

APA's Views Under Attack

By Julia Duin

The nation's premier organization of psychologists remains under fire one year after publishing a report on child sex abuse. Congress could vote to condemn the article this fall.

Never say psychologists have no fun. The annual gathering of the American Psychological Association, or APA, in Boston this summer included a miniconvention on sex, love and psychology, including a performance by the "Sexual Peccadillo Players." Big-name "sexperts" June Reinisch, Joyce Brothers and Albert Ellis held forth in discussions such as "Love and Sex in the Media."

But the 4,000 workshops and festive atmosphere for the 16,000 conventioners couldn't cloud the fact that it was a troubled year for the 159,000-member organization. In February, an obscure APA journal piece on child sex abuse blew up in their faces. Conservative commentators, including talk-show maven "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger, excoriated them on the air for, in their opinion, insinuating that not all child sex abuse was bad.

The report, titled "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples," was published in the 6,000-circulation *Psychological Bulletin*. Critics assailed the three authors of the report for sloppy research (of the 59 studies cited, 23 had not been subjected to peer review). One of its authors, Robert Bauserman (currently employed in AIDS prevention for the Maryland State Health Department in Baltimore) was found to have written favorably about pedophilia in the summer 1989 issue of *Paidika — The Journal of Pedophilia*, in an article titled "Man-Boy Sexual Relationships in a Cross-Cultural Perspective."

Further revelations were equally damaging. In 1990, Bauserman published an article in the *Journal of Homosexuality* calling for "scientific objectivity" about sex between men and boys, saying the boys were not necessarily victims nor were the men predators. Bauserman also collaborated with another of the report's authors, Bruce Rind of Temple Uni-

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Alfie's Home is an antichild-abuse book by Richard Cohen, a therapist who has criticized the APA reports on pedophilia.

versity, on at least three other articles sympathetic to pedophilia, according to the Leadership Council for Mental Health, Justice and the Media in Philadelphia. The Leadership Council also produced documents showing Rind and Bauserman as keynote speakers at a "study conference" last December in the Netherlands. Literature from the conference appeared sympathetic to pedophilia.

"The publication of the Rind study was shocking because it was such flawed science," says Joyanna Filberg, executive vice president of the Leadership Council. If anyone with a background in sexual abuse had reviewed the article, "major red flags would have gone up," adds Stephanie Dallam, a researcher with the council. "We're disappointed they didn't retract the study. We gave them the data, and they still wouldn't retract it."

The controversy gained momentum following a May press conference during which House Majority Whip Tom DeLay and three other GOP congressmen denounced the APA. Four House members cosponsored a resolution condemning the report, calling on President Clinton to join them. As more signed on, the APA produced a letter on June 9 asserting it, too, condemned child sex abuse. For the first time in its 108-year history, it would seek an independent evaluation of the article from the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

On June 10, APA Chief Executive Officer Raymond Fowler sent out a letter to colleagues about the "serious crisis" afflicting the association. The APA had defused it, he noted, through stressing its record in opposing child sex abuse and preventing it. He added, "I want to assure you that APA will continue to honor and defend the editorial independence of its journals and the academic freedom of their contributors. Science with censorship ceases to be science."

Meanwhile, the House passed the resolution condemning the APA article 355-0 on July 12; it will be considered by the Senate this fall. "It was irresponsible for a respected, academic journal to publish this study," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Matt Salmon, an Arizona Republican. He also congratulated the APA for "clarifying" its opposition to adult-child sex.

By now, the APA was under fire again, this time for "Deconstructing the Essential Father," published in the June issue of the *American Psychologist*, another APA publication. The article contained the following assertion: "We do not believe that the data support the conclusion that fathers are essential to child's well-being and that heterosexual marriage is the social context in which responsible fathering is most likely to occur." And this: "Our data on gay fathering couples have convinced us that neither a mother nor a father is essential."

The article took several swipes at child psychologist Wade F. Horn, an APA member and syndicated columnist who has criticized the APA for giving into fads such as the self-esteem movement. In a follow-up column criticizing the fatherhood piece, Horn asked readers to e-mail him as to whether he should retain his APA membership. Out of 500 votes received, 85 percent suggested remaining a member "and keeping an eye on them," he says. "The more I delve into this, the more disturbing I find the APA's position on various issues." ●



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Porno, part of a well-rounded education

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The Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) is the self-appointed sex research foundation for America's teachers. In 1999 it is up yet again for handouts from the federal government to implement Kinsey's discredited "Grand Scheme." But before the people's representatives dole out more money to SIECUS and its frontline soldiers in Planned Parenthood, they would do well to consider the following and then ask some sobering questions about governmental support of SIECUS and its disciples.

