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## **BRIEFING BACKGROUNDER**

**H.R. 2749**

### **“CHILD PROTECTION IN EDUCATION AND ETHICS ACT OF 1995”**

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Americans bestow authority--and millions of tax dollars--upon “science” in the belief that scientists are trustworthy, ethical and objective and that, with only a rare aberration, such well-educated people would not abuse their authority by harming innocent human beings. “[T]he entire procedure of publishing and advancing knowledge is based on trust--that the literature reports accurate measurements of actual experiences.”<sup>2</sup>

That American scientists could conduct sexual “experiments” on children or could allow or encourage child molesters to conduct such sexual “experiments,” is beyond the pale for middle America, as it is for most of the world. It is this shocking possibility that has led Congress to submit legislation to investigate whether Dr. Alfred Kinsey’s *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* and/or *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*<sup>3</sup> are the result of any fraud or criminal wrongdoing. This legislation is known as H.R. 2749, the;

**“Child Protection and Ethics in Education Act of 1995.”**

# MOLESTING CHILDREN IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE

## 1. Examples of "Criminality"

"An example of criminality is our refusal to cooperate with the authorities, in apprehending a pedophile we interviewed who was being sought for a sex murder," (Dr. Paul Gebhard, former head of the Kinsey Institute and Kinsey's co-author)<sup>4</sup>

"A less neutral observer than Kinsey would have described these events as sex crimes, since they involved sexual contact with adults and children."<sup>5</sup> (Dr. John Gagnon, former Kinsey Institute project director on the Kinsey reports).

A 1991 book review in the prestigious British medical journal *The Lancet* noted:

[T]he important allegations from the scientific viewpoint are the imperfections in the [Kinsey] sample and unethical, possibly criminal, observations on children....Dr. Judith A. Reisman and her colleagues demolish the foundations of the two (Kinsey) reports.... Kinsey...has left his former co-workers some explaining to do.<sup>6</sup>

## 2. Dr. Alfred Kinsey's Research on Child Orgasm

Dr. Alfred Kinsey's research on child orgasm is described in Chapter 5<sup>7</sup> of his book *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* (1948). Some of the observations are summarized in Tables 30-34 of the book. The numbers of the children in the five tables were, respectively, 214, 317, 188, 182, and 28. The minimum ages were, respectively, one year, two months, five months (ages of children not recorded for Table 33) and five months. The tables identify sex experiments, for example: "Speed of pre-adolescent orgasm; Duration of stimulation before climax; observations timed with second hand or stop watch" and "Examples of multiple orgasm in pre-adolescent males."<sup>8</sup>

## 3. Defective and Possibly Fraudulent Research Techniques

While the Kinsey reports are replete with defective and possibly fraudulent research techniques,<sup>9 10 11</sup> it seems relevant to specifically cite the claim by Kinsey that the data on the 317 infants and children came from "9 of our adult male subjects" while Dr. John Bancroft, current Kinsey Institute Director now claims the data suggest the 317 children were molested by only one old "scientist."<sup>12</sup>

## 4. Taxpayer Funding of the Kinsey Institute

In most of their news releases, Indiana University denied receiving any federal money which was used to support Dr. Kinsey's research efforts.

However, in addition to the grants cited in endnote 12, the National Institute of Mental Health granted approximately \$50,000.00 per year for three years to the Institute in 1957, several years before Kinsey's study was over, while Indiana University furnished Kinsey's

salary, offices, lights, rent, etc.<sup>13</sup> Moreover, the university built Kinsey a 40-decibel soundproof laboratory (30 decibels is the level of "normal conversation"), and upon Kinsey's demand, razed and rebuilt it to an 80-decibel (subway noise) level to contain the noise from Kinsey's "interviews."<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, many millions of dollars from tax-free institutions were diverted to Dr. Kinsey's research during his lifetime, while many millions of dollars more in federal, state and tax-free funds have continued to be funneled into the Kinsey Institute post Kinsey's death in 1956.

## **5. What Congress Could Do**

H.R. 2749, the Child Protection and Ethics in Education Act of 1995, is a bill to determine if Kinsey's two principle books on human sexual behavior "are the result of any fraud or criminal wrongdoing."

Clearly a useful step would be the gathering of facts on the work of Kinsey and his colleagues and a public disclosure of these facts in a responsible fashion. The U.S. Congress is in a strong position to carry out this kind of fact-finding as a precursor to legislation. An attempt should be made to answer certain questions that bear directly or indirectly on H.R. 2749:

- Did Kinsey and his colleagues behave in an ethical fashion in the way they collected and published data from human subjects, especially children?
- Apart from the ethical considerations, did they analyze and publish their data correctly from the scientific point of view?
- Were federal funds solicited, used, and accounted for appropriately?
- Do the answers to the preceding three questions indicate any violations of federal law?
- If the information collected and published by Kinsey proves, on examination, to be badly flawed or to involve fraud or criminal wrongdoing, what are the implications for the use of this information in science, education, law and public policy? Specifically, to what extent should the federal government fund the dissemination and use of this information?

Further information is presented on the following pages, and more detail is included in the endnotes.

## **6. Citizens Have the Right to Know**

Ordinary Americans would ask, "How did the Kinsey team know an 11-month-old had 10 "orgasms" in one hour"? How did they verify these data? Where are the children they molested? Where were the children's parents? Who did these experiments? Were they not arrested?<sup>15</sup> Recently Dr. John Bancroft, current Director, of the Kinsey Institute, said one old "scientist"<sup>16</sup> molested the 317 children in Table 34. In answer to the question of

who did this to the children. As noted, the Kinsey team reported on a cadre of "trained observers:"

Better data came from adult males who have had sexual contacts with younger boys and who, with their adult backgrounds, are able to recognize and interpret the boys' experience... Unfortunately [only] 9 of our adult male subjects have observed such orgasm. Some of these adults are technically trained persons who have kept diaries or other records which have been put at our disposal....on 317 pre-adolescents who were either observed masturbating or with other boys or older adults (Male report, p. 177).

