

Abstinence-Based Sex Education Effectively Curbs Sexual Activity in Students

Many schools across the nation use an abstinence-based sexual education policy, and, not so surprisingly, recent studies and surveys have shown this method to be very effective. A study by Boston University determined that high schools utilizing the program over a period of four years had an average drop of 72% in sexual activity.

The University polled students in order to estimate the changes caused by the program. Jesse Owings, a senior at a participating high school, had a semester of health class, in which he was taught abstinence-based sex education. "Since my class ended," he enthusiastically stated, "I haven't even considered the idea of sexual intercourse! Abstinence is obviously the only option."

"The program operates on sound, logical ground," explained Mr. Lueck, Owing's instructor. "If the students are unaware that there is any other option, they will invariably choose to avoid fornication. As long as schools, a student's only choice for receiving any influential information about the world around him or her, don't mention alternatives such as safe sex, nothing could possibly happen."

A report released by Duke University's Center

For The American Family seems to support this assertion. They interviewed students at Washington High School in Durham, NC about contraceptives.

"What?" replied Rachel Smith, a junior, "I've never HEARD of a condom. What's it supposed to do?" Even when the researchers tried a vast array of slang terms, such as "rubber," "rain jacket," "sheath," "French letter," "love envelope" and "jimmy hat," the students responded with befuddled expressions.

There was a notable exception, one Joseph Kurth, a senior. "I've heard about those condoms," he said nonchalantly. "I've even heard that some schools will provide students with them for free. But, since our school doesn't, no one around here has condoms. I mean, we're way too lazy to go to a store and buy some. Sex couldn't possibly be worth all that effort."

As expected, the students were also completely oblivious to other forms of sexual protection. Due to the ample curriculum provided by the schools, abstinence appears to be a major factor in the lives of these pupils.

Amber Powell, a sophomore from a school that lacks abstinence-based teaching, told Boston's researchers about her recent experience with her boyfriend who does attend such a school. "A couple weeks ago, Rob was trying to pressure me into having sexual relations with him. I stopped him and reminded him of his school's abstinence-based policies. Without a single question or opposing thought, he immediately put his pants back on and suggested we go play ping-pong instead."

π Defined by Pain π

What happened to FRICH in the last few months? There is an answer. Virtually all of our staff is composed of seniors who are darn lazy and have been too busy <friching> about completing college applications. So, to solve this problem, we need **underclassmen** to submit and to become involved in the production process. We will be publishing more issues soon and faster, so any of you who want to have your voice heard, send in articles as soon as you can. Visit <http://frich.flatirons.org>

A New Position for the Left

In the weeks following the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, public opinion quickly divided as to why they had occurred and what should be done. Those on the left often suggested that the attacks stemmed from anger at an American foreign policy that looked after the concerns of large corporations while ignoring paltry things such as human rights. Commentators of a right-wing persuasion saw the hand of Satan, motivated by an intense dislike for an America that is happy and peaceful, reaching out to crush freedom and democracy. I agreed most with Christopher Hitchens, who argued that Osama bin Laden and his Taliban allies were nothing more than the most recent appearance of fascism masquerading as religion. I don't presume to know whether America would have saved the Trade Centers and thousands of lives by removing itself from Saudi Arabia, and, to a large extent, I don't really care. Osama bin Laden's actions are his responsibility alone and imagining that we can appease psychotics like him through compromise is foolish. After the attacks there had to be a response, but two weeks of frenzied press conferences weren't the way to plan that response.

President Bush compromised with the facile "Kill No One" camp and the militaristic "Kill Everyone" camp by simply bombing Afghanistan. Despite White House pronouncements that such reports were Taliban propaganda, it was soon clear that our precision guided, completely accurate, indiscriminate carpet-bombing tended to kill civilians. And while I don't have any miraculous solution that would have been uniformly better, it's disappointing that America's leaders felt that bouncing the Afghan rubble was the best thing to do. A targeted police action to capture Osama bin Laden would have avoided bombing the Red Cross and avoided killing hundreds of civilians

while threatening 7.5 million more with starvation during the coming winter. Capturing bin Laden and trying him publicly would have been "Infinite Justice."

