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## Boyfriend of pregnant 12-year-old blames sex lessons

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A BOY of 14 whose 12-year-old girlfriend is three months pregnant claimed yesterday that he became sexually active at nine and said he blamed explicit sex education lessons at school.

The Sheffield schoolboy boasted that he had had sexual intercourse with 10 other girls - usually when he was drunk - before his latest girlfriend became pregnant. He insisted he wanted to be involved in raising the child and maintained he would be a good father. The teenager admitted that the pregnancy was a mistake, but he was now "getting used to the idea".

The pregnancy again highlights Britain's unenviable position [as the nation with the highest proportion of teenage mothers](#) in Europe.

The girl lives seven miles from the home of [another 12-year-old who gave birth last week](#) in the bathroom of her council house in Rotherham, South Yorkshire. The boy said yesterday: "I have used condoms and I don't like them. We both understood that not using condoms could get you pregnant, but we carried on. It is the school's responsibility, showing us videos of men and women naked. After all, we are just children. We were told about how babies were made, but I was just interested in the sex part."

The boy was 13 when his girlfriend became pregnant. "She had been talking about having a baby for months. After she started going out with me she was really into babies and that sort of stuff and we talked about what it would be like," he said.

His girlfriend lives in a rundown council house with her three sisters and mother, who is separated from their unemployed father. The boy lives 200 yards away with his family. The boy said he had climbed drainpipes to get into the girl's house to have intercourse with her. "I look back on things now and still don't really know how it could happen. But I will be

there for the birth if she wants me to be. I am really looking forward to seeing a baby born." The teenager insisted he loved the girl and would stay with her. "We are happy. I love being around kids and I reckon I'll be a good dad," he said.

The boy's 33-year-old mother said she was "disgusted" by her son's claims of promiscuity. "He is only a child himself and I want them to get rid of the baby," she said. "This is a nightmare. But what can I do if they won't keep apart? I'm fighting a losing battle."

The girl's mother said her daughter had continued to see the boy every day against her wishes. She had taken her to see their family doctor when she suspected they were having sex, but the girl refused to take the Pill and only begrudgingly accepted condoms.

The mother said she believed the girl had deliberately become pregnant after telling her: "I want a baby of my own. I want someone to love." The mother has reported her daughter's pregnancy to South Yorkshire police who are investigating whether a crime of statutory rape has been committed by the boy. A child under 13 is not old enough to consent to sex.

In England and Wales, around 30 in every 1,000 teenage women give birth; twice that of Germany, three times that of France and six times the Dutch rate. In 1997 around 90,000 teenagers in England became pregnant, with 56,000 going on to have the baby.

A spokesman for Sheffield council said last night: "We believe that the guidelines the local education authority has circulated to schools are responsible and provide an age-appropriate programme from ages five to 16. We have always made the point to schools that programmes on sex education need to have regard to moral considerations and the value of family life."

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# There's no proof homosexuality is genetic

**AUGUST 10** — A large number of Americans, including the elected politicians who write laws and set policies, have been conned into believing that homosexuals are born that way and that what they do to and with each other is as American as motherhood and apple pie.

It is one thing for the ordinary American to embrace deviancy, having been deluded by lies, myths, propaganda and junk science; it is another thing for elected officials to spearhead a vicious, open assault on American society and some of its most cherished institutions based on such delusions.

AS ONE OF A hundred available examples to illustrate the point, the New Jersey Supreme Court has just ruled that the Boy Scouts of America broke the law when it threw out an openly homosexual scout leader. New Jersey has state anti-discrimination laws that specifically bar discrimination based on sexual preference.

What we are witnessing is a shameless and perverse use of government power. We need to understand why this is happening and what is the thinking that rationalizes it. This can be said: In a litany of lies about homosexuality, the most fundamental lie is the lie that homosexuals are born that way. It is a lie repeated over and over again because it has a basic appeal to the American sense of fairness and tolerance.

