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AMERICAN SEXUALITY and the Myths that Produced It

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CBN.com - A half a century ago Alfred Kinsey made headlines with his sex research. In the wake of his research came new medicine, new laws, new education, new thinking.

But was the new edifice a hollow structure filled with bad science and even worse public policy, and was Kinsey responsible?

The controversial legacy of Alfred Kinsey first impacted the World War II generation.

Survivors of the Great Depression, victors in untold battles with Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan — they have been called the “Greatest Generation” — a gang of guys and gals who ended a war they hadn’t started.

But to Alfred Kinsey, the GI Joes were no returning heroes, but rather closet perverts — over 90 percent of them. Where did Kinsey get those figures? Critics say Kinsey stacked the scientific deck with actual perverts and sex criminals and then said everybody was like that.

Kinsey claimed, “We went into this research because we discovered a gap in our knowledge.”

But did Kinsey’s work fill “a gap in our knowledge” or did it fulfill his sexual agenda?

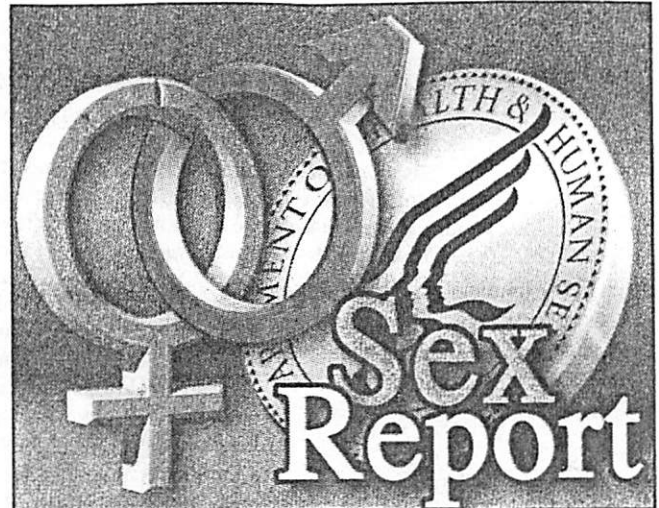
Judith Reisman, author of *Kinsey: Crimes and Consequences*, said, “Kinsey began his whole research with a design and the design was to destroy what he called the Judeo-Christian way of life.”

As a young adult, Kinsey embraced Darwin’s teaching and rejected his Methodist upbringing. It was too restrictive, he said. According to biographer James Jones, Kinsey was a homosexual, an exhibitionist, and probably a child molester.

Reisman said Kinsey was “a pornographically obsessed man who sexually harassed his students, his male students, and who caused all the members of his staff to work in pornographic films for him.”

So did Kinsey’s sexual agenda and religious bigotry interfere with his science? Yes, all the way to junk science, Reisman says.

“You can’t throw away your research subjects just because



you feel like it and not tell anybody. You can’t stack your deck. Kinsey had 86 to 87 percent, depending on whose numbers you’re looking at, of his people who were already sexually aberrant males in his male study,” Reisman said.

Reisman says Kinsey smeared the good name of that generation with his 1948 study of men and 1953 study of women.

“He redefined women — he defined a woman as married if she lived more than a year with a man. This is the 1940s when fornication and co-habitation were incredibly outrageous and illegal,” Reisman said.

And what of Kinsey’s views on the children of that era, the people who are now our parents or grandparents?

Reisman says his studies were once again marred by the use of abnormal subjects. “He used children who were sexually abused by adults, by pedophiles, to define what is normal child sexuality, okay,” she explained.

Kinsey somehow not only concluded that children, even babies, could enjoy sexual stimulation, but that there was nothing wrong with that. To get his data, Kinsey collaborated with child molesters, including a Nazi who apparently sought out Jewish children in occupied Poland.

“He had access to the parents ... to direct their children to cooperate with him or they would end up the same way the parents were going to end up. And some record indicates ‘up the chimney’ was used as intimidation,” explained attorney Ronald Ray of RSVP (Restoring Social Virtue and Purity) America.

The Kinsey Institute did not return phone calls in time for CBN News’ on-air story deadline, but the director of the institute, Dr. John Bancroft, did respond shortly thereafter to defend Kinsey.

Bancroft claims that Reisman’s book and the biography by James Jones are not good scholarship and do not accurately reflect Kinsey’s life and work, even though substantial evidence seems to be stacked against him.