Neither the White House nor the Pentagon wanted any justice other than the Old Testament kind. Military action is a crude way to appear presidential, to reassert control. Accordingly, Bush sent in the B-52s, but against whom he had no idea. Eventually it emerged that the goal of Operation Enduring Freedom was to oust the Taliban from their position as rulers of Afghanistan, but even this policy shift was more implied than announced. The Taliban is an evil group of thugs, but it's depressing that a terrorist attack on the United States is required for anyone other than Amnesty International and the Feminist Majority Foundation to notice.

In the end, it's still a mystery how civilian deaths in America are any more worthy of concern than those in Iraq, Israel, Colombia, or Ireland. If the goal is to wipe out terrorism, why don't we stop financing paramilitary units in Colombia, stop training torturers at the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning in Georgia, or tell Russian President Vladimir Putin to stop killing Chechens? The answer, of course, is that the post-September 11 world is exactly the same as the one that existed before three airliners took thousands of lives. Our President will kill foreigners to prove that killing is wrong, and he hopes that this will send us back to the malls and the auto dealerships. There aren't any real lessons to be learned from believers in a revealed truth crashing planes into buildings, and there is no excuse for their actions. At the same time, our arrogant belief that business as usual includes ignoring the threat of the global underprivileged will only guarantee surprise and disbelief the next time the true believers come for us.

π John Brown π



Someone is planning on hosting a LAN party! For those readers who are unaware, a LAN party consists of a whole bunch of dorky people collecting at a house, hooking their computers together and playing highly sophisticated, intellectual and educational games across them, such as backgammon and Scrabble. This mysterious someone, unusually, is far more likely to play Counterstrike and Unreal Tournament. Regardless, if you have even the slightest interest in participating, please e-mail captainunderpants@superheros.as to request information. There will be absolutely no admission cost for such a party. Having as many people attend as possible is the intent.

Pokémon: Bane of Humanity

Pikachu, Bulbasaur, Charmander, Squirtle, and Mewth... these names strike fear into the hearts of parents everywhere, since they represent various aspects of a horrid collective creature known as Pokémon. Pokémon, a bizarre cartoon series from Japan, has taken America by storm. From its humble beginnings as a simple cartoon show, its creators have transformed Pokémon into a monolithic, capitalist empire built upon the backs and wallets of parents. Despite displays of nearly fanatical Pokémon devotion evidenced by US children, Pokémon is an evil phenomenon... and here's why.

First, the show revolves around the Pokémon, strange little creatures with magical powers that live in the wild. In the series, various people wander the world to "capture" these cute and intriguing creatures. However, from this premise on, all aspects of cuteness disappear. Once captured, the detained Pokémon is trapped inside a little ball, a wretched prison in which it must remain until death. These condemned creatures are allowed their freedom only when called upon to enter into battle against other captured Pokémon on behalf of their "trainers." Thus, they exist to battle their enslaved brethren. What is the point of these battles, you might ask? The Pokémon are exploited in order to win fame and fortune for their cruel masters, in the form of "badges"; Pokémon slavers abuse their slaves for mere trinkets. However, is this barbaric treatment frowned upon

in this world? No, it is not; in fact, this barbarism is encouraged.

And what of the slavers themselves? They wander the world as homeless vagabonds, constantly whining about menial problems while drifting about and leeching off society... they're hungry, they're tired, they aren't talented... altogether a vapid and shallow bunch. Moreover, are any main characters minorities? No, they are not. Each important character is white, a sure sign of blatant racism. In addition, these characters have no morals. Do they love their Pokémon captives? No, they do not. The single episode that I could stomach portrayed at least twenty signs of abuse. Either the Pokémon attack their masters, or, in a sick, twisted display, the master strikes his slave. In one incident, two Pokémon slavers picked up their Pokémon and beat him repeatedly. Are these the morals that we want to teach to our children? I think not.

