer for Jan. 3, 1978. Barretta Blake stated he is campaigning hard for a Children's Bill of Rights. He believes the most important thing we have to do is to recognize that children are people and that a beginning would be to give them birthrights. He considers that children need to eat, to be loved, to have medicine, an education and recourse if they are being hurt by parents or society and that they need the right to change things if they are not going well for them. If children were given their birthrights they would begin to realize they are not inferior, that they have rights, that they have a contribution to make to society and that the future is theirs, not ours. Blake feels that society needs to be changed and that is the only way to get children to grow up different than we adults are. He recalls with bitterness that he was a beaten child. He is trying to recruit support from key politicians. I suggest you write to Barretta in care of the National Enquirer asking him to add children's sexual rights to his Childrens' Bill of Rights.

Valida



I SCREWED THE GENERATION GAP  
By George

I was raised in total sexuality from the time I was born, encompassing incest with father and mother, aunts and uncles, until I was old enough to join my parents in their swinging adventures. Later I went on to a life of my own making of total sexuality. I screwed the generation gap from the tender age of eight on.

When I was eight years old I was placed in a private school as my father had recently been killed in an auto accident and my mother's health had suffered from the shock, causing her to be hospitalized for some time. While at this private school all we kids used to go across the street to a refreshment stand and doughnut shop. I was old for my age due to my upbringing and did not join the other kids for pop&sodas and hoarsing around.

This time the only seat left was opposite a rather pretty older woman. She opened up the conversation by asking how I liked school. One question led to another until I was telling her about my family and how I had been raised. She said, "You are just the boy I have been looking for. I'll phone the Dean of the school, who is a good friend of mine, and tell him I wish to invite you to dinner. So expect my chauffeur tomorrow at five right after school to pick you up."

The omitted area describes sexual activity between a teen-ager and a woman



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Granny, 77, and Mark 20, Fight to Wed.

Article in The Sun London, Dec. 10, 1977. A former chorus girl, Ms. Ira Goodman, was refused permission to marry her 20-year old grandson. The marriage of a man to his grandfather's wife, even his second wife, is prohibited under the 1949 Marriage Act, even when there is no blood relationship. The marriage would not be for sex or money, but for love. Mark, the grandson, proposed after a 2-1/2 year courtship. The couple will fight to wed in America or Europe where laws may allow it. They will try to get married in California on January 25th, Mark's twenty-first birthday. Ms. Goodman would not mind if Mark has other girl friends.

Spanning the second generation gap!

(CSC Nusgatherers' Service)

Scan - a radio program sponsored by the American Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church as a public service. Scan No. 70 on May 2, 1976 was Sexuality part 1. It has recently come to the attention of CSC and altho the broadcast took place over one and one-half years ago it is still pertinent because the discussion included childhood sexuality in an affirmative way. We are reporting this broadcast because two churches sponsored a program on childhood sexuality. Address: Box 122, Minneapolis, Minn. Printed copies have been available for a long SASE

(CSC Nusgatherers' Service)



### Movie Review

Cria - written and directed by Carlos Saura, a Spanish writer and director. Starring Ana Torrent and Geraldine Chaplin. Rated PG. Ana Torrent played her first role in Spirit of the Beehives when hardly 8 years old. Saura was inspired to make Cria due to Ana's performance in that film. She was the reason for Cria. Cria in Spanish means a child brought up by a nurse and also means a concise and pathetic narrative. Both definitions apply to this film.

Unlike most American films about children that are for children's entertainment this one tackles the real conflicts and problems of real children. The story is told from the perspective on life of 9 year old Ana whose mother is dead. She is a practical child who solemnly tries to alleviate the difficulties of her life and shoulder responsibilities far beyond her capability or understanding. Geraldine Chaplin plays Ana as a young woman and as Ana's mother in retrospect. The story is about Ana and her attempts to cope with her life's difficulties. Saura has made a remarkable and haunting film in the tradition of European film makers who have produced powerful and moving works of art about children that are intended for adult audiences.

(from Review in In These Times, Aug 3-9, 1977)

It is good to see that US film makers too, are now producing real-life drama about children such as The Little Girl Who Lives Down the Lane starring Jodie Foster, One on One starring Robby Benson as well as a long list of children's films that have no violence in them.

A study of Human Sexuality is being undertaken by the School of Social Work, University of Hawaii. If interested in contributing via an anonymous questionnaire write Dan R, POB 1221, El Cajon, Ca. 92022. There are questions regarding childhood sexual experiences.

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