In 1998, Yorkshire Television broke the story of Kinsey’s
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dealings with child molesters in a story called "Secret History: Kinsey's Paedophiles."

"It's little known that to get this information, Kinsey cultivated relationships with habitual child molesters. These paedophiles would provide him with accounts of their abusive children and with their own interpretations of children's sexual development," the program stated.

As Americans were dying in Europe and the Pacific, Kinsey headed to Arizona to enlist the data of Rex King, a prolific child molester who also recorded his crimes against hundreds of children.

The website of the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University, says Kinsey was only guilty of an overactive "scientific curiosity" and never trained anyone in recording child molestation. "He did nothing wrong, criminal or fraudulent."

And Bancroft says that if Kinsey had known how harmful sexual abuse of children was, "he would have been opposed to it."

So how did Kinsey get away with fooling the public? The media presented him as a kindly family man to the generation that thought science could do no wrong. After all hadn't science ended the war by offering the powerful atom bomb?

That combination enabled Kinsey's work to become the law of the land regarding marriage and sexuality. Here's how bad science became bad law. The Rockefeller Foundation funded Kinsey and then funded the American Law Institute to rig up suggested new laws for all the states.

Yorkshire Television also revealed aspects of Kinsey's legal legacy.

"Professor Alfred Kinsey was the father of the sexual revolution. From 1948 to 1956, he traveled the world, advising governments how to modernize antiquated sex laws," the program explained.

But who needs modern, lets go back to antiquated, says physician John Diggs of the Medical Abstinence Council. "What Kinsey did was to legitimize the idea that you could have sex with multiple people and that it has no moral implications whatsoever. It's purely a biological function and that is a problem," Diggs said.

Attorney Ronald Ray and his wife Eunice of RSVP America have found evidence of Kinsey's legal code in every state they've investigated — over 30 so far. Take the issue of rape and the old laws that used to favor women — before Kinsey.

Eunice Ray explained, "Now the burden is on the person who said she was raped and she must prove that, and she's got some pretty hard proofs to make, up to and including so badly beaten, or dead."

And Kinsey's influence is seen in other areas of society as well. Child molesters walk the streets having received more of a break from the courts than they once did, no fault divorce allows men and women to abandon their families. There's international sex tourism, computerized lust, television and movie sleaze. Abortion is common.

After all, why should we restrict any animal, let alone man, from its normal biological urges? For our own good, explains Ray. She's visiting state legislatures to expose Kinsey and change permissive laws back to protective laws.

California State Sen. Raymond Haynes agrees, saying we need good legislation based on true science. "Not the sort of science of Kinsey which was basically to justify what sexual predators do," Haynes said.

Even though Bancroft argues that Kinsey was not the father of the sexual revolution, the field of medicine is just one more element of society that has clearly jumped onto the Kinsey bandwagon.

"The Kinsey approach to sexuality has so saturated our society that doctors have sort of become enablers of this dysfunctional use of sex," Dr. Diggs said. "I cannot effectively treat patients using the medical model that we've been given, because it doesn't work.... condoms don't prevent very serious diseases, including human papilloma virus which kills more woman in the United States than AIDS does, but we're still recommending ... use condoms for safe sex."

And in sex education, Kinsey rules the schools from his grave according to Leslie Unruh, president of the Abstinence Clearinghouse.

"Anybody that is involved with sex education, abstinence-until-marriage education, they really need to understand the root so they're not part of the problem, but part of the solution," Unruh said.

In other words, Kinsey's attitude has infected even the well-meaning sex educators.

Without Kinsey, President Clinton might have not fallen into sexual addiction, nor met up with a Monica Lewinsky schooled in condoms and so-called "outrcourse."

"The President became the poster child, really, of the bad sex education that's out there," Unruh said.

But Kinsey himself appears to be the ultimate poster child for bad science leading to bad public policy leading to bad consequences.

"The pills and the condoms are not effective prevention. In this country today, we have, the CDC estimates, 65 million people with incurable sexually transmitted disease and the vast majority of them don't know it. The two major ones, human papilloma virus and herpes simplex, are not prevented by the use of condoms. And people don't know that," Diggs said.

Ronald Ray said, "The harm is everywhere to see and I think it's time to recall that which was done on fraud and restore that which provided protections for marriage, women and children."