The most despicable aspect of the Pokémon phenomenon is its subversion of children. Once, at a video store, I saw a group of at least ten children sitting on the floor, mesmerized by a television set that was playing Pokémon: the Movie. Ten children sat there as if they had become inert statues. Children rush about local stores everywhere, looking for Pokémon trading cards, Pokémon video games, Pokémon action figures, and Pokémon everything. Children burst into tears if they do not get the exact Pikachu figure they were looking for. Surely, soul-

less, capitalist plutocrats created this new fad to fatten their wallets and line their capitalistic pockets.

However, what if the Pokémon fad has a more sinister aspect than merely greed? What if, in fact, Pokémon's makers intend to use it as a weapon? Imagine if, suddenly, production of all Pokémon merchandise and cartoons was stopped. An entire generation of American youths could be transformed into hopeless junkies, desperately needing their "Pokémon fix" but unable to get it. Imagine a restless army of delinquent children, wandering the streets, causing all sorts of mischief. The very thought is terrifying. So please, for the sake of your children, never watch Pokémon ever. Destroy your television if you must, but never allow this evil into your house.

Three ways to communicate with Frich:

Webpage (with convenient, user-friendly Submit Box):
<http://frich.flatirons.org>

Email: submit@frich.zzn.com

Or, contact your friendly neighborhood Frich distributor.

Message of Vital Importance from Cody Dawson!

Well, here we are again kiddies, another year, another chance to chase girls, talk about cars, and attempt to impress friends by doing stupid things. The carpets are vacuumed, the textbooks dusted, and the sheep are being lead to the slaughterhouse, baaaa. The year is barely underway, and the slandering idiots are out in full force. Already they are accusing me of being rude, sexist, ignorant, and fake. "You never write about real issues, just funny stuff," they say. "You don't have real opinions, you're not a real person." Once again, they are wrong.

In an effort to disprove all this, this artist is changing his medium. I'm throwing away the funny stuff. I give you, instead, "Ask Cody." It's a lot like "Dear Abby," but without all the feminist crap. So. if you want answers from a low down, no good, card-carrying redneck, start those questions rolling in. Look for the first "Ask Cody" in the next issue.

π Cody Dawson π

US News and World Report: College Standings Released Hottest Colleges and Majors of 2002

Albertson College, ID - Food Science

Kalamazoo College, MI - Music Theory

Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (Medellin, Colombia) - Pharmaceuticals

University of the South, TN - Readin', 'Ritin', 'Rithmatic, and 'Rasslin'

Marlboro College, VT - Advertising

Transylvania University, KY - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Studies

Accidental College, CA - ???<Editor, please insert major here>???

University Switzerland - undecided

Kenyon College, OH - African Studies

South Hampton Institute of Technology, NY - Waste Management

10 classic ways to not get invited to Winter Ball:

1. As soon as you are aware you are being asked, stick your finger up your nose.
2. Scream "WHAT!!!!" whenever spoken to.
3. Invent a national holiday.
4. Invent a religious holiday.
5. Invent a religion.
6. Pray every night to be asked to Winter Ball.
7. Put on a dress and ask someone to Winter Ball.
8. Create a devious, underhanded plot revolving around gathering information about your person.
9. Create an honest, fair-minded idea revolving around gathering information about your person.
10. Publish an underground newspaper...

Disclaimer: All of the facts written within this issue of FRICH may, in fact, be infactual. All opinions written within this issue of FRICH may be, in fact, bogus concoctions of psychots. More importantly, they do not represent the opinions of those on the editorial staff of FRICH. FRICH is not sponsored by anyone. In fact, I have no idea how we manage to fund this thing. The only way FRICH survives is with audience participation. Therefore, please send entries and letters of intent for donations to submit@frich.zzn.com and visit <http://frich.flatirons.org>