Dr. Paul Gebhard, Kinsey co-author and former Director of the Kinsey Institute, admitted "manual and oral techniques" were used on the children."<sup>17</sup> And Kinsey's close colleague, Dr. C. Tripp, revealed:

Tripp: She's [Reisman] talking about data that came from pedophiles, that he would listen only to pedophiles who were very careful, used stopwatches, knew how to record their thing, did careful surveys...and Kinsey did them.

Donahue: Were they in prison at the time?

Tripp: Oh, certainly not. But they were, in her sense, criminals because they were pedophiles. But they were trained observers. <sup>1</sup> [Emphasis added.]

## 7. KINSEY TEAM DESCRIBES THE CHILDREN'S ORGASMS

Kinsey's pedophile "trained observers" reported, as did Kinsey, that babies "5 months in age," are capable of repeated orgasms. The boy "cases" were tested via:

empirical study and statistical procedures... which resulted in...reported observations on such specifically sexual activities as erection, pelvic thrust and several other characteristics of true orgasm in a list of 317 pre-adolescent boys, ranging between infants of 5 months and adolescence age.<sup>19</sup>

Sexologists, Crooks & Baur, offer a sexological view of the term "direct observation."

A third method for studying human sexual behavior is direct observation. [Original emphasis.] This type of research may vary greatly in form and setting, ranging from laboratory studies that observe and record sexual responses to participant observation where the researchers join their subjects in sexual activity.

As an insect specialist<sup>21</sup>, Dr. Kinsey was a dogged observer. He even argued that "Child Welfare" researchers were "too prudish" to make an actual investigation of sperm count in young boys to test for fertility.. Indeed, Kinsey found from his own research on "sperm count in early-adolescent males. . . . that there were mature sperm even in the first ejaculation."<sup>22</sup> How did Kinsey obtain juvenile sperm, which required microscopic study within two hours to judge motility? How was he sure it was a boy's "first ejaculation"? In another view of Kinsey as "observer," Dr. Gebhard is quoted saying, "I think a mother once brought in a little girl who humped her teddy bear and Kinsey watched it."<sup>23</sup>

Dr. Kinsey reported some pedophile observers "induced. . . erections. . . over periods of months or years"<sup>24</sup> in the boys, while Kinsey also said they interviewed no "psychotics who were handicapped with poor memories, hallucination, or fantasies that distorted the fact." The team had "no doubt" of "the orgasmic nature of the first experience"<sup>25</sup> as "true orgasm," saying the children exhibited:<sup>26</sup>

Extreme tension with violent convulsions:...sudden heaving and jerking of the whole body ... gasping ... hands grasping, mouth distorted, sometimes with tongue protruding; whole body or parts of it spasmodically twitching ... violent jerking of the penis ... groaning, sobbing, or more violent cries, sometimes with an abundance of tears (especially among younger children)...hysterical laughing, talking, sadistic or masochistic reactions ... extreme trembling, collapse, loss of color, and sometimes fainting of subject....some...suffer excruciating pain and may scream...if the penis is even touched....some....before the arrival of orgasm, will fight away from the partner and may make violent attempts to avoid climax although they derive definite pleasure from the situation.<sup>27</sup> Emphasis added.

Lester Caplan, M.D., Diplomate, the American Board of Pediatrics, reviewing Kinsey's Chapter 5 (as above) wrote that "One person could not do this to so many children--these children had to be held down or subject to strapping down, otherwise they would not respond willingly."<sup>28</sup> Nor could one man molest, measure, time a screaming boy with a stopwatch and make "cinema" while the boy "fight[s] away."<sup>29</sup>

The amount of time cited to "test" the children is significantly longer than Kinsey said was acceptable, even for adult interviews. The latter, he said, lasted at most two hours, for soon "the subject becomes fatigued and the quality of the record drops."<sup>30</sup> Yet, Kinsey reported 24 hour orgasm "interviews" of a four-, a 10- and a 13-year-old,<sup>31</sup> a four-year-old for 10 hours; a nine and 13-year-old for eight hours, and so on.<sup>32</sup> Regarding the child interview techniques, Dr. Gebhard stated in a taped phone interview that it was "at our suggestion"<sup>33</sup> that pedophiles, parents and nursery school teachers, used stopwatches to time children's "ogasms."

When we interviewed pedophiles, we would ask them, how many children have you had it with, what were their ages, do you think they came to climax or not, questions of that sort, how long do you think it took them to come to climax? And we might ask them, are you sure it really was climax or not....There were several pedophiles, that gave us data....We would ask them to watch it, and take notes, and if possible time it, and report back to us....If we tell them we're interested in it....[They used stop watches] at our suggestion....Once we asked people about giving us their observations, we would ask them later too.<sup>34</sup> [Emphasis added.]

Further, Gebhard claimed in his letter to Reisman, that the team did not follow-up on these children because such studies would be "impossible or too expensive"<sup>35</sup> while later, he said Kinsey was correct, some children were followed-up and "we do have some names" still available.<sup>36</sup> It is finally in the hands of Congress to find out what really happened at the Kinsey Institute. Should the current evidence be sustained, we can begin to locate the child victims and their victimizers and work to right a shameful national wrong.