Let's begin with a desperately needed reality check: There is no scientific proof that homosexuality is genetic. There is no scientific basis for viewing homosexuality as anything other than an acquired sexual dysfunction.

The widely respected Dr. Joel Gelester of Yale University was quoted in an article in *Science* as

making this observation about various studies trying to link genes with complex human behavior: "All were announced with great fanfare; all were greeted unskceptically in the popular press; all are now in dispute."

Among the studies in "disrepute" is the study of the brains of 35 male cadavers by Salk Institute researcher Simon LeVay. He reported that the cluster of neurons called INAH3 in the hypothalamus was generally smaller in 19 known homosexuals than in 16 heterosexuals.

Unfortunately, there were glaring problems with this study: the sample was too small; the sexuality of the 16 subjects classified as heterosexuals is suspect — six of them died of AIDS. In advanced stages, AIDS itself is known to cause clinical insanity and might well affect brain structure; and finally, it has not been established that the area of the hypothalamus being studied has anything to do with sexual orientation.

Despite this lack of credibility, the media hailed it as a breakthrough in the quest to find a biological link with homosexual behavior.

IN 1993, Dean Hamer of the National Cancer Institute studied 40 pairs of homosexual brothers, and found that 33 of the pairs had DNA markers in the same chromosome region called Xq28.

By happy chance, the study was released on the same day President Clinton was scheduled to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. Surely, that had nothing

to do with the unusual zeal with which the media jumped on the study and hyperventilated about it.

As examples, Mutual News Radio reported that researchers "have isolated a gene found only in gay males." *Newsweek* published a cover story titled "Gay Gene?" *The Wall Street Journal* posted the headline "Research Points Toward a Gay Gene." And numerous eminent newspapers announced new proof that homosexuals are born, not made.

Alas, the study has been totally discredited. The sample size was inadequate. There was no control group of heterosexuals whose markers might or might not have been found. And finally, the study was later repeated by George Ebers of the University of Western Ontario, with findings that directly contradict Hamer's conclusions. Ebers used a much-larger sample than Hamer, and reported results that "do not support an x-linked gene underlying male homosexuality."

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In an earlier study of identical twins, psychologist Michael Bailey of Northwestern University and psychiatrist Richard Pillard of Boston University reported that if one of the twins was homosexual, the other was also homosexual 52 percent of the time. This finding sheds light on the claim that being homosexual is like being black. Imagine what black parents would think if you told them that if they had identical twins and one of them was black, there was a 52 percent chance the other would also be black.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** is this: Homosexuals are made, and they can be unmade. This is the truth about themselves that they desperately do not want to hear — that they have the power to change. This is the truth that psychiatrists and psychologists need to acknowledge. This is the truth that the American people need to know and that politicians need to understand.

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## ... bigots of all: liberals

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include churches? The court, says the *Times*, "showed wisdom in refusing to sanction bigotry by this important civic institution."

"As a group with an important role in the civic life of communities," the editorial continues, "(the Boy Scouts) cannot be allowed to operate outside laws designed to eradicate bigotry." Cannot be allowed? Eradicate? This is the language of totalitarianism. "The organization would serve its mission better by ending its ugly prejudice against homosexuals, and adding to its list of Boy Scout qualities the virtue of tolerance."

Well, well. So that's "tolerance." Neither the New Jersey court nor the tolerant *Times* argues from the purely legal merits of the case. Both are on a moral mission to force the Boy Scouts, on any pretext, to conform to the liberal agenda. And their flimsy

arguments could just as well be applied to churches and synagogues, the foundations of our civic culture.

Yes, this case involves bigotry, but it isn't on the side of the Scouts.

**WHAT, AFTER ALL,** are the characteristics of bigotry? A venomous rejection of any view contrary to one's own, a refusal even to entertain an opposing view with detachment, a denial of the legitimacy of disagreement, a total contempt for ancient tradition, and a militant eagerness to coerce those who disagree — such attitudes are the very essence of bigotry, liberal-style.

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