



Washington Sex-ed: Once You're a "Tween," You're Pretty Much on Your Own With Sex

Once you're 11 you can "have sex with somebody 2 years older or less." If you're 12, you can "have sex with somebody who is 3 years older or less." So stated what was distributed to children at a Washington State government school: a Planned Parenthood flyer "explaining that, once kids are tweens, they're pretty much on their own when it comes to sex," as commentator Andrea Widburg [put it](#) Saturday.

The scene of the crime was Stewart Middle School in Tacoma. "Angry parents contacted the school's administrators after 8th grade children brought home the graphic flyer from science class," [reports](#) the Post Millennial. "The flyer also informed students that they could get an abortion at any age without parent[al] consent."



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"The handout listed other items that children did not need parental consent for such as birth control, as well as HIV and STD testing," the site continues. "The flyer encouraged sexting and advertised that condoms and emergency contraception could be obtained at any age."

"Livid parents contact[ed] the school as well as Tacoma Public Schools," the Millennial also informs. "In a response obtained by *The Post Millennial*, Eric Hogan, assistant director of secondary education at Tacoma Public Schools[,] said that the flyer was not part of the curriculum and should not have been sent home with students."

While Hogan's explanation seems valid — he said that Planned Parenthood (PP) had previously taught within Tacoma's schools (but no longer did) and that the flyer was inside a binder of curriculum materials the organization left behind — this really misses the point. More on that momentarily.

Here's what the flyer stated about tweens (and beyond) and sex:

AGE OF MINORITY & CONSENT FOR SEX:

The age of consent is [illegible but, as a matter of law, it's 16]. It is not a crime if you are...

- 11 and have sex with somebody 2 years older or less.
- 12 to 13 and have sex with somebody who is 3 years older or less.
- 14 or 15 and have sex with somebody who is 4 years older or less.

"In other words, if you're 14, don't have sex with that cute little 11-year-old!" writes Widburg, illustrating the guidelines' absurdity. "And if you're 11, stay close to your own age group when you give



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up your virginity.”

Elections have consequences, and this outrage is the result of the 2020 passage of something called “Referendum 90,” “a graphic state-wide, sex ed curriculum created and endorsed by Planned Parenthood and radical activist organizations,” the Millennial further reports. It passed because the large left-wing population center that is Seattle and its environs politically dominates the rest of the state (land area-wise), which is more conservative. This reflects the reality, mind you, in most “Democrat” states (including my own, New York).

But the real story here — that is, the deeper one — will only be found here (as in my article). First, the actual problem at Stewart Middle School is not the degenerate PP flyer’s distribution; no, not any more than the deeper problem at schools with Critical Race Theory is Critical Race Theory.

The problem is that these institutions are filled with too many of the type of “educators” who *would* hand out such a flyer or peddle CRT.

And this won’t change just because you eliminate their propaganda *du jour*.

It’s much as if a nation at war discovers a spy within its ranks who’s been feeding its military misinformation. It doesn’t just purge the misinformation — it purges the spy.

Likewise, our academia needs, to use a term the Left loves, systemic change. If I had my way, it would be rent root and branch to the point where the only things left standing were the buildings.

(The Left, albeit often driven by hate, is good about eliminating those who’d undermine its agenda, mind you.)

The second matter is that while even conservatives accept “sex education” in principle, awash as everyone is in the Sexual Devolution, it actually *shouldn’t even exist*. Yes, really.

Consider that in the pre-sex-education 1940s, the out-of-wedlock birthrate was four percent. Now, in the sex-education-is-everywhere 2020s, it’s 40 percent. Strictly speaking this is just correlation, of course, but inundating kids with copious information about carnal pleasures along with relativistic messages should have a very obvious outcome (i.e., the one apparent around us).

A related anecdote: A fellow online once stated that after some sex education at age 11, “The first thing I did was go home and b*** the girl next door.”

Also note that modern sex education began with the work of [pedophile and scientific fraud Alfred Kinsey, who did in fact collect “sexual response data” even on infants](#) (use your imagination).

All of this, of course, has serious ramifications for society, but one of them is as largely unknown as it is serious. Have you ever noticed that libertines — those knee deep in what today’s unfashionable people would call sin (e.g., homosexual behavior, recreational drug use) — vote heavily for statist?

This is no surprise. As Anglo-Irish philosopher Edmund Burke put it, “It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.” (I explored this in the 2008 essay [“Written in the Eternal Constitution.”](#))

So a clever, amoral power-monger reliant on the votes of intemperate minds just might not mind the idea of having schools and a culture that seduce children into sex. Get ‘em young.



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