The January 1979 corporate Annual Report for Playboy magazine boasted that "*Playboy* Foundation provide(d) the first of several major grants to The Sex Information and Education Council of the United States to support its nationwide educational programs." Hugh Hefner's daughter, Christie, who now rides atop the Playboy "Entertainment for Men" Empire, writes more specifically that Playboy provided original outreach money for SIECUS:

Through the *Playboy* Foundation, Hefner put his money where his mouth was. It made the initial grant to establish an Office of Research

Services of the Sex Information and
Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS) in
the late 60s. (1)

Since SIECUS targeted primary and secondary grade children, not college students, was Hefner that interested in children's issues, or did the sex tycoon give SIECUS its "initial grant to establish an Office of Research Services" knowing it was good business? Did he somehow know the "educational" influence of SIECUS in the schoolrooms of America would serve his long-range sales projections? Considering its "initial grant" should it surprise that SIECUS promotes educational value in "sexually explicit material?" Since 1991 the SIECUS Position Statement has marketed "sexually explicit materials" to children, inclusive of elementary and secondary school children:

When sensitively used in a manner appropriate to the viewer's age and developmental level, *sexually explicit visual, printed, or on-line materials* can be valuable educational or personal aids helping to reduce ignorance and confusion and contributing to a wholesome concept of sexuality (emphasis added). (2)

Playboy is in the business of producing broadcast and print sexual imagery. Right on cue, in a 1992 SIECUS pamphlet, "Talk about Sex," children were counseled to view sexual material, including "magazines" as a "help" to "express ... sexual interest."

When talking to a friend or a possible sex partner, speak clearly. ... Movies, music and TV ... often have a message about sexuality and *can help possible sex partners express* their affection and *sexual interest*. ... Use entertainment to help talk about sexuality, TV, music videos ... *magazines are a good way to begin to talk about sexuality* (emphasis added).

It still is illegal to distribute "sexually explicit materials" to children under age 18, but SIECUS has boldly promoted explicit sexual imagery as educational aids for children by posturing as an independent high-minded scholastic group that trains

the teachers who teach our children. Have SIECUS and its porno patrons desensitized millions of vulnerable school children for the pornography trade?

On the evidence, SIECUS and its grassroots activists at Planned Parenthood have willfully and skillfully carried the discredited Kinseyan legacy of "anything goes" sexuality into the classroom. And it is from Kinsey that Hefner says he derived his Playboy philosophy. Since at least 1991 SIECUS has avidly promoted "sexually explicit materials" to Becky and Tom Sawyer, delivered credibly wrapped in federal and state grants.

From the outset there has been philosophical alignment and financial support between Playboy and SIECUS. SIECUS director Mary Calderone and other SIECUS associates have been recipients of the lucrative commerce in obscenity or its first cousin -- pornography -- including appearing as sexpert interviewees in Playboy and other sex trade entertainment.

In the early 1980s Time magazine dared to twice expose SIECUS matriarch Calderone and other key sex educators, who were implementing the Kinseyan "anything goes," sexuality for and with little children. April 14, 1980, Time cited the SIECUS paper on incest, "Attacking The Last Taboo" which claimed, "We are roughly in the same position today regarding incest as we were a hundred years ago with respect to our fears of masturbation." Time then concluded that SIECUS was part of an academic "pro-incest lobby ... conducting a campaign to undermine" the "taboo against incest" and all other sexual inhibitions.

Moreover, Playboy had long eroticized children by displaying them in cartoons and photographs in sexual settings, fully documented in my peer-approved U.S. Department of Juvenile Justice report, obtainable via the U.S. Department of Justice [website](#) (3).

Given the evidence, is it not time to assess the damage unleashed by the SIECUS/Playboy partnership? Has SIECUS violated the 1992 Federal False Claims Act, which provides damages and civil

penalties for individuals or persons who knowingly submit a false or fraudulent claim to the United States government for payment or approval? More heinous than marketing cigarettes to vulnerable children, the marketing of "sexually explicit material" to defenseless schoolchildren via government grants could be criminal.

Beyond fraud and child endangerment, do such violations rise to the standard of a criminal conspiracy, as in the Racketeer Influence Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute? Or, at minimum, does the evidence indicate something amiss between the recently estimated \$11.5 billion "entertainment for men" industry and SIECUS? (4) Before more money is given to these organizations, the hard-working parents of America's school children deserve answers to these questions from the floor of Congress:

- Did Hefner come to a meeting of the minds with SIECUS administrators? In exchange for its "initial grant to establish an Office of Research Services" was SIECUS Playboy's conduit to American schoolchildren?
- Do SIECUS and Planned Parenthood "contribute to the delinquency of minors" by exposing children to material illegal for them to purchase until age 18?
- Has SIECUS disclosed its corporate porn connections in its grant application?
- Finally and most importantly, because SIECUS (and Planned Parenthood) provide inaccurate, fraudulent Kinseyan information about human sexuality to teachers and children, causing traumatic often toxic results for children and society, how can public funding continue to be granted?

FOOTNOTES:

1. See Christie Hefner, "Playboy Enterprises, Inc.," in foreword to "Sex, Medicine, Ethics, in Sexuality and Medicine," Earl Shelp, Ed., Boston; , D. Reidel Publishing Co., 1987) Vol. 2., pp. x and xi.

2. February/March 1996 "Position Statement" on "Sexually Explicit Materials."
3. Search "Database," Abstracts, Authors, Reisman, NCJ number: 107147; Title: Role of Pornography and Media Violence in Family Violence, Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, and Juvenile Delinquency, Part 1; Author: J A Reisman; Corporate Author: American University, School of Education; Sponsor: US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Publication Date: 1987; Grant No.: 84-JN-AX-K007.
4. See the author's archive for compilation from the 1986 Federal Commission on Pornography, CNN and ABC reports on the industry. The "Free Speech Coalition" admits to over \$5 billion annual income in "adult" video sales and rentals alone (PR Newswire, Apr. 13, 1999).

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